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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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Friday 9th October 2026

This week, I have spent time in lessons in every class and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children learning together. I only wish every parent could see what I see each day. Our teaching and support staff do an incredible job, creating engaging learning experiences that inspire curiosity, enthusiasm and confidence. The children's positive attitudes, eagerness to learn and pride in their work have been just superb to see and they have made me feel extremely proud of what we do here at Clover Hill.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Holden

Celebration Assembly

Well done to **Zoey** who is this week's 'top Dojo-er'. The top skill being celebrated this week is children being responsible completing their homework!

			Pupils	
Skills				
1	 superb homework - Responsible	163	1  Zoey Foster	20
	Schoolwide		Year 5	
2	 tidying up - Responsible	144	2  Oliver Waterman	18
	Schoolwide		Year 5	
3	 Responsible - great peer coach	93	3  Lola Halliday	17
	1 class		Year 5	
4	 reading at home - Responsible	85	4  Reuben Lane	14
	Schoolwide		Year 4	
			5  Lewis Chapman	14
			Year 5	

Sporting Success

Well done to our school football team who played their first league games in a tournament last night. Fantastic attitudes as usual. The next round of league games will be in March.

A special shout out to the Y5/6 girls football team (following in the footsteps of the Y3/4 team) who attended a 'Girls United' tournament. They won the majority of their games, drawing one and losing the final game. A superb effort by everyone.

Congratulations also to Freya in Year 5 who has been crowned U10 British Champion at the British weightlifting age group championships. Girl Power!! What a sporty lot we are at Clover Hill!

School News

Year 5 have certainly had a busy and exciting week! They enjoyed a fantastic visit to STEMfest at Vertu Motors Arena, where they took part in a range of engaging activities designed to inspire curiosity and enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The children had the opportunity to explore new ideas, meet experts from a variety of industries and discover how STEM skills are used in real-world careers.

As if that wasn't enough, they also represented Clover Hill at a Multi-Sports Festival hosted by Whickham School, alongside pupils from other local primary schools. The event gave children the chance to develop their sporting skills, teamwork and resilience while enjoying friendly competition with their peers from across the cluster.

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.

Diary Dates

20/10/26 – Colour Disco – PTA/School fundraising event

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