

Welcome to the first of our half-termly sports newsletters. With so much going on at Cleves every week, this newsletter aims to capture all the sporting highlights from the past half term.

In the last seven weeks alone, over 100 children have represented the school in sports competitions, and more than 500 pupils are regularly attending one of our weekly extra-curricular clubs. This is fantastic — well done, everyone!

There are still plenty of opportunities to come before Christmas, with more competitions and festivals organised through the local sports partnership, which Cleves proudly leads, alongside partnerships with other local schools.

WWHSP

Once again this year, Cleves is leading the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership. The aim of this partnership is for local schools to work closely together to increase sporting opportunities for all pupils.



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The schools currently involved are: Cleves, Walton Oak, Burhill, Cardinal Newman, Manby Lodge Infants, Oatlands Infants, Grovelands, Ashley, St Charles and St James.

We're looking forward to another successful year of collaboration, giving even more children the chance to represent their school in local competitions and festivals. We'll keep you updated on developments in future newsletters.

SPORTS CREW TRAINING

At the beginning of October, our Year 6 Sports Crew and Play Leaders took part in leadership training delivered by Miss Childs.

The session introduced a range of fun, active games they can lead during lunchtime sessions, and explored what makes an effective leader — including teamwork, communication, and the core values of respect and inclusion.

Throughout the year, our Sports Crew will play a key role in helping deliver events and activities across the school and local community. Well done to everyone who took part!

MINI OLYMPICS

As part of the local sports partnership led by Cleves, we host Mini Olympics competitions each half term for our Year 3 and 4 pupils.

These events give children the opportunity to compete against other schools in a fun, supportive, and inclusive environment.

A few weeks ago, 4R and 4H took part in the first Mini Olympics of the year, alongside teams from Grovelands, Walton Oak, Ashley, and Burhill. Everyone showed brilliant teamwork and enthusiasm — well done!

A Year 3 competition will follow next half term, with more events planned throughout the year.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS

In October, Cleves entered two teams into the Cross Country Relay Championships at Bedfont Lakes, competing against ten other schools.

Each team of six ran in the order Year 6, Year 5, Year 4, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 — tackling a tough 1.4km course per runner.

Our athletes showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

In the girls' race, our team finished 9th overall, showing huge resilience and compassion after Martha was unable to complete her run due to illness. The remaining teammates supported each other superbly — a real credit to their character.

In the boys' race, our runners were outstanding, producing six excellent performances to win the event by more than two minutes — an incredible achievement!

A huge well done to all involved. You represented Cleves with pride, effort, and great team spirit.



RUNNING CLUB

Our Tuesday morning Running Club continues to go from strength to strength, with around 200 pupils attending each week — a fantastic turnout!

As in previous years, we're challenging pupils to run a marathon across the course of the school year. Any pupil who attends 18 sessions before Easter (not necessarily consecutively) will receive a special marathon medal.

FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Year 5/6 Fulham Foundation Cup

Our Year 5/6 boys had a fantastic day at the Fulham Foundation Cup, held at Fulham's professional training ground in early October.

We were delighted to enter two teams, giving the whole squad valuable playing experience inside Fulham's impressive indoor training dome.

- Team 1 dominated their group, winning matches 8–2 and 5–0, and have now qualified for the finals in January.
- Team 2 also played brilliantly, winning two of their three games. They adapted quickly to the high-intensity format and improved with every match.

It was a superb day of football, full of energy and teamwork — well done to everyone involved!

Just this week, the Cleves girls' football team took part in the girl's version of the Fulham tournament, once again held at Fulham FC's training ground. They delivered an outstanding performance. In their opening game, the girls were unlucky to draw 1-1, despite controlling much of the match and creating several chances. Determined to bounce back, they faced a strong opponent in the second game but rose to the challenge brilliantly, winning 2-0 with some fantastic free-flowing attacking football and solid defending.

With confidence high, the team went into their final group match knowing a big win could see them top the group. They delivered in style, dominating from start to finish and securing an impressive 5-0 victory. This result saw them finish top of their group on goal difference – a huge achievement in such a competitive tournament.

A huge well done to all the players for their effort, attitude, and fantastic football. The team now looks forward to representing Cleves in the Fulham FC finals in January.



Year 5 League Matches

The Year 5 Boys A Team kicked off their league campaign with a strong performance away at Walton Oak, winning 8–1 thanks to some superb attacking play and teamwork.

They followed this up with another excellent win away at St Paul's, showing great composure and teamwork to record an emphatic 14–0 victory.

Two great results to start the season — well done to all the boys involved!

Year 6 Fixtures

The Year 6 Boys B Team faced Echelford in a friendly fixture. Despite a 3–1 defeat, the boys showed resilience and determination, with Rocco scoring a well-taken goal and the whole team battling hard throughout.

The Year 6 Boys A Team began their league season away at St Anne's. After a balanced start, Cleves took control with a fine strike from Charlie, followed by goals from Kaan (2), Josh, Jack, Cedar, and Leo. The final score was an impressive 7–1.

A brilliant start to the season — particularly well done to Jacob and Josh, who made excellent debuts for the A team.

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

In early October, 14 Year 5 pupils represented Cleves at a Tag Rugby Festival hosted by St James' Senior Boys School.

We entered two teams, both of which performed superbly in fast-paced, competitive matches. Each team finished second in their group, meaning they met each other in the plate final — with only one point separating them in an incredibly close game!

Congratulations to all who took part, and a special mention to Chloe, who was awarded *Player of the Match* by the referee for her excellent performance and teamwork.



SWIMMING SQUAD

A huge thank you to all the parents who submitted swim times for their children to be considered for this year's Cleves Swimming Squad — we received over 60 submissions, which is fantastic!

Those who have been successful in gaining a place on the squad will be notified shortly, with the first training session taking place after half term.

It's shaping up to be an exciting season in the pool, with a number of swimming galas already lined up — including participation in a brand-new swimming league this year.

We're really looking forward to seeing our swimmers represent Cleves in the months ahead and reporting on their progress

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/CONGRATULATIONS

Cricket

Congratulations to Jack (Year 6) whose U10 Alligators East Molesey team won the Tier 1 League this season. Jack was also named Player of the Year for his team and has been accepted onto the Surrey CCC Talent Pathway U11 for 2026 — an amazing achievement. Well done, Jack!



43 Days of Summer Challenge

A huge well done to Lois Alexander (6B) who completed her "43 Days of Summer" fundraising challenge by running one mile every day throughout the summer holidays!

Lois raised an incredible £331 for *Shooting Star Children's Hospices*. A wonderful example of determination and kindness — congratulations, Lois!



District Football

Congratulations to Bert, Jack, Edward and Charlie, who have been selected for the Elmbridge and Runnymede District Football Teams this season — a fantastic achievement and a great reflection of their hard work and talent.

LIVE SPORTING EVENTS

At Cleves, we would like to keep a record of occasions when children at Cleves get to watch a live sporting event. If your child is lucky enough to see a game or competition of any sport, please can I ask you to complete the following form so we can keep a record. Please [click here](#) to complete the form.

SOCIAL MEDIA - CLEVES SPORT

Did you know that we have a Cleves Sport Twitter handle? You can follow us at @ClevesSport

This rounds up a very busy first half term at Cleves in terms of sports. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Smith

Sports Coach