

We find ourselves at the end of the academic year and what a successful year it's been in terms of sport at Cleves. In our final newsletter, there's once again lots to report on and celebrate.

SPORTS CLUBS

Our before school, lunchtime and after school extra curricular sports clubs have proved to be once again very popular this year. Sports offered include cricket, athletics, physifun, pickleball, football, badminton, netball, strength and conditioning, hockey, rugby, fitness and trampolining. Thank you to parents and carers who have reminded their children to attend these each week. With so much going on on a daily basis, your support is greatly appreciated.

In total, club attendance numbers are as follows for this academic year

- Year 3 - 139 (78 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 4 - 151 (85 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 5 - 158 (79 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)
- Year 6 - 156 (71 who have attended more than 1 different sports club)

The total number of children attending at least one block of sports clubs this academic year is 604 children. Huge congratulations, these are really impressive figures!

COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVALS

The total numbers of children who have represented the school in a competition or festival this academic year is as follows

- Year 3 - 180 (53 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 4 - 180 (65 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 5 - 125 (51 who have represented the school more than once)
- Year 6 - 131 (93 who have represented the school more than once)
- Total - 616 pupils out of 720 in the school. All children have been offered the opportunity to represent the school in sport this year. Congratulations to you all!



These figures demonstrate exactly why we were recently awarded the Platinum School Games Mark.

DISTRICT SPORTS

Back in June, the annual district sports took place at Walton Xcel, a competition that saw 15 schools from across the district take part. Cleves were only allowed to enter one team into the competition this year which gave an impressive 68 children the opportunity to represent the school. With the team selected back in May, the children spent the five weeks leading up to the competition practicing during the school day. However it must be said that with the field out of use, our practice was more limited compared to previous years. Nonetheless, the children excelled at the competition and there were impressive performances all round with many individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes.

At the end of the competition when the results were read out, there was much celebration with Cleves announced as overall winners. In the year group competition we also managed to win the year 4, year 5 and year 6 competition.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, our athletes behaved and conducted themselves brilliantly and their performances really stood out and drew many positive comments from other schools and parents.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support and helped with transport. It was much appreciated. District Sport Champions 2026!



FOOTBALL FINALS

This half term has finally seen the conclusion to the football season with a number of finals taking place and significant success for our teams. In total we've had over 150 children represent the school in football this year which is fantastic.

Our achievements included:

- Year 5 boys league and tournament winners
- Year 5/6 B team league winners
- Year 6 tournament and cup winners
- Year 5/6 girls league and cup winners

Below is a quick round up of games played this half term

Year 6 Boys Football

Just before half term, the boys narrowly missed out on the league title following a 1–0 defeat to Ashley School. It was a difficult result to take, especially as the boys had won every single league game throughout Years 5 and 6 up until that point. Congratulations to Ashley, who showed great determination and a real desire to win. Just after half term, the boys had the opportunity to put that disappointment behind them in a cup final against Cobham Free School. There was a clear determination to finish their footballing journey at Cleves on a high — and they certainly did not disappoint, securing a stunning 3–1 victory against a talented Cobham side. Throughout the game, the boys showed real hunger and determination to win the ball back. Once in possession, they moved the ball with confidence, creating some excellent passages of play and numerous chances. Leo Allard scored two first-half goals, before Leo Hart added a third shortly after half time. Cobham pulled one back, but the boys remained in control throughout. With a storm approaching, the game was abandoned with five minutes remaining, with the 3–1 scoreline standing. Huge congratulations to the boys, who thoroughly deserved the victory and have finished their footballing time at Cleves on a real high. Champions!



Year 5/6 Girls Football

On the final day of half term the girls football team played their cup final against Cardinal Newman. It was a hard-fought game in sweltering conditions but a moment of magic ensured that the cup returned to Cleves, with them winning 1-0. An outstanding effort in an exceptionally high-level game. The football on display was exceptional from both teams. They continued their form into the league finals on Monday 2nd, beating Manorcroft 4-0 before facing Cardinal Newman in a crunch match. Unlike the previous match, the conditions went the opposite way and the game had to be abandoned due to an impressive (and slightly scary) lightning storm.

Then, at the beginning of July, the girls travelled to face Cardinal Newman in the league final, played in sweltering conditions. It wasn't our strongest performance, and Cardinal Newman were the better side for much of the match, deservedly taking a 2–0 lead. After a long and demanding season, the girls have, at times, found it difficult to recover when games haven't gone their way. However, what happened next was one of the most inspiring displays of character we've ever witnessed. Despite the intense heat and with only minutes remaining, the team refused to give up.

Two brilliantly executed counter-attacks produced two outstanding goals, bringing the score level at 2–2 and sparking jubilant celebrations at the final whistle. The result means the league title is shared between two exceptional teams—a fitting outcome after such a fiercely contested and memorable season.



CRICKET

It's been a somewhat frustrating half term of cricket with the weather either being too wet or too hot to play matches. There were postponements in the girls district tournament and boys hardball three school tournament. Neither ended up being played due to school diaries just being too busy at the end of the term. The final cricket league matches of the year also didn't go ahead, the boys because of the heatwave and the girls because the other two schools couldn't field a team.

There has however been some action with the Year 6 boys team performing brilliantly in the district and then Surrey competitions. Please see below.

Year 6 Boys

What a sensational end of term for our Year 6 boys! Building on their glorious victory at the Elmbridge District Cricket Tournament - where they beat TDJS by just 4 runs in a nail-biting, closely contested final- the team proudly travelled to represent the district at the Surrey County Finals.

The boys started the day in blistering form, completely dominating the morning session. Showing incredible composure and power at the crease, they scored over 100 runs in each of their opening two matches (vs Reigate Priory and North Downs), securing comfortable victories and cruising straight through to the elite afternoon Gold Medal group.

The afternoon brought fierce competition, but our boys rose to the challenge beautifully. In a grueling round-robin against the best schools in the county, they won 2 out of their 3 matches, demonstrating superb skills with both bat and ball, amazing resilience under pressure, and outstanding teamwork.

When the final runs were tallied, it literally couldn't have been closer. The tournament came down to a statistical run countback, which ultimately placed our boys as the 2nd best team in the whole of Surrey! To finish as county runners-up is a monumental achievement. This was a tremendous performance by the boys from start to finish, and it was an absolute privilege to watch them play with such spirit and sportsmanship. Huge congratulations to the entire squad!

Squad: Bert, Edward, Freddie, Jack, Jack, Joe, Oliver, Vallen



SWIM, RUN, SHOOT FESTIVAL

Just last week, thirty nine Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting Swim, Shoot, Run Festival at Notre Dame School. The event, developed through our growing partnership with Notre Dame, introduced children to the exciting sport of Laser Run, combining swimming, laser pistol shooting and running in a fun, inclusive challenge.

After completing either a 50m or 100m swim, pupils independently navigated the transition area independently before demonstrating impressive focus and composure in the laser shooting discipline. They then finished with a determined 600m run.

It was a great event and everyone who took part should be extremely proud of themselves. Many pupils embraced a completely new sporting experience, stepping outside their comfort zones which was particularly pleasing to see. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another in such a supportive atmosphere, with the emphasis firmly on participation, enjoyment and personal achievement.

The laser shooting proved to be a real highlight of the afternoon. Our pupils showed remarkable calmness and concentration, particularly after the excitement of the swim and transition!

We hope to offer more chances for pupils to take part in this exciting and fast-growing sport during the next academic year.



TAG RUGBY

Just before half-term, two teams headed down to Old Cranleighans RFC for a fabulous all day Rugby festival. Both the boys and the girls teams were fantastic in both their approach and their skill level. The standard of support play, handling and pressure in defence was a testament to the hard work they have put in during training across the year.

While official scores were not taken throughout the day, I am happy to report that the Cleves' students won all but one of their 10 matches across the day. A huge thanks to Martin Davidson for again supporting the girls throughout the season and creating a real love of the game. He commented that the girls "were simply superb!"



CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to the 19 Year 6 runners from Cleves and St Charles who took part in the now annual 'Run to St Charles' event only yesterday. They were joined by Mr Nelson, Mrs Lockyer and Nick Rigby (Bert's Dad) who took part in the 4.2km run. This event is a celebration of their time at Cleves and their commitment to running and athletics. It was a perfect morning for running and an event that was enjoyed by everyone.



SPORTS DAYS

A huge congratulations to all of our pupils for the four very successful sports days. All the Cleves staff were exceptionally impressed with the level of sportsmanship, determination and effort in every carousel activity and competitive race. We clearly have some very talented pupils in our school!

The results were as follows

- 1st York
- 2nd Warwick
- 3rd Arundel
- 4th Windsor

WWHSP PARTNERSHIP

With Cleves taking the lead on the Walton, Weybridge and Hersham Sports Partnership (WWHSP), we have continued to host, organise and lead a number of sporting festivals this year. This not only gives pupils the opportunity to represent their school but also gives a number of our pupils the opportunity to lead and officiate at these events.



WWHSP
Walton, Weybridge, Hersham Sports Partnership

The WWHSP partnership has again grown and developed significantly this year with the following numbers taking part in WWHSP competitions/festivals and events from local schools in this academic year.

Manby Lodge - 90 pupils

Ashley - 360 pupils

Cardinal Newman - 25 pupils

Burhill - 330 pupils

St Charles - 150 pupils

Grovelands - 360 pupils

St James - 150 pupils

Walton Oak - 120 pupils

Oatlands School - 90 pupils

Cleves - 520 pupils

This is a total of 2195 pupils across 10 schools which is fantastic!

GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL TRIATHLON & AQUATHLON

Please [click here](#) to find out details of a triathlon and aquathlon event taking place at Guildford High School on Saturday 26th September 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Congratulations to George who recently raced in a Hyrox challenge in Berlin. He was the fastest British athlete in his age category finishing 13th out of 75 boys!



Some of the year 5 Cleves boys won the u10 Walton and Hersham United tournament on Sunday. They asked me to let you know and send a photo (attached), for possible inclusion in the school newsletter. It was Ralph Hemy, Jessie Bennet, Dylan Davies and William Solomon.



This rounds up a very busy summer term and year of sporting action. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and we look forward to reporting on all the events that take place in the next academic year.

Mr Smith - Sports Coach