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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Friday 22nd May 2026

We've had a fantastic 'Let's Get Active Week' at Clover Hill, even while dodging the occasional shower! It's been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and positivity from the children throughout. As we move into the final half term—already five-sixths of the way through the school year—it's a lovely time to reflect on how far the children have come before they transition to their new classes. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break next week; the sunny forecast sounds perfect for recharging, lifting spirits and spending time together as a family. Enjoy it!

Mrs Holden

TTRS Summer Showdown!

Class Dojo Superstars






Well done to

Year 3:

2703 minutes

Pupils

1		Matthew Smith Year 6	23
2		Ethan Close Year 6	19
3		Jai Edwards Year 6	18

Northumbria Police Visit: Anti-social behaviour

We were pleased to welcome officers from Northumbria Police on Wednesday, who spoke to the children about anti-social behaviour and its wider impact. They explained that the age of criminal responsibility in

England is 10, helping pupils to understand that their actions have real consequences.

Together, we explored what anti-social behaviour can look like, including examples such as knocking on doors and running away. Pupils thoughtfully discussed how this could be frightening for others, for example an elderly person who may feel scared in their own home. The officers also explained how actions now can affect the future, including the impact of a criminal record on job opportunities and even travel to certain countries. It

was a valuable and thought-provoking session for all involved.



Class Highlights – what have we been doing this week?

Sports Week

Monday 18th May

Today we kicked off our **Let's Get Active Week** with lots of smiles, movement and fun! The children loved taking part in a range of activities designed to keep them active, build confidence and support their wellbeing.

Which sports did we try today?

Today the children had the opportunity to have a go of at least one of the following at:

- **Golf**
- **Table Tennis**
- **Conservations Area** – outdoor active fun
- **Wellbeing Walk**
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Our Sports Providers

Golf

The golf session we enjoyed today was kindly provided by **Whickham Golf Club**. They run **junior coaching sessions every Sunday at 1.00pm**, which are a great way for children to continue developing their skills.

- Cost: **£5.00 per child**, payable on the day
- For more information, please email Info@wgcproshop.com

Outdoor Fun

Our outdoor activity session was delivered by **Andy Siddle from B Outdoors**. Andy provides fun and engaging outdoor workshops for schools and community groups and also offers children's birthday parties.

- You can find out more here: <https://boutdoors.co.uk/>

How can we try things like this at home or in the local area?

You can help keep your child active by:

- Practising simple skills at home, such as putting into a target, throwing and catching, or balance activities.
- Going on regular **family walks** to support both physical and mental wellbeing.
- Looking out for **local clubs and community sessions**, including junior golf and outdoor activity groups.
- Encouraging outdoor play whenever possible and enjoying being active together as a family.

Tuesday 19th May

Day 2 of **Let's Get Active Week** was another brilliant success! The children continued to show fantastic enthusiasm as they took part in a range of energetic and confidence-building activities. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, supporting their friends and having fun while being active.

Which sports did we try today?

Today the children enjoyed having a go of at least one of the following:

- **Hip Hop Dancing**
- **Wellbeing Walk**
- **Little Rugby**

Our Sports Providers

Dance

Our dance session was delivered by **Create Dance**, who provide exciting and creative dance opportunities for children and young people.

- They run **holiday clubs** and a **Dance Summer School** for young people aged **7–16** at **Gosforth Civic Theatre**
- A flyer has been attached for more information
- Website: 🖱️ <https://www.creativedancecentre.com>

Rugby

Our infant Rugby sessions were delivered by Little Kickers. They're yet to provide out of school rugby sessions but do offers structured, play-based football sessions for children aged 18 months to 8 years at Whickham School (Burnthouse Lane, NE16 5AR) on Wednesdays and Sundays.

- Website – <https://www.littlekickers.co.uk>

How can we try these things at home or in our local area?

You can help your child stay active and inspired by:

- Turning up the music at home and having fun with **dance routines or freestyle movement**.
- Practising simple **cricket skills** such as throwing, catching or batting with a soft ball in the garden or at the park.
- Enjoying **regular wellbeing walks** around Whickham or nearby green spaces like Sunnyside Park, Derwent Walk or Gibside Estate,
- Exploring **local sports clubs, dance schools and community activities** that offer sessions for children of all ages.
- Making movement part of everyday family life and celebrating effort as much as achievement.

Wednesday 20th May

Sports Day!!

On Wednesday, Sports Day brought another highlight to Let's Get Active Week, led brilliantly by Year 6 pupils alongside the School Sports Partnership team. The focus was on teamwork, inclusion and enjoyment, with every child encouraged to take part and have fun as part of a team. Our Sports Crew did a fantastic job leading a whole-school warm-up, creating a lively and positive atmosphere, and it was especially lovely to see families joining in and sharing in the excitement of the day. Congratulations to the Alnwick team who were once again crowned Clover Hill Champions!

Thursday 21st May

We had another exciting and active day as Let's Get Active Week continued at Clover Hill! Thursday's activities needed fantastic determination and confidence as the children challenged themselves with new activities. The children had the chance to test their strength, coordination and perseverance.

Which sports did we try today?

- Rock Climbing
- Wellbeing Walk

Our Sports Providers

Rock Climbing

Our climbing sessions were delivered by Sunderland Climbing Wall, who offer a fantastic range of opportunities for children to get involved in climbing in a safe and supportive environment.

- Website:  <https://sunderlandwall.com/>

Children's clubs run throughout the week with the following sessions available:

Rock Monkeys

- Monday–Friday: 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am – 11:30am & 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- Sunday: 10:00am – 11:30am & 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Mini Monkeys

- Saturday: 10:00am – 11:30am & 2:00pm – 3:30pm
- Sunday: 10:00am – 11:30am & 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Geckos

- Saturday: 10:00am – 11:30am
- Sunday: 10:00am – 11:30am
- Cost: £11 per session
- Please note: a junior membership is required for booking sessions

How can we try these things at home or in the local area?

You can help your child continue building confidence and staying active by:

- Encouraging activities that build strength and coordination, such as climbing frames, playground equipment or indoor balance games.
- Going on regular wellbeing walks around the local area.
- Looking out for local activity centres or clubs, such as Sunderland or Newcastle Climbing Wall
- Celebrating your child's effort and bravery when trying something new.

Friday 22nd May

We ended Let's Get Active Week with an action-packed and exciting final day! The activities encouraged teamwork, confidence and lots of movement but most of all, showed the children that they can keep active while having FUN! It was a fantastic way to celebrate a week of staying active and trying new things.

The children took part in:

- Fun Run
- Laser Tag
- Ultimate Frisby
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Wellbeing Walk

Our Sports Providers

Activities were delivered by Sports Cool Durham, who provide fun, high-quality sports experiences for children.

- Sports Cool run sports holiday clubs packed with exciting activities
- They also offer bespoke children's parties tailored to different ages and interests
- You can find out more here:

 <https://sportscool.org/durham/>

How can we try these things at home or in the local area?

You can help keep your child active and inspired by:

- Organising family fun runs, relay races or obstacle courses in the garden or park.

- Playing simple target games at home, such as aiming at a target with soft balls.
- Trying throwing and catching games, including frisbee, at local green spaces.
- Going on regular wellbeing walks around the local area
- Looking out for holiday clubs, sports camps and community activities that offer a range of fun ways to stay active.

Diary Dates

HALF TERM 25TH MAY – 29TH MAY

June

Wednesday 3rd June

Gateshead Music Service to deliver a 'Music Workshop' in school

Monday 8th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening all week

Wednesday 10th June

Year 3 Parent Assembly

9.15am

Friday 12th June

Years 3 & 4 visit to Gibside National Trust – Health and Wellbeing Service (further information to follow)

Friday 19th June

Occasional Day - School closed to staff and pupils

Friday 26th June

Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival (Letters to follow for individual children)

Sunday 28th June

Park Run – school takeover.

July

Tuesday 30th June-Wednesday 1st July

Year 6 experience days at Whickham School

Tuesday 30th June

Class swap – school transition morning

Children get the chance to visit their new classroom ready for September and work with their new teacher for the morning.

Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 and Year 6 visit to Newcastle Central Mosque (further information to follow)

Thursday 2nd July

Summer Fair (More information to follow after half term)

3.30pm – 5pm

Friday 3rd July

Clover Hill Dance-a-thon. PE kits to be worn by everyone. Further information to follow.
