



Cleves School
Learning Together

12th September 2025

Welcome Back!

This week we have been so pleased to see the children coming in, ready to learn and happy to be at school. We welcome all our new starters to Cleves, whether you are in Year 3 or further up the school, and we look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Meet the Teacher event and Year 5 Information Evening on Tuesday. Working together is vital for our children's learning journey and we are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Green



Our New Look

We are committed to ensuring clear, effective communication within the school community.

Following our parent survey, we are considering ways to develop our communication routes with parents to make it clearer, more inclusive and more streamlined.

You may have seen our welcome back video from last week. We are also trialling this new format of the Newsletter, which can be read more easily on phone screens and more easily navigated to find the most important parts for you and your family. We look forward to hearing your views on this format in the coming weeks.





Monday 15th September 6PM	Y4 Information Evening Performance Hall
Tuesday 16th September 6PM	Y6 Information Evening Performance Hall
Thursday 18th September 6PM	Y3 Information Evening Performance Hall
Friday 19th September 2:15PM	Welcome Service for Y3 St Mary Oatlands Church
Monday 22nd September	School Photograph Day
Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th September	Y4 River Trips - 24.09 4R & 4M, 25.09 4E & 4H & 26.09 4J & 4L
Wednesday 1st October	Y6 Victorian Day (classes 6P, 6F & 6PD)
Tuesday 7th October	Y5 ACS Steam Day at Thorpe Park
Tuesday 4th November	Prospective Parents Open Evening @ 6pm (change of date)

Contribution letter

Images of curriculum IT
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Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodivisity in Schools Programme

We are pleased to advise you that Cleves are participating in the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs. Please watch this video:

<https://youtu.be/6Af4UQ6bp2Y>

Supporting us in the PINS project will be Family Voice Surrey (the PCF for Surrey). Who are looking forward to meeting and supporting you throughout the process.

In the first instance to support the PINS Project, Family Voice Surrey have created a Parent Carer Survey. This is for all Parents to be able to share their thoughts and understand the project better. Please find below the link to that survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XH39QTP>

The closing date for the survey will be 19/09/25

We look forward to hearing your feedback from the survey.

Classroom Weekly Round-up

Year 3

What a great start our new Year 3 pupils have made to life at Cleves! Children are settling well and we are very impressed with how they are quickly adapting to our classroom routines. Poetry has been high on the agenda in our Literacy lessons this week. Children have explored a range of acrostic poems and written their own all about themselves. Some pupils were even brave enough to perform to their class! Our Maths has begun by exploring place value using a range of different concrete resources. To start our 'United Kingdom' topic we have explored maps of our local area from different periods in history as well as a most recent version. We were shocked to see how much the area around Cleves has changed! We have practised logging on to the Cleves Hub using our new details, so are all ready to start our first homework!

Year 4

Year 4 have had an incredible start to the academic year! We have been so impressed with their use of vocabulary in Literacy and their Place Value skills in Maths. We've enjoyed a fizzy Science experiment and a creative sketching lesson too. All the Year 4 teachers are buzzing about the year ahead!

Classroom Weekly Round-up (cont'd)

Year 5

We hope you have had a fantastic summer and that this finds you well and excited for the new school year! Firstly, we would like to thank all the families who attended our Meet the Teacher event as well as your engagement during our Parent Information Evening. Your involvement is crucial to us and we appreciate your ongoing support.

We have all had a wonderful first full week back! Our curriculum work has begun and the children have been eager to get cracking on the new learning. This term's topic is The Tudors and this week we looked at the Monarchs from 1066 to 1399 as well as discussing the Magna Carta and its Legacy. We have also discussed Rights and Responsibilities of the child (as we do every year at this time) and created new Class Charters, which lays the foundation for our classroom environment. It emphasises respect, responsibility, and kindness. This week in Maths, pupils began revisiting place value concepts, enhancing and building on their knowledge from the lower school. The children started work on their first literacy unit which is a 3rd-person narrative set in Mega City. They have already impressed with their descriptive language of contrasting settings.

Classroom Weekly Round-up (cont'd)

Year 5 (cont'd)

Year 5 began their journey into Tudor portraiture, looking at various examples of art work from the time. The final outcome at the end of the unit is always a real favourite amongst the children and we look forward to sharing these with you!

In Science, our focus this half term is Properties of Materials. This week we started grouping and classifying materials, using key vocabulary to group materials based on their properties. We look forward to sharing more highlights next week.

Classroom Weekly Round-up (cont'd)

Y6

What a fantastic first full week back we've had in Year 6! The children have thrown themselves straight into our brand-new topic on the Victorians with energy and curiosity. To kick things off, we explored a timeline of the Stuart and Hanover monarchs, which bridges our knowledge of the Tudors from Year 5 right through to the Victorian era. In addition, we've uncovered fascinating key events such as the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London. In Maths, we've been revisiting place value, working hard to strengthen our reasoning and problem-solving skills. In Literacy, our new unit is based on *Street Child* by Bertie Doherty, the moving story of a Victorian boy named Jim Jarvis. The children have impressed us with powerful vocabulary to describe the workhouse and used emotive language and “show, not tell” techniques to really step into the character’s shoes. We can’t wait to see these ideas come alive in their first hot task next week! Meanwhile, our “World Cup of Books” challenge is in full swing - each class is reading, reviewing, and voting for their favourites. We’ll be revealing the winning book from each class very soon! In Science, we've launched into our *All Living Things* unit, beginning with how to classify animals, plants, and microorganisms.

Classroom Weekly Round-up (cont'd)

Y6 (cont'd)

Already, the children have surpassed our expectations with their enthusiasm, focus, and positive learning behaviours. It's clear they're more than ready to rise to the exciting challenges of Year 6. We wish you all a well-deserved, restful (and hopefully dry!) weekend.

Cleves Hub Video Guide

We have put together a short video guide on how to navigate and sign into our Cleves Hub. This may be particularly useful for our new Y3 parents. The guide can be viewed by clicking the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f6BHaEtfP0>

Eco News

This year's Great British Beach Clean is taking place between Friday 19th-Sunday 28th September 2025. It's easy to get involved. Simply find a beach clean group or register as a volunteer and organise your own. Beach cleans are fun for all the family (including dogs!). The litter data collected helps to campaign for positive change for the ocean. In the past, the litter data has been used to make a positive impact on our ocean - including the introduction of the plastic bag charge, banning microplastics in personal care products and supporting a tax on single-use plastic items. Check out more information at the marine conservation society <https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean/great-british-beach-clean/all-about-the-great-british-beach-clean/>

22nd September is World Car Free Day when all around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic as well as making travel easier for those who rely on private vehicles for health and mobility reasons. It's a great opportunity to see what happens on your very own street when the traffic stops for a few hours as well as helping the environment!

House Points

Please see below for cumulative house points:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Accumulative Total</u>
Windsor	690
Arundel	654
York	666
Warwick	866

Congratulations

Lois Alexander (6B) last week completed her '43 days of summer 2025 challenge'! She ran a mile each day of the summer holidays for Shooting Star children's hospices and raised an amazing £331!

Well done Lois!



Congratulations to Artemis Kollias and Martha Jury on their fantastic success in their very first piano exams, taken just before the summer holidays – a wonderful achievement and a reflection of their hard work and dedication. There are still limited piano lesson spaces available this term; if you're interested, please email Lauren Twilley - hello@ltpmusic.co.uk

During the summer, Phoebe Vercoe 6T qualified as a PADI junior open water diver. She has now completed 12 open water dives across the UK, She spent several months studying for her course theory, which she passed, before completing her open water skills sessions. Well done Phoebe!



Absence Penalties (cont'd)

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

- If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

Absence Penalties (cont'd)

- If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Vacancies