



Cleves School

Learning Together

Headteacher's Update - May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Whilst being a very busy half term, it has been very productive for our children. Year 6 has been very busy sitting their SATs as they begin to reach the end of their journey at Cleves. Whilst results are important, what has truly impressed us has been the character, determination and resilience our children have demonstrated throughout this process. The way they approached their preparation – supporting one another, maintaining positive attitudes even when faced with challenging material, and showing genuine commitment to doing their best – has been nothing short of inspiring. These tests were never just about the outcomes; they were an opportunity for our pupils to develop the perseverance, self-discipline and growth mindset that will serve them so well as they transition to secondary school. The values they have shown are the qualities that will truly prepare them for the next exciting stage in their educational journey. We are immensely proud of every single one of them.

A Range of Opportunities or Experiences

At Cleves, we believe that education extends far beyond the classroom, and this half term has been a wonderful celebration of the broader opportunities and experiences we provide for all our children. Our commitment to sporting excellence has been evident throughout the year, with pupils participating in countless competitions and events – you can see the full range of these achievements showcased in our Sports Newsletter. We've been equally committed to providing memorable residential experiences, with Year 3, 4 and 5 all enjoying their respective trips, building independence, teamwork and lasting memories. The past two evenings have been particularly special, as over 200 young voices came together for our summer concerts, quite literally raising the roof! The passion, collaboration

and sheer joy on display was a beautiful celebration of the arts and a reminder of the talent we nurture here at Cleves. Year 3 have also enjoyed a wonderful art trip to the Lightbox, enriching their creative curriculum, and the excitement of watching chicks hatch and caring for them has provided a hands-on learning experience. This week, Year 6 have also had immersive learning experiences making Lion King masks and having a World War 2 themed day. These experiences – sporting, residential, artistic and practical – are integral to developing well-rounded, confident children who are ready to embrace all that life has to offer.

Transition Begins

We are already looking forward to welcoming our current Year 2 pupils into Year 3. The transition process has begun, with welcome meetings providing opportunities for families to meet the Year 3 team and ask any questions. Our Year 5 and 6 mentors have been showing the children around during their visits, helping them become familiar with their new environment and building those important relationships. Over the coming weeks, we'll continue to get to know these wonderful children better, and I'm confident that we'll make them feel completely welcome and supported as they take this exciting step in their Cleves journey. Transition is so important, and we're committed to making it as smooth and positive as possible for every child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. As summer seems to begin to arrive, I wish you a happy, restful half term.

Best wishes,

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Mrs N. Green
Acting Headteacher