



Rockcliffe Newsletter 2 – Autumn Term

Dear Rockcliffe Families,

We're at the end of Week 2 already and it seems like we have been back much longer (in a good way!). The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines and the purposeful atmosphere around school has continued all week. It has been fantastic to see so many children rocking our 3Rs (Ready, Respectful and Responsible) too. We celebrated the children going above and beyond with these in our Superhero Assembly today – we hope they liked our new certificates.



Rockcliffe Learning Superpowers

The 3Rs are the foundations we want so the children are ready to learn and develop their Rockcliffe Learning Super Powers. We want all children to reach their potential. We recognise that having a growth mindset is essential for a successful life - In all areas. By adopting a growth mindset, we want children to believe they can learn anything, grow in areas of challenge, and work hard to solve any problem. Nine years ago, we decided to approach this by introducing a set of Learning Superpowers (from Nursery through to Year 4), which exemplify desirable character traits. This equips children with a common vocabulary linked to their learning and personal development.



Our Learning Superpowers are based on the research that suggests non-cognitive are just as important as intellectual ability. Indeed, research shows that the most persistent, self-disciplined, adaptable and reliable students and professionals out-perform those with higher cognitive abilities. For more information about this please see the attachment to the newsletter. It also has

some tips on promoting this at home.

Each week we focus on a different Learning Superpower in school. Miss Robinson launches this in Monday's assembly, the children are rewarded with Dojos for this through the week, and children demonstrating this consistently through the week are rewarded in our Superhero assembly on a Friday.

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Beach School

We are delighted to let you know that to further enhance our curriculum provision and give more opportunities to promote our Learning Superpowers, every class from Nursery to Year 4 are going to take part in Beach School sessions this year. As part of her new role in school, Mrs Duggan will be running these alongside the class teachers.

Dates and details will be coming out soon.

Uniform

The children have looked really smart in their new PE kits and it's been great to see them enjoying their PE sessions this week. Please can we ask that all pieces of school and PE uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. With over 200 children in school, it is really challenging to reunite the children with any lost items if they aren't labelled.



Flu Vaccination

The NHS are coming to school on Wednesday 1st October to give flu vaccinations to children from Nursery to Year 4 who have registered for this. If you haven't registered yet, you can at <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> Our School code is **NB108583**.

Middle School Applications

Applications for Middle School places are now open on the North Tyneside Council website. You have until October 31st to apply. The Middle Schools are holding open evenings over the next few weeks which may help your decision making. Dates are at the end of the letter.

[Online school applications | North Tyneside Council](#)

Great North Run

Finally, well done to all the children who completed the Mini Great North Run last weekend – it was great to see so many medals on Monday. And a huge well done to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Duncan for completing the half-marathon on Sunday. They were still flying round the building on Monday. Also a huge well done to Charles and his inflatable unicorn who featured in my assemblies this week (ask your children all about him).

Have a great weekend,

Tom Jones



Dates for Your Diary

We will be updating this section over the coming weeks so please keep checking back

September	
Mon 15 th	Marden Bridge Middle School Open Evening - 5.30 – 7.30pm
Tue 16 th	Valley Gardens Middle School Open Evening - 5.30 – 7.30pm
Wed 17 th	Monkseaton Middle School Open Evening - 5.30 – 7.30pm
Mon 22 nd	Wellfield Middle School Open Evening- 5.30 – 7.30pm
October	
Wed 1 st	Flu Vaccination
Thu 2 nd	Dolce: A Day at the Movies themed lunch (please order via School Grid)
Fri 24 th	Break up for half-term
November	
Tue 4 th	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wed 5 th	Dolce: Fireworks and Bonfire Night themed lunch (please order via School Grid)
Training Days 2025-6	- Monday 3rd November 2025 - Monday 5th January 2026