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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to say thank you. This has been my first year as sole Headteacher, and I can honestly say I have enjoyed every minute of it. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside amazing children, a dedicated and loyal staff team, and such supportive parents and carers. The strong sense of community we have at Clover Hill is something I never take for granted, and I am genuinely grateful for everything we have built together over the past year. Thank you for your trust, encouragement and partnership. I wish you all a relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Holden



Class Dojo Superstars of the Year!!!!

Congratulations to Taryn who has taken GOLD award for top Do-joer of the year.

Well done to Noku taking SILVER and Adam with BRONZE!! Excellent 'all-rounders' with superb attitudes to learning and impeccable manners.

 32 Taryn Yates	Year 6	100 %	369
 62 Noku Kapumha	Year 4	100 %	354
 65 Adam Beresford	Year 4	100 %	325

Goodbye Year 6

To our fabulous Year 6 children - thank you for being such outstanding role models throughout your time at Clover Hill. You have led by example, supported younger children and represented our school with maturity, kindness and pride. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and know that you are more than ready for the next stage of your educational journey. One of the things we pride ourselves on at Clover Hill is preparing our children not just for the next school, but for life beyond the classroom – giving you the confidence, resilience, values and skills that will support you through every stage of your future. You have been a fantastic year group and a real credit to your parents and families. We will be very sad to say goodbye, but we are also excited to see all that you go on to achieve. We wish you every success and happiness for the future, and we hope you will keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on. You will always be part of the Clover Hill family.

SATs Results

We are incredibly proud of our SATs results this year, which are significantly above national standards. These outcomes are a testament to the dedication of our staff, who take the time to know every child as an individual and

work tirelessly to ensure each one reaches their full potential, whatever their starting point. While we celebrate this academic success, it is never achieved at the expense of other subjects. We remain committed to providing a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum that we are very proud of. Our aim is for children to leave Clover Hill not only academically prepared for the next stage of their education, but also as confident, well-rounded young people, equipped with the wellbeing, social skills and resilience they need to thrive in life beyond Clover Hill. Well done Year 6 – thank you!

Year 6 KS2 SATS 2026				
	Clover Hill 2026		National	
	Age Related Expectations	Average Scaled Score	Age Related Expectations	Average Scaled Score
Reading	93%	108	75%	106
Writing	93%	-	73%	-
Maths	97%	111	75%	105
SPAG	93%	111	74%	105

Music Tuition

We will be offering in-school tuition on Friday afternoons for woodwind and keyboard from September. Please email the school office at: cloverhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk if you would like your child to take part in this and **have not already signed up via the link previously sent out**. We will be in touch during the first week back to confirm your child's place and request payment.

Sporting Success – Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival

We had so many individual successes at Gateshead Stadium on Thursday. Highlights include:

Gold medals: Ben – Year 4 Howler, Tyler - Year 5 Howler, Molly – Year 6 600 metres

Silver medals: Lola – Year 4 400 metres, Molly – Year 6 Hurdles

Bronze medals: Molly – Year 6 80m sprint

Our relays teams made it to all of their finals with the Year 5/6 girls relay team winning GOLD and both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 boys relay team taking BRONZE.

The Clover Hill Year 5/6 Athletics Team took GOLD for the best Year 5/6 team at the event and... drumroll please...

CLOVER HILL ATHLETICS TEAM TOOK GOLD FOR THE OVERALL ATHLETICS FESTIVAL!!!
WOOHOO!!!

As usual, the children **demonstrated excellent sportsmanship** with a special mention to **Jack Lister** In Year 4 for his positive attitude and support of everyone around him. Thank you to Miss Sinclair who has been working really hard with all the children in her Athletics team training sessions after school!



Clover Hill Superstars

A huge well done to our Shining Stars this week, who were recognised with a special mention from their teachers during our Friday Celebration Assembly. We also enjoyed celebrating the many sporting achievements shared by pupils from across the school. We are incredibly proud of all of their hard work, dedication and success both in and out of school.



School Games Award



We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2025-26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. It recognises schools for their commitment to the development of competitive sport both within school and across the wider community, and we are thrilled to have been recognised for our continued success and dedication to physical education and school sport.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Taking part in a wide range of local inter-school competitions and festivals across the academic year.
- Achieving excellent participation rates in PE lessons, extra-curricular clubs and school sporting events.
- Providing opportunities for pupils of all abilities to represent the school in competitive sport.
- Developing our young sports leaders, who have organised activities, supported events and acted as role models for younger pupils.
- Promoting inclusive sport through participation in festivals and competitions designed to engage all children.
- Strengthening links with local schools and community sports organisations to enhance sporting opportunities for our pupils.

With a significant number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, determination and commitment to all aspects of school sport. We are particularly proud of our young volunteers, sports leaders and officials, whose hard work and leadership have helped make so many sporting events possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to demonstrate excellence in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are delighted that the dedication and hard work of our pupils, staff and wider school community has been recognised through this prestigious award.

A special thank you goes to:

- Our PE lead – Mrs Feeney who is supported by Miss Sinclair for their commitment to providing high-quality sporting opportunities.
- Gateshead School Sports Partnership for their ongoing support and organisation of competitions and events.
- Our parents and carers for encouraging and supporting children to participate in school sport.
- Our dedicated pupils, whose positive attitudes, teamwork and sportsmanship have been outstanding throughout the year.

Receiving the **Platinum Mark** is a fantastic achievement and reflects our school's commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to enjoy, participate in and succeed through sport and physical activity.

We look forward to building on this success and applying once again in 2027!

Well done 'Team Clover Hill'!

Autumn Term Fun Clubs

Fun Clubs will start from Monday 15th September and will run for 9 weeks. They will go live to book on Thursday 3rd September. Below is an overview of what is on offer.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dance-nastics	Arty-Crafters	Sport Mania	Reading Bugs	Old-Skool Games
Reception – Year 6 30 spaces	Reception – Year 6 30 spaces	Year 3-Year 6 30 spaces	Reception-Year 3 30 spaces	Reception-Year 6 30 spaces
Mrs Tote £45.00 (9 weeks)	Mrs Johnson £45.00 (9 weeks)	Miss Sinclair £45.00 (9 weeks)	Mrs Tote £45.00 (9 weeks)	Mrs Tote £45.00 (9 weeks)

Club	Description
Dance-nastics	Love music, movement and creativity? Join our exciting Dance-nastics Club , where children will develop their gymnastics skills through dance and movement to music using a range of gymnastics equipment. Pupils will explore balancing, symmetry, and travelling in a variety of ways while building strength, coordination and confidence. They will work together to create and practise their own sequences of movement, combining gymnastics and dance to tell a story through performance. The club will culminate in children showcasing their routines to an audience, celebrating their creativity, teamwork and performance skills. Come along and discover the joy of moving to music! 🎵 🩰 ✨
Arty-Crafters	Unleash your imagination and get creative at our Arty Crafters Club ! Children will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of art and craft activities, experimenting with different materials, techniques and styles. From painting and drawing to model making, collage and seasonal crafts, pupils will develop their artistic skills while expressing their own ideas and creativity. The club provides a fun and relaxed environment where children can create unique masterpieces, build confidence and take pride in their work. Join us for an exciting journey of colour, creativity and crafting fun! 🎨 ✂️ 🌟
Sportmania	Get active, have fun and challenge yourself at Sportmania Club ! This energetic club offers children to chance to try a wide range of team sports and games outdoors, helping them develop teamwork, communication and sportsmanship. Pupils will also take part in circuit training activities to build fitness, improve stamina and increase overall performance. Indoor sessions will focus on developing ball skills, coordination and agility through a variety of engaging activities and challenges. Whether you love sport or simply enjoy keeping active, Sportmania is a fantastic way to boost confidence, improve fitness and have fun with friends! ⚽ 🏃 🏆 🌟
Reading Bugs	Develop a love of books and become a confident reader at Reading Bugs Club ! This fun and engaging club is perfect for children who enjoy stories and want to explore the wonderful world of reading. Pupils will share books, take part in exciting reading activities, discuss their favourite characters and stories, and discover new authors. Through games, challenges and creative tasks linked to books, children will build their reading skills, confidence and understanding while developing a lifelong enjoyment of reading. Join us and catch the reading bug! 📖 🐛 ✨
Old-Skool Games	Step away from the screens and discover the fun of traditional games at our Old Skool Games Club ! The first part of each session will be spent outdoors enjoying classic playground favourites such as hopscotch, two-balls, juggling, hide and seek, and stuck in the mud. We'll then head indoors for a range of timeless board and party games, including Snakes and Ladders, Noughts and Crosses, Snap and Charades. These much-loved games may have been replaced by technology for many children, but they are still great fun and provide wonderful opportunities to develop communication, teamwork and social skills. Come along, make new friends and enjoy the simple pleasures of classic childhood games! 🎲 🏃 🗣️ ✨
Lingotots Spanish	Lingotots Spanish Club for Year 1 – Year 6 where children are introduced to the Spanish language through songs, stories, games and engaging activities. Each session is lively, hands-on and designed to build confidence as children explore new vocabulary and simple phrases in a playful, immersive way. The focus is on enjoyment and natural language learning—no prior experience needed! Lingotots Spanish Club is a

	wonderful opportunity for children to develop early language skills, discover Spanish culture and enjoy learning in a warm, encouraging environment.
Kensho Karate	Each session focuses on developing coordination, balance, strength and self-control through age-appropriate drills, kata practice and partner activities. Children learn respect, focus and perseverance—important life skills that extend far beyond the dojo.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd September – Clover Hill Primary School will re-open to pupils for the Autumn term

Monday 7th June – Occasional Day – School closed to staff and pupils

Friday 18th June – INSET day – School closed to pupils for staff training.

Autumn term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Tuesday 1 September 2026	26 to 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 4 January 2027	15 to 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term		
Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 12 April 2027	1 to 4 June 2027 (bank holiday 31 May)	Friday 16 July 2027