

Clifton-upon-Dunsmore Primary School Newsletter



'With open minds and loving hearts, we will achieve.'

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of our first half-term, we can look back with pride on an incredibly busy and successful few weeks. The children have worked so hard, and I always enjoy seeing their work and celebrating their achievements. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to Parents' Evening on Tuesday, and I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books and discussing their progress.

Thank you also to everyone who attended the Parent Governor Forum. It was valuable to hear your views and celebrate the many positives of school life. We are developing a 'Clifton Voice' section on our school website to share what is happening in school and provide updates on the points raised. This is still under development, so please look out for further information. Our website also contains lots of useful information about what the children are learning.

A huge thank you to all the parents and friends who came into school to share their careers with the children during Careers Week. We have learnt about some amazing jobs, and your contributions have helped the children explore the possibilities open to them in the future.

We say goodbye to Ms Rahman, with our sincere thanks for her work with Year 6 this half-term, and wish her all the very best for the future. After half-term, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Crowley as our Year 6 teacher and working with her as she gets to know the children and our school community.

Everyone is ready for a well-earned rest! We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another busy half-term.

We are already adding events to the calendar for next half-term- lots of exciting activities ahead.



Remembrance Day

After half-term, poppies and other Remembrance items will be on sale during break and lunchtimes. Each class will have allocated times to make purchases. If you would like your child to buy an item, please send their money in a named envelope, with the amount clearly marked on the outside.

We have paper poppies, slap bands, wristbands, clip-on poppies, zip pulls, pencils and stickers available. We suggest a donation of £2 for slap bands, wristbands and clip-on poppies. Donations for all other items are at your discretion. Thank you for helping us raise much-needed funds to support veterans and the Armed Forces community.

Our Remembrance Day service will take place on Wednesday 11th November at 10:45am. Weather permitting, we will gather on the playground, and parents are warmly invited to join us.



Congratulations go to all of our children who live our Values throughout the week.

Pupil's Pupil Class Pupil

Reception

Year 1 Well done to everyone for showing
Year 2 the value of respect during our
Year 3 Careers Week and welcoming our
Year 4 visitors into our classrooms.
Year 5
Year 6

Attendance

The whole school attendance this week is 96.5% which is below our target of 97.5%

Gold Award - Year 3 99.2%

Silver Award - Year 5 98.5%

Bronze Award - Year 1 97.5%

Height and Weight Checks

Each year, the School Nursing Team visits to measure the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6. Year 6 children are also invited to complete a questionnaire.

Further details will be sent via ParentMail. This is an opt-out arrangement, so please read the message carefully and follow the instructions if you do not wish your child to take part.

OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

We are currently owed **£216.10** for dinners.

Please ensure that your account is settled.



House Points
Congratulations to:

Red House

who have 238 points this week.

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Pre-School - What a busy half term Pre-School have had! We are so proud of how well everyone has settled onto our routine and how engaged all the children have been in the learning. This week we consolidated our maths focus of matching using handprints to match size and colour. In rhyme time we have been singing the wheels on the bus and Pre-School have really enjoyed turning our carpet into their own bus using chairs and setting up the steering wheel, the took turns to be the driver asking their peers for tickets and where they would like to be dropped off (most of them heading to the beach!).

Reception - What a busy final week of half term in Reception! The children have worked hard, exploring 2D shapes, including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles, and talking about their properties. We enjoyed reading Dr Ranj's book about Superheroes and welcomed visitors who talked to us about their jobs, inspiring lovely discussions about what we would like to be when we grow up. Well done, Reception, for all your hard work.

Year 1 - I can't believe our first half term has already come to an end! Mrs Mayall and I are so proud of Year 1 and how well they have settled into their new class. They have worked incredibly hard and shown such enthusiasm throughout the half term. This week, we have welcomed some lovely visitors as part of Careers Week, giving the children the chance to learn about a range of different jobs and ask lots of interesting questions. We have also been busy preparing for and leading our class assembly on Sikhism, and we were so proud of how confidently the children took part. What a fantastic first half term it has been. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2 - In Maths, we have been learning how to add by first making 10, add 1s to a 2digit number and add using a number line. In English, our focus has been on grammar learning about nouns and adjectives. This week has been 'careers week', we have had amazing visitors like an interior designer, an engineer ex-military and network rail, as well as a psychiatrist and more. This week we also had our first parents evening and the children were excited and proud to share their work with their parents.

Year 3 - We have had a fantastic time this week. We have really enjoyed Careers Week, meeting visitors and learning about their jobs. We created posters about the careers we might like when we are older and explored lots of different jobs in groups and created information texts. In English, we have been learning to write instructions. We loved reading How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and following the instructions to wash some of our class toys! What a busy 8 weeks we've had. Have a lovely half term

Year 4 - Year 4 have had an amazing week. We have continued learning about addition and subtraction. We learnt the song Stand by Me and played a glockenspiel accompaniment. Enjoy the half term and see you soon.

Year 5 - We had a super last week of this half-term! We enjoyed exploring the text The Journey and learning how to use speech to move a story forward and perfected our use of speech punctuation. Today, as a STEM lesson, the children made shelters for refugees using a limited number of resources. In Maths, we continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills. In Science, we wrote conclusions based on last week's investigation. Please take a look on Class Dojo to see photos of our science learning. In PSHE, we discussed our dream careers and gave reasons for our choices. As part of Careers Week, we welcomed several parents to share their jobs and explain what their roles involve. The children enjoyed finding out about different careers and asking some tricky, relevant and thought-provoking questions. Thank you to all the parents who

gave up their time to inspire the children and help broaden their understanding of the world of work!

Year 6 - We brought our Science unit on light to a close by drawing detailed diagrams of the eye - see some photos on Class Dojo. In English, the children finished their Drama work on Street Child, exploring how Jim was feeling at key moments in the story, and in Maths, they completed their unit on the four operations. To round off the week, the children visited the London Dungeon, where they learned all about crime and punishment through the ages. A huge thank you to Ms Rahman for her work with the class since September. Everyone was sad to say goodbye.

Dates for your diary

November

2nd - School Reopens

9th-10th - Cash4Clothes collections

11th - Remembrance Day Service 10:45am

12th - PTA Disco

13th - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

17th - No Outsiders Lesson 2

19th - ASHA Students visiting Clifton

25th - Year 3 Class Celebration Assembly

26th - Year 4 Class Celebration Assembly

30th - Advent Service

December

2nd - Year 6 Class Celebration Assembly

3rd - Year 5 Class Celebration Assembly

16th - Christmas Dinner Day

17th - Carol Service

17th - Party Day

PTA



Having a clear-out? Please save your unwanted clothes for our Cash4Clothes collection. Bring your filled bags to school on Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th and help turn your unwanted items into funds for our school. Thank you for your support!

High 5



If any child begins to feel anxious or uncomfortable during play, we encourage them to calmly and confidently let the other child know that they are no longer enjoying the situation. This should always be done in a firm but respectful manner. If the issue continues, children are encouraged to seek support from an adult on the playground, who can help resolve the situation appropriately, rather than trying to deal with it themselves, using other means.



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WORSHIP

This year we will be continuing to reflect on our Christian Values through our Worship.

On Monday, we had school photos, so worship was in class.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed learning the harmony part to the songs we will be singing during our Remembrance Service after half-term.

On Wednesday, Year 1 led our Worship. We learnt about the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy scripture, which Sikhs honour as their eternal Guru and spiritual guide. We explored why it is treated with such care and respect, and reflected on the importance of respecting different faiths and beliefs. We linked this to our school values of Respect, Compassion and Community, considering how we can show kindness and care towards everyone.

On Thursday, we celebrated the end of Careers Week by asking "What could I be?" The children played "Guess the Job" and found out about some unusual careers, such as games tester and museum curator. They also realised they already practise skills like teamwork and problem-solving every day. We learned that Jesus worked as a carpenter and thought about how God gives each of us gifts to serve others. To finish, we shared our Wows, Ows and Nows from the week and said a prayer for everyone whose work helps us every day.

Friday was teacher training day.

Class Celebration Assemblies

Next half-term, each Key Stage 2 class will invite parents to a celebration assembly to showcase their learning from the year so far. Assemblies will take place in the school hall from 9:00–9:30am. Further details will be sent after half-term.



NOTICE



CARE



ACT

NOW

Be kind and
COMPASSIONATE
to one another
(EPHESIANS 4:32)



Recycling Project

Many thanks to all who have supported our recycling project. We have raised £30 in the last 6 months. To date we have raised £3035.

Pladis will no longer be sponsoring the recycling of biscuit, cracker or cake wrappers after the end of November. Please ensure all these donations are in the blue lidded bin at the front of school by 30th November.

You can continue to donate to us

- * Ferrero boxes and wrappers
- * Kinder packaging including kinder eggs
- * Lavazza Eco Capsules (place in a tied bag)
- * Lavazza A Modo Mia Capsules (place in a tied bag)
- * Marigold gloves and Marigold packaging

We have a volunteering opportunity for any sibling who is signed up to complete Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are able to offer 3 months (starting in November) helping to sort our recycling, mostly that's donated by Baked Brownies. Anyone interested should email recycle_in_clifton@outlook.com

Arts Council Competition

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their entry to the Arts Council Competition - the final date for entries is Friday 6th November. See poster for details or download from Class Dojo.

Teacher Training Days for 2026 - 2027

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



Nuts and Eggs - Important Reminder

We have children in school with severe nut and egg allergies. To help keep all pupils safe, please do not send any food items into school that contain nuts or egg products, including items such as egg sandwiches.

We would also like to remind children to not share food with others, as they may not be aware of the ingredients.



Allergies

We have children with severe, life threatening allergies to **NUTS** and **EGGS**. Please do not send food containing these items into school.

CLIFTON

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AUTUMN

COLOURING COMPETITION



Get creative and colour a pumpkin!

£1 per entry with a chance to win prizes!

DEADLINE

Friday 6th November



Learning
Growing
Belonging
Together

Clifton-upon-Dunsmore Primary School PTA

Family Events Calendar 2026 – 2027

Stronger
Together
for Our
School

Children
Families
Community

Great events. A brighter school. Together. ❤️



Autumn Term Fun times to start the year!

Event	Weekday	Event Date
 Cash4Clothes	Mon/Tue	9 – 10 November 2026
 Neon Disco	Thursday	12 November 2026
 Christmas Fair	Saturday	5 December 2026
 Christmas Party Day	Thursday	17 December 2026

Autumn
Fun!



Spring Term New Term, New Adventures!

Event	Weekday	Event Date
 Movie Night	Friday	22 January 2027
 Valentine's Disco	Thursday	11 February 2027
 Muffins4Mum	Friday	5 March 2027
 Cash4Clothes	Mon/Tue	19 – 20 April 2027

Good
Times
Ahead!



Summer Term Let's make it a great finish!

Event	Weekday	Event Date
 Summer Disco	Thursday	27 May 2027
 Doughnuts4Dad	Friday	18 June 2027
 Summer Fair	Friday	9 July 2027

Summer
Smiles
Last a
Lifetime!

Small events
make a big difference ❤️



Support
Our School
See You There! ❤️