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Today we all wished Mrs Brough a very fond and emotional farewell with a special assembly in her honour. She was presented with flowers, gifts and our signature goodbye card containing photos and messages from all of the children.

As a special surprise we were all treated to the 'premier' of a dance created by Gabriella, Olivia, Ruby and Olivia for the Deer Class play on 2nd July.

Mrs Brough has become a much valued member of the Clifton team in the 16 months she has been here and we will all miss her very much. We wish Mrs Brough well in her new job and are sure we will all be seeing her before too long.



Adventuring.....



Year 5 and 6 started off our Summer Adventure Days on Thursday with a fell walk up and around Gowbarrow above Ullswater. The children all did themselves so proud – facing fears, keeping on going when legs got weary and looking after each other. They showed enthusiasm and determination and other walkers we met along the way were impressed with their efforts. Well done to all of them! Thanks to Mrs Davies for leading the adventure and to Jo Beth and Joshua who came along to help. We are all looking forward to more adventures in the coming weeks!

Year 6 PHOTO REMINDER

Sunday is the deadline for free postage on the group photos.

<https://heidibeaphotography.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/NdkhsUNMpZiofmrxC5hZ>

Dodgeball



A massive congratulations to our dedicated dodgeball team, who represented us at the Regional Championships in Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday against some exceptionally experienced teams. They played superbly throughout the day, demonstrating excellent skill and game tactics. It was great to witness the way they adapted to the challenges presented to them, making significant progress all along the way. Well done to everyone; you should be incredibly proud of your achievements. Reaching the Regional finals for the first time is a remarkable feat and testament to your hard work and determination—what an achievement!

Great Big Green Week



On Wednesday the children spent the morning learning about the impact of litter on our environment and what we can all do about it. They had some very thoughtful ideas about the issue and made eye catching posters on the ipads as well as collaborative litter bugs out of plastic waste. In the afternoon Year 4 accompanied some children from Beaconside on a litter pick in Penrith before gathering at St Andrew's Church with other groups for refreshments and to celebrate their amazing litter picking efforts!

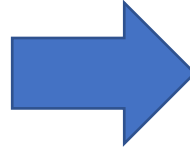


Ethan's poster



Mia's poster

Sponsored Walk



We were all very excited with the delivery that arrived in school on Thursday and are eagerly awaiting the moment when we can all start using our lovely new garden classroom.

An extra special thankyou to Claire and Steven at Abbot Lodge Ice Cream Farm for donating the cost of the ice creams to school which means there is an extra £240 we can put towards the purchase and installation of the new room. Up to now our **GRAND TOTAL is £ 445 !!!**

Please send in any sponsor money by Monday June 16th which will be put towards our exciting new learning space.

RNLI

On Tuesday we had a visit from the RNLI and we were all very interested to learn about water safety, 'float to live' and who to call if we need help!



20 MPH Public Consultation

Westmorland & Furness Council

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Your community is calling for a **20mph speed limit**
Have your say

Your Parish Council has provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in your area to 20mph, to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling.

Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if your wider community supports the scheme.

Have your say on the proposal by completing the Council's consultation before Friday 18 July:

- Online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph
- At Penrith library
- In select public buildings within your community

You can also share your views with the Westmorland and Furness 20mph team from 2pm to 5:30pm at:

- Penrith Library on Tuesday 24th June
- Barrow Library on Wednesday 25th June
- Kendal Town Hall on Tuesday 8th July

To view the proposals and find out more, visit www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph.

Scan here for more information

You may be aware that the council is proposing to introduce 20mph speed limits in parts of Westmorland and Furness.

Following approval at Locality Boards, 24 'community backed' 20mph schemes have been prioritised for delivery in 2025/2026. This includes a scheme in our area.

Public consultation began on Wednesday 4th June and residents are encouraged to access all information relating to the consultation via the webpage

(www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph) which contains proposals to view and download, information regarding the process, answers to frequently asked questions, and the link to the consultation survey.

Where residents cannot access the webpage, proposals can be viewed/copied and paper copies of surveys can be collected from Penrith Library during the consultation period:

There will also be a public drop-in event on Tuesday 24th June (2.30pm – 5.30pm) in Penrith Library.

Rheged Print Show

On the morning of Friday 27th June the children in Years 2-6 will all be attending the Great Print Exhibition at Rheged. We will be travelling mainly by minibus and there is no charge for the trip. Last year's visit was extremely successful and Mrs Brabant has already been for a sneaky peek. If you would like to come along and help out please let Mrs Brabant know as soon as possible so she can sort the transport

Adventure Week

Separate letters have been sent out to all children detailing the plans for their year group's adventuring. Thankyou to those parents and grandparents who have offered to help so far – we still need more to make these exciting opportunities happen. Please check the separate letters and let us know as soon as you can if you can help. From feedback in the past few years any adult helpers that have accompanied Adventure Days (and other school trips) have greatly enjoyed and valued the experiences.

Bright Stars



Thanks so much to all those who have supported our final (and sometimes frenetic) week of selling. The children in Fox Class have done themselves proud – they have researched, planned, designed, prepared and sold almost all of the wrapping paper and gift tags as part of the Bright Stars challenge. Sales have reached an amazing £325 (approx.) and once the costs have been deducted any profits will be shared Down Right Worthy (Down Syndrome charity) and playground equipment that the children will decide upon themselves.

A massive thankyou to Penrith Building Society and The George & Dragon who kindly sold the wrapping paper on our behalf. We still have a few rolls left which will hopefully get sold in the next few weeks.

Decider Skills.

Miss Coutts has completed all 12 Decider Skills with the children. They have now learned about STOPP, It Will Pass, 'Right Now,' Name the Emotion, Opposite Action, 'Fact or Opinion,' Self Care, Values, Listen, Respect, Crystal Clear and Reflect. Our long awaited meeting for parents will be held on **Wednesday 18th June @ 6.00pm**. Older children are also welcome to attend but we will provide childcare for those who do not wish to sit in on the session. We strongly encourage you to attend if you can as the Decider Skills will be most effective if both school and families can refer to them when the children (or ourselves) might be 'feeling the fizz.'



PLEASE RESPOND TO THE GOOGLE FORM MISS COUTTS SENT HOME LAST WEEK SO WE CAN PREPARE FOR THE EVENING.

PE LESSONS next half term are as follows.....

Hedgehog Class – Monday and Thursday (please come in PE kit for gymnastics on Thursday)

Fox Class – **Tuesday** & Friday

Deer Class – Thursday & Fridays (last swimming was on Fri 13th June)

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please send PE kits in to keep on the pegs for Hedgehogs as changing time is a good opportunity to develop independence skills

PLEASE ENSURE ALL HEDGEHOG CHILDREN HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL FOR USE ON MONDAYS

PTA NEWS

BAG 2 SCHOOLS collection – clothes, shoes, bags, belts and accessories. THIS HAS NOW CHANGED TO 25th JUNE

Unfortunately the event planned for - SUNDAY 29th JUNE has had to be cancelled. Watch this space for alternative plans.

Outdoor Learning

This half term Outdoor Learning on Wednesday afternoons will be as follows:

PLEASE NOTE THESE HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th June- Fox Class

Wednesday 25th June –Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 2nd July – Fox Class

Wednesday 9th July- Hedgehog Class

Please send a complete set of suitable clothing including **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.

Spring Term Clubs

Netball Club – Years 2-6 on Fridays (3.30-4.30) with Miss Simpson.

Miss Wilson & Mrs Chalmers will be running a Baking Club on 3.30-4.30 Tuesdays (not the 8th July).

At this week's Baking Club the children made very yummy scones that the adults in school were lucky enough to get to taste!

Thankyou Mrs Chalmers and Miss Wilson.



Mrs Davies is running a Nature Club on Thursday lunchtimes.



Dates for the Diary

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER FOR ADVENTURE DAY ACTIVITIES FOR EACH CLASS

16th June – Hunter Hall Cross Country (Year 1,2 &3)

18th June – KS1 Multi Sports

18th June – Fox Class visit to Carlisle Roman Dig

18th June – Decider Skills meeting for parents @ 6pm

19th June – Aquathlon for Year 6 @ Lazonby Pool

25th June – PTA Bag to School collection (new date)

26th June – School Games (Year 5/6)

27th June – Rheged Print Show visit for all children Years 2-6 (no cost to parents)

2nd July – Deer Class Summer Play @ 1.30 & 6.00 – Cliburn Village Hall

Thursday 3rd July – Move Up Day

4-10 July – Adventure Week

4th July – Appleby Sports

9-10th July – Year 3/4 Camp

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver’s Celebration

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leaver’s Treat

Friday 18th July – Talent Show & end of term

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
Summer	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025	Friday 18 July 2025

School term and half term dates for 2025/2026

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring	Wednesday 7 January 2026	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

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.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team