



6th May
2025

Dinner Menu
Week Four

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Welcome back!

We trust that everyone had a restful Easter and also enjoyed the May Day holiday. This term is a very short one compared to the other two. However, there is still much work to be covered and children will also have class tests and reports before it ends. Please ensure that your children continue to work hard, come to school early and also go to bed at a reasonable time, despite it staying lighter for longer. We want everyone to have a great term and as always, this requires us working in partnership for your children to achieve their potential.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 22nd May**. We would love you to come and enjoy the sporting activities whilst supporting your children. The event will be held at the Cliftonville playing fields. More details, such as finish times, to follow in the next bulletin.

P1-P2 Sports Day will start at 9.30am

P3-P4 Sports Day will start at 11.00am

P5-P7 Sports Day will start at 1.00pm



All children will receive letters about this with more detailed information. Please make sure your child returns their permission slip.

Amazing Effort!



As you know, we held our sponsored walk on **Thursday 10th April**, and all money raised going to **Chest, Heart and Stroke**. We are very pleased to announce that your efforts have raised **£5,818.50** for this extremely important charity.

We would like to thank you for your support and the amazing effort that you made. This is the most money that we have ever raised for a charity so well done to you all!!!



Book Borrowing Library

If you have picked your children up from school recently, you will have noticed a small, bird-like house in the corner of the playground. This is not a birdhouse but is instead a Book Borrowing Library and there are another two of these around the school. Over the next couple of weeks, we will stock them with books that may be borrowed to read at home and then returned. The great thing about these Borrowing Libraries is that you can also put books into them as well as taking books out. **All we ask is that the books are clean, in good condition and suitable for your children. Please do not put anything else into these libraries and always make sure you close the door and bolt it shut.**





Building Work

The building work at the front of the school is nearing completion but we still have contractors onsite, working at the refurbishment of classrooms in preparation for our second Nursery unit for September 2025.

Please advise your children of the works and be vigilant as contractors are accessing the school site at different times during the day.

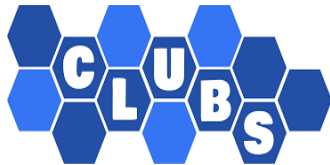
Gardening Clubs

Unfortunately, we will have to pause our Monday Outdoor Learning Club as well as our Saturday Morning Gardening Club. Both these clubs we hopefully start again soon but in the meantime, we will continue to ensure that the seeds are planted, watered and looked after.



Clubs for this Term 3

Please note the clubs operating for Term 3, including the ones run by NM Sport:



Breakfast Club (P1 – P7) from 8:00am daily

Morning Maths (P4 – P7) from 8:30am daily

Wake up and Shake Up (P4-P7) – Tuesday & Thursday from 8:15am

Monday- Multi Sports Club for P4 & P5. 3pm-4pm

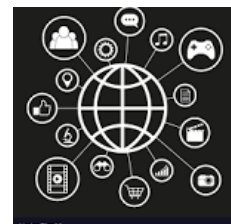
Tuesday- Football Club for P5, P6 & P7. 3pm-4pm

Thursday- Multi Sports Club for P5, P6 & P7. 3pm-4pm

To book contact Neil at NM Sports on 0784931352

P7 Internet Safety Talk

There will be an Online Safety Talk for Primary 7 pupils and their parents/Carers, which aims to help everyone navigate the benefits and challenges of using the internet on **Monday, 12th May at 2.15pm- 2.45pm**. Further information is outlined in a separate letter for P7 pupils. Online safety is growing concern for everyone, and it would be great to see as many Primary 7 parents/Carers at this talk as possible.



ODD SOCKS DAY

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On Friday 28 March we held another fundraiser for the Integration Education Fund (IEF) and raised a total of £313. The IEF provides funding for both small and large projects across integrated schools including our own Dollywood Imagination Library and a Trust Project our P2 classes participated in with Cranmore and Oakwood Integrated Primary Schools. Raising money for the IEF might seem strange given that they support schools through their donors, but it lets them know how appreciative we are for the efforts that they make by funding projects across our schools. Thank you to everyone who participated and brought their one pound to show we care 😊



Belfast Royal Academy
Transfer Test Information Evening
Thursday 15th May, 6.00 p.m.

Primary 6 pupils who wish to transfer to a post-primary school which uses academic selection for all, or part, of their Form 1 (Year 8) intake will sit the admissions assessment run by SEAG.

To provide guidance to parents/guardians of P6 pupils who are planning to sit the assessment in November 2025, we are holding an information session on Thursday 15th May at 6.00pm in the Assembly Hall. Parking will be available on-site.

We look forward to welcoming you to BRA for this important event and hope that it will provide useful information. Please register to attend at <https://tinyurl.com/BRAInfoEvening>

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Remaining Holidays

Don't forget that there is a second **May Bank Holiday** on **Monday 26th May** as well as the last two **School Development Days** on **Tuesday 27th** and **Wednesday 28th May 2025**. School will be **closed** for all children on these days.

The holiday sheet for 2025 / 2026 is also attached to this bulletin.

And Finally...

The sudden but not totally unexpected death of Pope Francis dominated the news across our TV channels for much of the second week of the Easter. Regardless of religious background, many of us watched the spectacle of the ceremonial events. It was clear that Pope Francis was respected across the world for both his humility and humanity. We know that many of our Roman Catholic families will hope and pray for a new pontiff with similar qualities to Pope Francis.



**CLIFTONVILLE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS 2025 – 2026**

TERMS STARTS **THURSDAY 28th AUGUST 2025**
(28th and 29th half days – 12 noon finish)

HOLIDAY	DATES	DAYS OFF	RETURN DATE
<u>Term 1</u>	Inclusive		
Half Term	Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025	5	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas	Monday 22 December - Friday 2 January 2026	10	Monday 5 January 2026
<u>Term 2</u>	Inclusive		
Half Term	Wednesday 11 February - Friday 13 February 2026	3	Monday 16 February 2026
St Patrick's Day	Monday 16 March - Tuesday 17 March 2026	2	Wednesday 18 March 2026
Easter	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	10	Monday 13 April 2026
<u>Term 3</u>	Inclusive		
May Day Break	Monday 4 May 2026	1	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Spring Break	Monday 25 May - Wednesday 27 May 2026	3	Thursday 28 May 2026
Term Ends	Tuesday 30 June 2026		

Exceptional Closure Days Included in the dates listed above:

School Development Days
27.10.25 / 11.02.26 / 30.03.26 / 26.05.26 / 27.05.26