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**CLOVER HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Headteacher: Mrs Ailsa Holden

Friday 23rd October 2026

Happy half term everyone! Have fun and stay safe. See you all in November!
Mrs Holden

Celebration Assembly

Well done to **Ada** who is this week's 'top Dojo-er'. The top skill being celebrated this week is children being responsible - always being on task!

Pupils

1	 Ada Redfern Year 4	12
2	 Amelia Key Year 4	11
3	 Ivy Steele Year 4	11
4	 Myla Lutynski Year 4	9
5	 Sophie Douglass Year 4	9

Skills

1	 on task - Responsible Schoolwide	101
2	 concentration - Ready Schoolwide	74

Please let us know if your child has celebrated an achievement outside of school - cubs, brownies, fishing, music, drama so that it can also be shared and celebrated in school. Email your child's class teacher, send in certificates, medals or photos and they can take a place on our wall of fame!

Parent Feedback Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts about our school and how their children have settled into their new classes and the new school year.

We really value your feedback and will be sharing the survey outcomes with governors. Following half term, I will provide a summary of the key findings and any actions we plan to take as a result.

We are always looking for ways to improve and have already begun considering how some of your suggestions can be implemented to further strengthen our provision for children and families.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to help us reflect on and develop the work of our school.



Diary Dates

Sunday 8th November 10-11.30am

Remembrance Day Parade

School Council & Mini Health Champions to meet at 10 by The Bridle Path. Letter to follow

Tuesday 10th November

Panathlon Bowling (letter to follow for individual children)

Thursday 12th November

Boccia (letter to follow for individual children)

Tuesday 17th November

Northumbria Community Police Team Assembly

KS1 – Road safety/Stranger danger

KS2 – Anti-social behaviour/online safety

Tuesday 24th November

Whickham Christmas Lights Switch on

Mini Health Champions and School Council – letter to follow

Parent Consultations: 3.30-6pm (Information to follow. Bookable on Arbor)

Wednesday 24th November

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Thursday 3rd December

Whole School Pantomime at Consett Empire Theatre. School uniform to be worn.

Monday 7 December - 3.30-5pm

Christmas Cinema Club

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.

Tuesday 8th December/ Wednesday 9th December/Thursday 10th December

KS1 Christmas Sing along.

Parents are invited to join us for mince pies and coffee from 9am. The children will join us from 9.30am for a Christmas sing-a-long. Ticket information to follow. KS1 children are to wear Christmas jumpers/outfits for all three days.

Friday 11 December

Christmas Gift Wrap Event

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.

Christmas Lunch Day

Monday 14th December

KS2 Carol Service rehearsal

Friday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Carol Service. 9.15am Parents are invited back to school to join us for mince pies and a hot drink afterwards.



School News

Our Harvest Festival was a wonderful celebration and a lovely opportunity for the children to reflect on the importance of kindness, gratitude and helping others. The children spoke and recited poems beautifully, using impressive intonation and expression to engage the audience.

For our Reception children, this was their very first performance assembly, and they delighted everyone with a brilliant rendition of *The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow*. We were incredibly proud of their confidence and enthusiasm.

We were also pleased to be joined by some of our governors and by Father James from St Mary's Church, who helped make the occasion even more special.

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations. Our Year 6 children carefully sorted and packed all of the contributions before they were collected by Gateshead Foodbank. The team at the foodbank were absolutely amazed by the amount we had donated and were incredibly grateful for the support shown by our school community.

Through this experience, the children learned an important message about harvest: **when we share what we have, no one needs to go hungry. As the children discovered, from the word 'HARVEST' - if we SHARE, everyone can EAT and no-one will STARVE.**

Thank you for helping us make such a positive difference to others.

