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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Friday 25th September 2026

We've reached the end of Week 4 already and I honestly don't know where the time has gone! One of my favourite parts of the week is getting out of the office and spending time in classrooms. I love seeing the children learning, hearing the conversations taking place and sharing in their excitement when they've achieved something they are proud of. There is such a positive atmosphere around school and seeing the children's hard work, effort and pride in what they are doing always reminds me how lucky I am to be the headteacher here at Clover Hill.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Holden

School Association Update

We were delighted to hold our School Association meeting today and to welcome several new members. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm and commitment from families who are keen to support our school community.

The meeting focused on getting to know one another, sharing ideas and discussing future fundraising opportunities. There was a real buzz in the room, with lots of creative suggestions and a shared determination to continue making a difference for our children.

Fundraising plays a vital role in enabling school to provide the "extras" that our core school budget simply cannot cover. Over the years, School Association funds have contributed towards memorable experiences and significant improvements, including pantomime visits, Year 6 leavers' books, our wooden pirate ship, the shade sail and the refurbishment of our library. Every event, donation and contribution, no matter how small, helps to enrich our children's school experience.

We are currently working through the necessary health and safety processes to replace the old brick walls on the playground with new metal multi-goals. This is a significant project which will provide improved sporting opportunities and safer play spaces for our children. The total cost is substantial, with school having saved £6,000 towards the project and the School Association generously contributing a further £6000.

This has only been possible because of the ongoing support of our families, and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who has attended events, donated items, purchased tickets or otherwise supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time, ideas and support to our School Association. Together, we continue to create those 'extra' opportunities for our children and make Clover Hill an even better place to learn and grow.

If you would like to become involved in any future School Association events or meetings, we would love to hear from you.

School Association Upcoming Events

Details for each event will be shared individually closer to the time including how to book.

Colour Disco

Tuesday 20 October 2026

This year, we're swapping our traditional Halloween Disco for a bright and colourful celebration! Children are invited to wear their brightest colours and enjoy some music, games, prizes and fun with friends.

Times

- KS1: 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- KS2: 3:45pm to 4:45pm

Entry includes a drink and a glowstick/glow bracelet, with an optional sweet mix-up available.

Break the Rules Day

Friday 23 October 2026

A firm favourite with the children! For a small donation per rule, children will have the opportunity to break some specially chosen school rules for the day. Details of the rules will be shared closer to the event.

Christmas Cinema Club

Monday 7 December 2026 - 3.30-5pm

Children are invited to enjoy a festive film afternoon complete with hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie. A lovely opportunity to relax and get into the Christmas spirit with friends.

Christmas Gift Wrap Event

Friday 11 December 2026

One of our most popular Christmas events returns! Families will be invited to donate gifts for children to choose from. Children will then be able to choose a gift for a family member and wrap it, write a gift tag and take it home ready to place under the Christmas tree.

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers and enjoy a festive morning while creating a surprise for someone special.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to **Jonah** who is this week's 'top Dojo-er'. The top skill being celebrated this week is children being responsible with their own learning – always on task!!

Skills

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| 1 |  on task - Responsible 253 |
| | Schoolwide |

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| 1 |  Jonah Williams 23 |
| | Year 1 |
| 2 |  Fynn McPherson 22 |
| | Year 1 |
| 3 |  Isla Hay 16 |
| | Year 6 |
| 4 |  Teddy Bennett 16 |
| | Year 2 |
| 5 |  Connie Elliott 16 |
| | Year 6 |



Sporting Success

Well done to our school football team who came second in our cluster tournament at Fellside School last week and are through to the finals.

A special shout out to the girls football team who attended a 'Girls United' tournament at the Power League scoring a record FIFTEEN goals and only conceding ONE! Excellent attitudes!!

Our Year 6 Tag Rugby team took part in a Gateshead tournament today and were absolutely amazing and were crowned the outright champions!! Miss Sinclair and Mrs Earl were so proud of their encouragement and praise of others – not to mention their focus and determination.

Safe cycling

We have received further concerns about children from Clover Hill (believed to be in Upper Key Stage 2) who are not cycling safely on their journey to and from school. Behaviours such as performing wheelies on roads and busy pathways have led to several near misses involving pedestrians and vehicles.

If your child cycles to school, please take a few moments to remind them about the importance of cycling responsibly, respectfully and with consideration for others. They need to be alert to the unexpected, including cars pulling out and younger children stepping into their path.

We are also seeing some children arriving without helmets. Wearing a helmet is one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce the risk of serious injury. It may not always seem the coolest option, but it could save a life. Please ensure your child wears a properly fitted helmet every time they ride their bike.

Diary Dates

30/09/26 – New parent tours (Reception 2027) 10am/6pm

06/10/26 – Year 5 Stemfest (packed lunch required – information to follow)

12/10/26 – School photos

20/10/26 – Colour Disco – PTA/School fundraising event (Information to follow)

KS1 3.30-4.30pm KS2 4.45-5.45pm

22/10/26 – Harvest Festival – Donations of food/toiletries welcomed (Information to follow)

22/10/26 - Year 6 Whickham School transition lesson

23/10/26 – Break up for half term