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Garden Design

This week the children worked with Charlie to further prepare the space and also wrote letters asking local businesses if they could support us with donations of materials and equipment.

Thanks once again to Charlie for all his help with this project – we could not do it without him!



Educational Visits

Our educational visits, residentials and activities are a valuable part of children's learning, and we do ask families to cover the costs of these to help make them possible. Without the payments from families, sadly, we may not be able to go ahead with some of our educational visits, residentials and activities. We completely understand that times are challenging and we try hard to keep costs as low as possible for example using minibuses and subsidising our visits. However, if cost is ever a difficulty, please do come and talk to us in confidence.

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting @ 6.30 on Wednesday 8th October @ school

Friday 17th October – Non uniform for tombola prize

Thursday 23rd October – Half Term Bingo

Wednesday 12th November – PTA meeting@ 7pm

Friday 7th November – PE Non Uniform for bottle tombola prize

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December @ 3.30pm

Wreath Making – Thursday 11th December

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.

We have had a clear out of the After School Club games – if anyone has any unwanted games and puzzles that are in good condition - we could definitely find a new home for them. Thankyou!

Homework

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

Spelling Shed - year group spellings

LBQ - independent tasks set

Times Table Rock Stars

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

Homework for Fox Class (mornings Y2, 3 & 4)

Reading – 10 mins x 5 a week minimum

Times Table Rock Stars – 15 mins a week on Garage mode

Look, Cover, Write Check spelling sheets (sent home Tues/Wed most weeks)

Spelling Shed - year group spellings

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

Deer class carried out an amazing amount of work in the Secret Garden on Wednesday. They constructed some new fences and cleared areas to allow tree saplings to grow successfully.

Thank you to Charlie Beaumont who came to help.



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 – We are hoping this will now take place on Thursdays starting next week – we will let you know asap.

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

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October – Parents Evenings

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

Friday 17th October – Non uniform for PTA tombola prize

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

Thursday 23rd October – PTA Bingo

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

Friday 7th November – PE Non Uniform for bottle tombola prize

Wednesday 12th November – PTA meeting@ 7pm

Wednesday 19th November – nasal flu immunisations

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair@ 3.30pm

Wednesday 10th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity Performance

Wreath Making – Thursday 11th December

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

CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
STAY & PLAY!
EXPLORE - PLAY - ENJOY
FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAY
11AM-12 NOON

Upcoming dates: 9th September, 23rd September,
7th October, 21st October
CHILDREN AGE 0-4 WELCOME
SNACK, JUICE AND A WARM DRINK FOR
GROWN-UPS PROVIDED
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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

2- 4th June – Deer Class Camp (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