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It's always a bittersweet time of year as we prepare to say goodbye to our AMAZING Year 6 children. We feel sad to see them leave but overwhelmingly proud of the confident, unique young people they have become. We are so very happy and grateful that they have been a part of Clifton School.

Nicky, Luke W, Jack, Max, Oliver, Ethan, Luke Y, Freddie, Sophie, Harvey, Bheki and Lilly – we wish you all the very best for your new adventures in BIG school and are sure you will all continue on your own individual and successful paths.

Remember you are always welcome to pop by and visit – we will be delighted to see you.



We look forward to seeing everyone else on Wednesday 3 September and wish all of you a sunny, restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

And now ...we are handing over to the children for the rest of the news in this newsletter



### **Lowther Castle Adventure**

We got to play in the playground and it didn't rain. We had a picnic and a run around on the Big Grass! But we were not allowed off the Big Grass! Oliver liked the picnic, Arthur liked the zip line and Amelia liked everything.

### **Pirate Adventure**

On our Pirate Adventure we dressed up as pirates and went on a boat on the lake. We had packed lunch on the boat and ice creams on the pier at the end. We had a little search for things on a Scavenger Hunt. We had to find insects, flowers, a nest, animal prints and animal droppings. We played pirate parachute games. We had lots of fun!!!



### **Acorn Bank Adventure**

Before we even got through the gate there was already a slug. We found a lot of fairy houses in the trees. We went to look where the flour was made and also we tried a little bit of gingerbread made from the flour.

### **Seaside Adventure**

Allonby Beach was cool. We played with our beach toys, played on the playground and got drenched by the rain. We found a baby squid and lots of baby crabs. We had a packed lunch and an ice cream on the minibus because it was raining. Freddie's Mummy and Lena's grandma came too.



### **Brunton Park**

The week before the year 6 's SATs, the Year 5/6 went to play football at Brunton Park! With a fantastic team and an amazing spirit we won all of our games. The boys sat in the bus with Beaconside and were all feeling happy. Brunton Park is where all the Carlisle united players play and train for the matches and then we played our first match it was a tight game but we still won. All the boys were proud of themselves and were of course very tired. Bheki & Lucas

## Appleby Sports

Appleby sports is a sporting event where children compete. There are lots of different sporting events, running races, throwing games, skipping races, hurdles and high jump. It is located at Appleby Grammar School. The races go up from age 4-11 so they all get an opportunity. Here are some quotes from people that went to Appleby Sports:

Gabriella -Appleby sports was a fun experience, Lucas-we nearly won the relay because we worked as a team Ethan-high jump was fun and also a good experience, Nicky-I threw a ball 26 meters and came 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Olivia T and Olivia S



## I'm an 11 Year Old – Get me out of here!

The play was an amazing experience for everyone acting and spectating. All of our actors were determined to learn their lines and the songs and we can't forget to mention the teachers that put in so much hard work to make it special. We hope you enjoyed the play as it took up a lot of time and effort to make everything: the backdrop; sign; props. Here is a quote



from an actor` the roles take you into a different world. I became the funny teacher.  
Ruby & Gabriella



## School Sports

During June, we went to the school games in Carlisle. As we arrived in the morning, we met two professional athletes. Then we went to play sports. We played lots of little games and a few running games. Then we went to get lunch. After lunch we played cricket against other schools and after a few games we walked back to the bus, hopped on and went back to the school. The one I enjoyed the most was cricket. Nicky D & Luke Y

Kayaking and Orienteering at Hawes End On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, Y5/6 went to Derwentwater and took part in kayaking and orienteering. In orienteering we had a yellow course and an orange course. We started on the yellow and when completed it we moved up to the orange course. While one group did the orienteering the other group were doing the kayaking. First we got our buoyancy-aids on. We got our paddles and headed to the kayaks. When we got down the teacher told us how to sit in the kayak. We learned how to use the paddles, then got in the water. We played a game and we started as worms and played rock, paper, scissors. If we won we would become a mouse then a cat next a dog and finally a lion if we were a lion we would stand up in the kayak and roar like a lion. Lilly G





### **Dodgeball**

In the summer term a team of 9 children took part in the dodgeball regional finals at Newton Aycliffe leisure centre. Olivia said it was a really good experience Ronnie says that there was a good competition but we still pushed through and did our best Even though we came 8<sup>th</sup> everyone still enjoyed it - having a brilliant time and we were proud to represent our school.  
Jack

### **Sports Day**

What an exciting Sports Day we had this year! The sun shone brightly as parents gathered to cheer for their children. The red team were victorious, showcasing their skills in javelin, running, and the thrilling relay race. In addition to these events, everyone enjoyed the classic egg and spoon race, as well as the challenging shot put and triple jump. The long race brought out the determination in us, with many giving their very best. To cool off, ice lollies were handed out, making it a perfect afternoon filled with fun and sportsmanship. Well done, red team ( Blencathra)!

Ronnie and Charlie C

### **Adventure Week**

What an exciting week we've had during Adventure Week! We faced scary challenges, such as the treetop course with a zip wire, it was nerve-wracking, yet we all accomplished it together. Ghyll scrambling was another thrilling experience, splashing through water and climbing over rocks. Our pirate adventure on canoes was filled with laughter and team spirit, while the adventure playground was fun. We enjoyed fell walking and set up an adventurous overnight camp in tents, where we enjoyed fish and chips for tea. An evening lake walk made us feel calm. We overcame our fears and pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones. We are now feeling so much more confident and can't wait to try these activities again!

By Bradley





### Young Voices

This year we went to Young Voices, in Manchester with over 8,000 other children and it was a great experience for everyone, with a special guest MC Grammar.

Sophie and Aleksandra

### London Visit

Before Christmas, Deer Class (yr5 and 6) went on a residential to London! London is the capital city of England and the home of the royal family. When we got there after an eight-hour trip we first went to the science museum it was very interesting. After that we went to the history museum then drove to Frankie and Bennies to have something to eat. After that we checked in at our youth hostel and got ready for bed. The next day we got up and had breakfast, after that we went to the tower of London and learned about the crown jewels. Next we walked down to the river Thames and got on a ferry to the London Eye and we got on the London Eye!



### Year 2 Adventure Days



We went Tree Top Trekking, ghyll scrambling and canoeing. Tree Top Trekking was scary but fun! The best bit was the big zip line and Vinnie did a star and Harry did an Mbappé celebration. Harry thought the obstacles were hard but really, really fun. Vinnie thought he was going to fall off the canoe into the lake but he didn't. Being blindfolded and finding the keys was fun. Ghyll scrambling was wet but worth it!



### Year 3 / 4 Camp

Bassenthwaite Camp was really fun. We went Tree Top Trekking and the big zip line but some of us were too terrified to go on it. Some of us just stood on the edge for about 5 minutes and decided no! We started putting up the tents but there were no pegs so Mr Page had to go back and get them. We liked playing dodgeball and football and we had a midnight snack. We tried to get to sleep but everyone stayed awake for a long time. We were lucky Charlie did not stay awake for the whole night like last year.

Day 2 – after breakfast (which was delicious) we packed up the camp and got our lunchbox ready. Louis went last so he got a double cheese sandwich. We either did ghyll scrambling first that was very tough because you had to climb up little waterfalls. But it was really fun. The other group did a canoe treasure hunt but one group had to get towed. On the island we went through a series of challenges to find the keys to unlock a chest. Max and Louis had the first two keys and Rory got the last one. After lunch we swapped over. We all had lots of fun. We did not Max, Louis and Charlie enjoyed the camp and want to leave.



### Year 3/4 Fell Walk



We went to Askham Fell and we got to walk with our friends. It was really fun but we had to stop at one point to put on our waterproof trousers. It was pouring down at first but after lunch it got sunny. On the top it was really windy!  
We enjoyed our walk very much!  
Nanzi & Mia

### Move Up Day

At UCC when we got there we went to Westmorland Hall we met our head of year and the headteacher and then we went to meet our form tutor Miss Grainger. Then we had a tour of UCC and then we did our biometrics. For lunch we had chicken goujons or a panini and the first lesson was Geography. Next we did science with bunsen burners to make a pop and last we did an English lesson.  
Oliver

At QEGS first we had form and had a very detailed conversation about biscuits with our form tutor Mr Fellows. Then we had a history lesson with Mr Baines about the Egyptians. Next we had an assembly in the main hall with the librarians and following that we had a hot meal of turkey roast and rhubarb and cinnamon crumble. Finally we had a game of rounders and an English lesson.  
Ethan

I enjoyed sitting at the back of the class and painting shoes. We also talked about countries and researched them and we also enjoyed being Year 6 in general.  
Charlie Corrie and Ronnie Holland

Our Adventure Days have, once again, provided exciting and enriching activities for the children throughout the school and we were so proud of how all the children embrace the new opportunities they were given.

Our Adventure Days are carefully planned to introduce the children to increasing levels of challenge and skill as they make their way through Clifton School. We will continue to review our program to ensure the children are given the best possible experiences.

	<b>SPLASH!</b> (activities when you will get wet)	<b>HIKE</b>	<b>CLIMB</b>	<b>UP HIGH/DOWN LOW</b>	<b>ALL ABOARD</b>	<b>Residential Experience</b>
<b>Nursery&amp; Reception</b>	Allonby Beach	Walk @ Acorn Bank Beacon Fell Walk	Soft Play @ Rheged	Lowther Castle Adventure	Pirate Adventure on Ullswater Steamer	School Sleepover for (Rec only)
<b>Year 2</b>	Ghyll Scrambling @ Comb Beck - Whinlatter	Askham Fell walk Beacon Fell Walk	Eden Rock bouldering	Mini Tree Trek @ Brockholes, Windermere	Canoe Treasure Hunt on Derwentwater	School Sleepover
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<b>Year 5/6</b>	Raft Building on Newlands Beck	Gowbarrow Fell Walk	Eden Rock bouldering	High Ropes course @ Newlands Adventure Centre	Kayaking on Derwentwater	London Visit

## PTA NEWS

**Thanks to all who supported our Summer Fair last Friday – our GRAND total was £483!!**  
**AND A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO THE PTA WHO ORGANISED THE WHOLE EVENT**

**Many thanks to Hayley Graham who has been a member of the PTA for many years and the Chairperson more recently.**

An extra thank you to the children who helped at the summer fair. From setting up and moving furniture, running stalls (well done Max and Freddie - the tombola is always hard work!!) and clearing up afterwards they were a great help!

The girls selling the fidgets and bracelets wanted to split their profits between the PTA and the [Eden Animal Rescue](#).

They raised a fantastic £20 for each charity!! Well done Olivia, Ruby and Lilly!!



Thanks to the PTA for all the lovely Outdoor Learning equipment that has been bought– we are looking forward to using it.



### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Back to school  
THIS SPACE WILL SOON FILL UP!

### TERM DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

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.

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