

Headteacher's End of Year Update 2025

As the academic year comes to a close, it offers the opportunity for reflection and time to thank everyone for the part they played in making this year a success for the children at Cleves.

School Development

Throughout the year, we have been working on increasing the inclusivity of teaching to ensure that every child is supported in their learning and personal development. Every child is valued for their individuality and this is reflected in the way we teach and learn at Cleves. I am so proud of the staff for their commitment to and engagement with current research, unlocking the potential of every decision to increase the impact of teaching and learning. We have also developed more consistency between year groups, which will ensure confidence for children as they progress through their school journey.

Additionally, we have sought to increase our arts provision. It has been wonderful that every child has had the opportunity to perform on a musical instrument in a concert and that every child has had their artwork displayed in a public gallery. This also shows the dedication of staff to ensuring inclusivity when planning opportunities.

Sports provision continues to be excellent under the leadership of Mr Smith and Mr Mulea. I also appreciate their commitment to providing opportunities for children in other schools, which enables friendly competition and closer relationships with our neighbours. It has also provided opportunities for our children to develop leadership skills as they assist with events.

Community Voice

Cleves is committed to ensuring the best possible provision for our children. To enable us to reflect on this accurately, we survey staff, pupils and parents at this time of year. This helps us to be able to set strategic plans that are accountable to the pupils' needs and experiences. Pupils have been surveyed in classes and if you have not yet completed the survey, please follow [this link](#). It will close at the end of the school term.

End of year departures

As is often the case at the end of the school year, we do have some members of staff moving on. Miss Christian and Miss Arpesella are moving onto pastures new, and Mr Skinner is moving into retirement. Additionally, Mrs Grant is beginning her teaching career at a local school. We are so pleased for her and proud of her achievements in attaining a 1st class honours degree in teaching whilst also being an HLTA at school. Whilst we are very sorry to lose their expertise, commitment to collaboration, flexibility, warm personalities, valued experience and dedication to the children, we wish them all the very best of luck in their futures.

We also wish our fabulous year 6 children the best of luck as they transition into secondary school. Remember that every feeling you have right now is completely valid, but that every experience is a phase that changes and evolves. Take every opportunity provided to you and take time to remember the positives. You are so ready to make this step and, as your performance showed, you are very capable of achieving whatever you put your mind to. In this same sentiment, we wish the best of luck to every child moving on to another setting, and hope that you will remember your time at Cleves with fondness.

As my first year comes to an end, I am incredibly grateful for the kindness and support you have shown me throughout the year. Whilst there have been many unpredictable moments, I have truly cherished the consistent assistance you have provided. It has been lovely to have so much parent involvement, through so many different avenues such as events, residentials and information evenings and, with a community that is this strong and dedicated to providing the best possible experience for the children, we have shown that we can overcome any challenges that we may face. Cleves is a truly special place to be - a place that expects the best and will work hard to achieve it; a place that truly cares about the individual, be that child or adult. I wish you a happy, restful summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Green', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs N. Green
Acting Headteacher