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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Welcome Back to a Fantastic Final Term!

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back this week and to see so many **smiling faces and positive attitudes** around school. The children have made a great start to the term, settling quickly back into routines and embracing new opportunities with enthusiasm. This is a special term at Clover Hill. It is **the final term of this academic year**, as we prepare to move into our new classes and continue our Clover Hill journey. For some of our oldest pupils, it also marks **the end of their time with us**, as they begin to look ahead to exciting new pastures and the transition to secondary school. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to celebrating their achievements over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to a **happy, active, and memorable final term** at Clover Hill. Have a lovely (sunshine-filled) weekend everyone!

Mrs Holden

Active Playtimes

We are delighted with how positively children have responded to our **enhanced Active Playtimes**, designed to encourage movement, teamwork, and fun. Each week, a range of playground equipment and activities is rotated to keep playtimes fresh and engaging.

This week's activities have included:

- Obstacle course building
- Large Connect 4
- Basketball
- Football on the field
- Sprint races (organised by Miss Sinclair)
- Skipping activities (both individual and group)
- Bouncy hoppers
- KS1 balance bikes

The children have loved being active, trying new challenges, and playing co-operatively with their peers.

Walking Wednesdays – A Fantastic Start

Walking Wednesdays have officially launched, with an impressive **31 children joining our walking bus** this week. Led by our amazing **Mini Health Champions**, Walking Wednesdays encourage families to park a short distance away and walk the final part of the journey to school. This not only supports children to be more active but also helps **reduce congestion around the school site**, making drop-off safer for everyone.

Thank you to all families who have supported this initiative—we hope to see even more participants in the coming weeks.

Summer Term Information to Parents

Parent Information letters outlining **what your child will be learning this term** have now been:

- Added to the **class pages on our school website**, and
- **Emailed directly** to parents.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to **email your child's class teacher**, who will be happy to provide further information or clarification.

Sports Week – Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May

This year, we are excited to announce that Clover Hill Primary School will be celebrating **Sports Week** instead of holding a single Sports Day event.

The aim of Sports Week is to **inspire children to be active**, promote healthy lifestyles, and highlight the importance of physical activity as part of everyday life. Throughout the week, every class will take part in a wide range of activities designed to:

- Introduce pupils to new sports
- Encourage enjoyment and participation
- Build confidence and resilience

Further information has been emailed to you and is also on our website—we are really looking forward to a fun and active week for all.

After-School Fun Clubs

Our **after-school clubs continue to be extremely popular**, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged this week. Activities have included:

- Creating **stick creatures** in Art Club
- Baking **delicious muffins** in Cookery Club
- Exploring nature during a **bug hunt** with Outdoor Explorers

Thank you to our staff for providing such enriching opportunities beyond the school day.

Class Highlights – what have we been doing this week?

Reception	Reception have had a busy and exciting week! In phonics, children have been learning the ‘ air ’ sound, while in English they have enjoyed <i>Farmer Duck</i> , retelling the story and beginning to write their own sentences. In Maths, the focus has been on number 11 and investigating numbers using dice. We also welcomed some new class pets – caterpillars – and the children are looking forward to observing their growth over the coming weeks.
Year 1	Year 1 have been developing their Maths skills by counting in 2s . In English, they have enjoyed learning about Mae Jemison , the first Black woman in space. Their Geography work on seaside features was brought to life with a fantastic visit to St Mary’s Lighthouse , which the children thoroughly enjoyed.
Year 2	In Maths, Year 2 have been learning to tell the time (past and to) on an analogue clock. They have begun an exciting new English unit based on Jack and the Beanstalk , and in History they have been learning about Polar explorer Felicity Aston . The children also represented the school brilliantly at a cricket festival as part of their PE curriculum.
Year 3	Year 3 have been working hard in Maths, learning how to read scales accurately. In English, they have been exploring poetry , while in French they have been learning the months of the year . In History, pupils have been finding out about different roles and people in Ancient Egyptian society .
Year 4	Year 4 have been developing their understanding of decimals in Maths. In English, they have started a new and fascinating text, The Lambton Worm . In Science, pupils have been learning about how electricity is generated , and in PE they have been enjoying tennis , developing both skills and teamwork.
Year 5	Year 5 have been working on equivalent fractions and decimals in Maths. In Science, they explored the life cycle of an amphibian , including a visit to the school pond to observe tadpoles at different stages of development. In Computing, pupils have been designing, writing and debugging their own quizzes using Scratch , demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills.

Year 6	Year 6 have had a focused and productive week, revisiting key areas of learning as they prepare for their End of Key Stage assessments, beginning on Monday 11th May . The children have been highly motivated and very competitive, working hard to beat their previous scores. In PE, pupils have been developing their cricket skills in preparation for next month's cricket festival.
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Parental Feedback

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really appreciated the feedback you provided during parent consultations and hope you have found the report emailed to you informative along with our responses to your suggestions. I am always available on the gates each morning if there is ever anything you would like to discuss in person regarding our school policies and procedures or your child's education and experience at Clover Hill. By working closely with you, we aim to ensure our children feel happy, confident and ready for every new stage.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs

School is open from 8.15am for all of our Year 6 children to enjoy delicious SATS breakfast with their friends before school.

Thursday 14th May – Reception trip to Whitehouse Farm

Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May - Whole School Sports Week

Further information to follow. Children will need to be in school PE kit ALL WEEK

Tuesday 19th May – Class photos (PE kit can be worn)

Wednesday 20th May – Sports Afternoon for Parent Spectators

Families are invited into school from 12.30pm to watch our children take part in an afternoon of sport-related activities that sees the battle of the castles... who will be crowned champions this year: Bamburgh, Alnwick, Lumley or Warkworth?

Friday 22nd May

Year 4 trip to Gibside National Trust

Fun Run at Saltwell Park – Further information will be given to those children participating

HALF TERM 25TH MAY – 29TH MAY
