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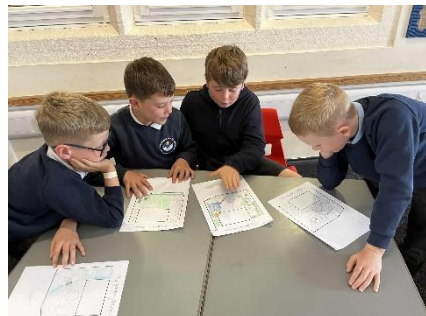
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12th September 2025

This week Fox Class children have worked together to combine their ideas into five collaborative garden designs. They are now putting together a presentation to show the rest of the school before asking them to vote on their favourite designs.

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.



Westmorland Show Visit

We were so very fortunate with the weather on Wednesday and the first rain drops only fell at 2.00pm. We all had a wonderful time visiting the stalls and exhibits and found out about so many things – from farm animals to emergency services, recycling, crafts, chain saw skills.....who knows what it might have inspired the children to do in the future



Helpful Reminders

A few reminders to help our days run smoothly:

- Please bring a **sensible-sized bag** and a **water bottle** each day. Children in Hedgehog and Foxes classes should still bring a **book bag** in as it is the best way to protect reading books.
- 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
- Now the weather is becoming more autumnal (wet) please ensure children have a **coat** with them every day as we still do go outside.

Homework

Homework for Deer Class (morning class Y4, 5 & 6)

Reading

Spelling Shed - year group spellings

LBQ - independent tasks set

TTRS

Homework is set on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.

Arbor

Parents/carers should now have received an email /text confirming that we are migrating to a new information system called Arbor.

Please ensure you can access your child's info on Arbor. Click on "view student profile" and ensure all sections have been completed in full, and there is no missing information. You can update any changes directly.

Please check that all emergency contacts have logged in and that they have confirmed the information we hold for them is correct.

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

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.

Autumn Term Clubs

Thursday lunchtime – running club with Mrs Davies. For all ages of children. Children must bring in extra trainers that they can get muddy and a bag to put them in



Sewing Club – Fridays **until 4.30** with Mrs Roberts. STARTING Friday October 3rd. There is a charge for this club to help cover the costs (1 hour After School Club on Parent Pay) Please let Mrs Roberts know if your child would like to come so we can sort enough resources.

Miss Simpson will run a sports club on Fridays for Years 3-6 @ 3.30 - 4.30 (netball & football)

Mrs Newman will run a coding club after half term



Dates for the Diary

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

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

Thursday 25th September – Phonics meeting for Reception parents @3.30pm

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

Separate letters are sent home for all trips and sporting events

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

11th- 13th May – Fox Class (Y3 &4) Robin Wood Residential (TBC - letter to follow soon)

2- 4th June – Deer Class Camp (TBC - letter to follow soon)

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