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5th September 2025

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of this new academic year. It is lovely to have the children back in school – supporting and caring for each other and so very keen to get on with their learning. We have all been so impressed with how well they have settled back in. They are all also quite a bit taller!



An extra special Clifton welcome to our new Reception children. Some of them have already been with us in Nursery but they have made that very exciting step of entering their Reception year and changing to our dark blue uniform.



There has been some exciting progress with our new Garden Classroom and we would like to thank Lena's and Bernie's Grandad for doing the electrical work on the building. In the meantime Fox Class have been getting all 'Garden Rescue' and are busy designing the garden for the outdoor space. If anyone has any skills in garden construction or maintenance please get in touch with Mrs Brabant as the children are very keen to get going on this project.



A few reminders to help our days run smoothly:

- Please bring a **sensible-sized bag** and a **water bottle** each day.
- Please don't bring toys or other things from home into school (including stationary)
- Please **label all clothing and footwear** to help reduce lost property

Westmorland Show Visit

On Wednesday 10th September the whole school will be spending the day at the Westmorland Show. We will be travelling by coach and will leave school at 8.45 so please can children arrive at school at 8.30am. Children should come dressed in their school t shirt and jumper but can wear their own shorts/trousers appropriate for the weather. They should also wear comfy trainers/shoes (not sandals). If it has been wet in the days before we will inform you that wellies will be more suitable. Children should bring a rucksack containing a sunhat/waterproof coat, water bottle and packed lunch. Please do not include glass bottles, fizzy drinks, sweets or anything containing NUTS. We will be back in time for the end of school. There will be a £5 charge for this trip to help cover the cost of transport and this will be added to Parent Pay. Thank you for the offers of help we have had so far – if you would like to come with us we would still appreciate some extra pairs of hands. Please let Miss Coutts know as soon as you can if you can help out – we can promise you a very good day out. Email - n.coutts@clifton.cumbria.sch.uk

Homework

Class teachers will let parents know about homework expectations next week.

PTA NEWS

AGM – Thursday 18th September @ 7.00pm

Please come along to school and see how you can get involved in supporting our school.

PE Lessons

Children in Years 1–6 should come to school in their PE kits on PE days.

Our EYFS children (Nursery/Reception) will get changed in school. Nursery to Year 2 will have PE on Monday afternoons, and Year 3 - 6 will have PE on Tuesday and Fridays.

After half term Years 1-6 will do PE at Newton Rigg on Friday afternoons.

There may be times when for certain reasons we have to change our plans at short notice - if your child comes into school in PE kit and we do not do it then it that is fine.

Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 9th September – Deer Class

Wednesday 17th September – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 24th September – Fox Class

Wednesday 1st October – Deer Class

Wednesday 8th October – Hedgehog Class

Wednesday 15th October – Fox Class

Please send a complete set of suitable clothing including footwear 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.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th September – Westmorland Show for all children (see above)

Thursday 18th September - Kirkby Stephen Cross Country (KS 1 & 2)

Thursday 18th September – PTA AGM @ school@ 7pm

Friday 26th September – Y5/6 Netball Tournament @ Penrith

Thursday 16th October –Football Tournament Y5/6 Frenchfield @12.30

Sunday 19th October @ Open Morning for Early Years – 10-12.00

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Celebration @ church – 2.00pm

Thursday 23rd October – Girl’s Football @ Frenchfield

27th – 31st October – Half Term

Tuesday 4th November - Basic Moves - KS1 Penrith Leisure Centre

Wednesday 5th November - School Photos

Thursday 6th November – Hunter Hall KS2 Cross Country

Friday 7th November – Newton Rigg PE starts for Y1-6

Wednesday 19th November – nasal flu immunisations

Wednesday 10th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity Performance

Tuesday 16th December – Whole School visit to Theatre by the Lake

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner & Carols @ Church (2.00pm)

Friday 19th December – Christmas Parties

Friday 19th December – End of term

And looking further ahead....

Thursday 12th February 2026 - Sleepover for all Reception, Year 1 & 2 children

Friday 13th February 2026 – Winter Forest Walk & Cinema for all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 children

Dates for Fox and Deer Class residentials to follow soon.

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.

Nikki Brabant, Tasha Coutts & the Clifton Team