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Everyone at school cannot believe that next week is the final one of the school year – it seems like not that long ago when we were all welcoming our new classes back after the Summer holiday last year. Next week is going to be another busy one so we hope everyone has a restful weekend ready for the We are all very much rooting for England on Sunday and although we have not had any requests from our families to change the school day, we do know some schools have been asked about this. While we understand families may want to share this experience with their children, our view is that we still expect children (and staff!) to arrive to school on time Monday and are unable to adjust our school starting time if England win or lose!

Leaver's Treat

The Year 6 children enjoyed their Leaver's Treat at Hollywood Bowl on Thursday afternoon.



Adventuring

Despite the unseasonal weather Squirrel Class had an amazing adventure on Wednesday when they went canoeing on Talkin Tarn for their 'All Aboard' Adventure Day. Despite some initial fears everyone was sorry to have to finish their canoeing session. The children's confidence increased in such a short period of time and they certainly had to collaborate with each other. Packed lunch, a game of crazy golf and a walk around the tarn completed a really great trip. No wonder everyone was a bit tired by the end of the day!



Our final Adventure Day of the school year is on Monday when Fox Class will be going on a fell walk from Pooley Bridge. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A PACKED LUNCH in your child's kit.

Key Stage 2 Performance

Hopes were high on Tuesday (as were the nerves) for our first Summer production in many years. And School – O – Vision did not disappoint. What an amazing showcase of so much talent and what an entertaining show. Today the children performed it for one last time in front of the rest of the school and it might have been their best performance yet! It is no mean feat to put on such a show especially with no school hall - so a massive thankyou to everyone who made it happen.



Marvellous Makers – Summer Reading Challenge



Claire Dougherty from Penrith Library lead an assembly this afternoon to tell the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The children seemed very keen so why not visit [Summer Reading Challenge](#) to take part.

It starts tomorrow and children can join in any time between now and September.

There will be a craft session tomorrow @ 10am when children can enrol on the challenge and help decorate the children's library ready for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Attached is a flier with details of the activities on offer at Penrith Library this summer.



Year 5 Science Visit to QEGs

Today the Year 5 children visited QEGs to learn about cells, viruses, bacteria, DNA and vaccines.

It was a very interesting session and the Clifton children volunteered to be viruses. Freddie was a harmless virus transporting a vaccine.



WELL DONE TO SQUIRREL CLASS WHO HAVE HAD A GLOW PARTY FOR FILLING THEIR REWARD JAR.

LAST WEEK, IN TRUE DEMOCRATIC STYLE, THEY VOTED ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO TO CELEBRATE AND VOTED FOR THE GREEN 'PARTY'.

A Gift to Ukraine

We are hoping to be part of a local initiative whereby we collect some items to put in gift bags to be taken to children in Ukraine. I have asked the organiser for some of the bags and if you would like to contribute these are the items they would like to be included. The bags need to be ready to head off to Ukraine by October 1st so items can come into school any time now or at the start of term. Please ensure the use by dates of the sweets are beyond December 24.

- A ball (tennis or a little bouncy one)
- Bag of sweets (not chocolates)
- Little notebook, pencil(s), crayons, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hair brush or comb

Talent Show

We are all looking forward to this and there is a buzz of excitement in school whenever next Friday is mentioned. Judging by the talent on show during the school production this year's should be a real spectacular! Children are welcome to perform individually or in groups and 'talents' can be music, football skills, dance, singing, drama, magic, comedy..... as long as it has been practised beforehand please. Children can bring costumes to school to change in to **and if music is needed please give /send your child's teacher a clean/child appropriate version as soon as possible so we can check it out.**



Penrith Show

The children are all going to be busy over the next few days preparing their entries for this year's Penrith Show. It takes place on Saturday 20th July and we are hoping for some good news from Miss Wilson next weekend telling us of any children that may have won. Why not pop along to the Show for a great family day out.

Outdoor Learning

These will be the last Outdoor Learning sessions of the year with Mrs Davies.
Wednesday 10th July & Thursday 11th July – Deer Class

Please send in a complete set of suitable clothing and wellies and ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Please be aware that shorts are not acceptable clothing for Outdoor Learning. The children are outside for a long period of time and the weather can be wet and cold. It can also be a health and safety risk when children are around fires and in nature with nettles/brambles etc.

PE LESSONS We have so many other exciting things on next week that we are not planning any specific PE lessons. Children do not need to come in their PE kits on their PE days next week.

PTA News

AGM – Thursday 19th September @ 7.00pm
Friday 27th September - BAG 4 SCHOOL collection

Autumn Term Clubs

These will be announced in the new term

Dates for the Diary



Monday 15th July – Fox Class Fell Walk and Ullswater Steamer.

Tuesday 16th July – Leaver's Assembly @ 2pm

19th July – Talent Show

Friday 19th July – Last day of term – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Separate letters are sent for all sporting events and trips

TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

School term and half term dates for 2024/2025

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 September 2024	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

Remember you can keep up to date with events and photos on our Friends of Clifton Primary School Facebook page so please join if you have not already.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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