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Eden Rock



On Wednesday morning children from Year 5/6 had an amazing adventure activity bouldering at Eden Rock. As well as testing their strength and courage, they also learned a new skill which we hope may come in useful in next year's bouldering competition

Due to unforeseen circumstances the afternoon's group did not make it as far as Eden Rock but we will be re-arranging this for another date as soon as we can. A huge thankyou and well done to Mrs Davies, Mrs Graham and Charlie Beaumont for keeping the children entertained and cheerful on what must have been quite a frustrating afternoon.

Remembrance Day

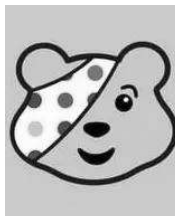
We will let the pictures speak for themselves and will let you know the total raised once we find out.
Thankyou for all your support.



Lunch Orders

Please remember that meal orders need to be made on Parent Pay by the Friday of the preceding week. Also please maybe go through the meal choices with your child/children from time to time so we can ensure they are all being given meals that they will enjoy.

Thankyou for the kind donations towards Children in Need today. £40 will be donated to this fantastic worthwhile cause.



Water Bottles

Please remember to send in a clean water bottle with your child/children each day as it is important that they remain hydrated. Joanna is giving out approximately 10 water bottles every day and we are running short. Thankyou!

Support from the Salvation Army Food Bank

The Salvation Army in Penrith runs a local food bank offering support to individuals and families in need. All referrals are completely confidential, and we can help make a referral on your behalf if needed. If you or someone in your wider family could benefit from this service, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or contact them directly.

Christmas Theatre Trip

This year we will once again be taking all children to the Christmas performance at the Theatre by The Lake on Tuesday 16th December. The PTA have kindly offered to cover the cost of the transport and ice creams and we will let you know the cost per child and timings for both performances in next week's newsletter.

PE Lessons

This half term Years 1-6 will do PE at Newton Rigg or Woggle Goggle on Friday afternoons. Children in Years 1-6 should come to school in their PE kits on Fridays.

Year 3 / 4 - swimming at Woggle Goggle for 5 weeks (Friday 21st November - Friday 19th December)

Year 1,2,5,6 – PE at Newton Rigg

Year 5/6 – swimming at Woggle Goggle for 5 weeks (Friday 16th January - Friday 27th February not including 20th Feb which is Half Term holiday)

Year 1,2,3,4 – PE at Newton Rigg

In preparation for swimming lessons please can you follow this link to provide information about your child/children.

Year 3/4: <https://forms.gle/1FQvdan4vy4GZifT9>

Year 5/6: <https://forms.gle/KHbQXnmrB9Bqc6J27>

For Swimming lessons children will need to come in their PE kits and to bring swimming costume/trunks, towel, goggles, hairbrush

Our EYFS children (Nursery/Reception) will get changed in school. Nursery and Reception will have PE on Fridays so please send in their PE kits so they can practise getting changed independently.

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.

Football Club Update



Our Football Club has been a huge success this week! We're delighted to say the club will continue to run on Tuesdays after school, with the new time of 3:35–4:35 pm to give everyone a full hour of play. This will be involved direct to parents from Cumbria Football Academy.

As the days get shorter, we'll keep reviewing the weather and lighting to make sure sessions remain safe and enjoyable. Please ensure children come with appropriate footwear and clothing for football.

PTA NEWS

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) have discussed the opportunity of opening up the PTA to the wider school community. Despite it's name - non parents and teachers are also able to attend PTA meetings and help at events – they just cannot take part in any votes. We would very much welcome any grandparents or other staff at any of our future PTA meetings.

The PTA are wanting to start a uniform stall – please send in any clean unwanted uniform for Helen Jackson to collect and we will start this as soon as we can. Likewise if you would like any school uniform please ask Helen. School jumpers re priced at £1 and all other items are 50p.

As a festive version of this we are also going to have a Christmas jumper swap so please send in any that you no longer need and we can have them on display for sale from the 1st – 5th December ready for the festive fun.

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PTA DATES

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December @ 3.30pm

Wreath Making – Thursday 11th December @6.30pm

£10.00 including some materials & festive refreshments. Please book by December 1st

The Christmas Fair Raffle is always a successful way to raise much needed funds for the school – the PTA would welcome the donation of any prizes as soon as possible. Please bring to school or speak to a member of the PTA.

Next Meeting - Wednesday January 21st @ 7pm @ school

Outdoor Learning

UPDATE - Starting next week, Outdoor Learning will move to Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays. The same year groups will continue to take part - just on the new day. Please remember to send children with suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor learning.

Please can children come to school wearing their Outdoor Learning cloths on their OL day as this ensures they are all fully kitted up and enables us to make the most of our time outdoors.

Outdoor Learning sessions next half term are as follows (but may be subject to changes)

18th November – Year 3/4

25th November – Year 5/6

9th December – N/Rec/Y1/Y2

16th December – Year 3/4

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

Tuesday – Football Club

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 – 3.30-4.30 on Thursdays with Mrs Roberts.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 17th November – Nursery-Y2 trip to Keswick

Tuesday 18th November - Football Final

Wednesday 19th November – nasal flu

immunisations

Wednesday 3rd December – Year 3/4 Climbing @ Eden Rock

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair@ 3.30pm

Wednesday 10th December – Hedgehog Class Nativity Performance @ 2pm & 6pm @ Cliburn Hall

Wreath Making – Thursday 11th December @ 6.30pm

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

2- 4th June – Deer Class Camp (letter sent home this week)

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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