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A Keswick Day Out



The children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 had an exciting and busy start to the week on Monday and were lucky enough to have fantastic weather for their day in Keswick. After watching Tabby Mc Tat and Tiddler at Keswick Cinema they then paid their respects at the town's war memorial and explored the physical and human features of the area. Luckily they also had time to have fun on the adventure playground before heading back to Clifton. Thankyou to all the grown ups who helped out and made it happen.

Nativity Production - Bethlehem Bake Off

We are excited to announce this year's nativity production, Bethlehem Bake Off, premiering on 10th December with two performances: 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm We will soon be sending a Google Form home to ask for support with dropping off and collecting children from Cliburn Village Hall for the rehearsals leading up to the performances.

On the day of the performances:

- For the 2:00 pm performance, we will transport children from school to the hall. After the show, children can either be taken home directly from the hall or returned to school.
- For the 6:00 pm performance, please ensure your child arrives by 5:45 pm so they are ready to begin on time.



Children should already know their parts and any costume requirements if applicable. We are looking forward to a fantastic production and can't wait to see you there!

Football County Finals

After their success in the Eden Area competition, the year 5/6 football team represented Clifton at the County Football Finals on Tuesday. Playing against the best teams from across Cumbria, they recovered from a challenging start and played some great football against tough opposition. We were extremely proud of their 5th place finish.



Christmas Theatre Visit - Tuesday 16th December



This year we will once again be visiting Theatre by the Lake to see their wonderful Christmas productions – Little Gift for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and The Wizard of Oz for Years 2-6. The cost of the visit is £13 per child and we are grateful, once again, to the PTA for covering the cost of transport and ice creams. If you would like to accompany the younger children to the theatre we may have a few spare spaces - please let Miss Coutts know if you can come along. The

Year 2-6 children will be travelling by coach and will return to school at approx. 5.15 and Rec/Nursery/Year 1 will be travelling by minibus and will return in time for the end of school.

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.



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.

Football Club

Our Football Club, run in partnership with Cumbria Football Academy, has been a huge success so far. Sessions take place from 3:35 pm to 4:35 pm. Each session costs £6.50, providing excellent value for high-quality coaching that helps pupils develop their skills, confidence, and teamwork. Parents are directly invoiced for this through Cumbria Football Academy and we're excited to see the club continue to grow, the weather has not stopped us yet!



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

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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.

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.

PTA DATES

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December @ 3.30pm

Wreath Making – Wednesday 3rd 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

Outdoor Learning is now on 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. **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.**

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

25th November – Year 5/6

9th December – N/Rec/Y1/Y2

16th December – Year 3/4



Years 3 and 4 worked hard to improve the school's facilities by laying bark on the muddy areas of the playground and building wood fences to protect the tree saplings. We also had fun on an obstacle course.



Autumn Term Clubs

Tuesday – Football Club (3.35-4.35pm)

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

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

Wreath Making – Wednesday 3rd December @ 6.30pm

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair@ 3.30pm

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

6pm @ Cliburn Hall

Friday 12th December – Carol Singing at Booths (am)

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

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

Upcoming dates: 4th November, 18th November, 2nd December, **MONDAY 15th December**
(Note date change)

CHILDREN AGE 0-4 WELCOME
SNACK, JUICE AND A WARM DRINK FOR GROWN-UPS PROVIDED

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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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