



Cleves School
Learning Together

1st May 2026

Welcome

It has certainly felt like summer is just around the corner this week, with the improving weather, the grass on the field beginning to grow and the arrival of our chicks in Year 3. It has been lovely for the children (and staff!) to watch them hatch and grow over the week, learning how to care for them.

As the weather improves, we have also seen an increase in the use of the woodland next to the field being used before and after school for riding bikes. Whilst it is great for children to get exercise and fresh air, we do need to remind families that the area is off school grounds and therefore staff are unable to supervise children using this area. We have had some injuries take place and children coming in late because they have lost track of time. The space is also used by children from other schools.

Additionally, members of the public use this space as a pathway and have found it intimidating at times. Please remind your children that it is a public footpath and that they do need to come into school at 8:30. Helmets are also a necessity to ensure their safety. Thank you for your support.





4 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
6 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3M & 3D)
7 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3A & 3J)
8 May	Class Assembly - 4R
8 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3GR & 3W)
11-14 May	Y6 SATS
12-15 May	Y5 Residential
14 May	Y5 Non-Residential Activity Day - Walton Firs
20 May	Summer Concert 1
21 May	Summer Concert 2
22 May	Class Assembly - 3J
25 May	Half Term

Year 3

Zoolab last week!



This week the children have started their new Literacy unit 'Explanation Text: Life Cycle of a Butterfly.' The real life caterpillars in the classroom are happily munching away and getting ready to become beautiful butterflies!

In Maths, they have started a new unit 'Money' and are getting really good at counting their coins/notes and working out their change.

In Science, the children have been very excited as the chicks are getting ready to hatch. Next week, they will get to hold them!

Year 4

After a busy week at Hooke Court, the children have come back excited and ready to learn. They began the week by recording their poems in the style of 'The Jabberwocky' on Seesaw and have now started an exciting new narrative unit based on a Viking attack. As part of this, they have been exploring the structure of a story and working on improving their sentences by using action through powerful verbs and adverbs

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, focusing on tenths, hundredths, and partitioning decimal numbers to deepen understanding.

In Science, we have continued our learning about living things and their habitats, where the children enjoyed constructing their own food chains.

In History, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the legend of Boudicca and how she resisted the invasion of the Romans. The children have explored her story, discussing why she is remembered as an important figure in history.

Year 5

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 5 - children have added the finishing touches to their Treasure Island inspired stories. They have been writing about two contrasting pirates, focusing on dialogue, descriptions and capturing life at sea.

In Maths, we have started a new unit on decimals, including money, while in Science pupils have continued exploring levers, pulleys and gears through practical investigations.

In Geography, as part of our landforms topic, we have been learning about mountains and how to locate them on a map. Children have also been developing their gymnastics skills, combining balances, jumps and rolls .

Thank you for the biscuits sent in so far – they are very much appreciated! We ended the week with an assembly to prepare the children for the upcoming residential... only 11 days to go!

Year 6

It has been a truly impressive week at school, highlighted by the children's fantastic approach to writing as they dive deeper into our World War II focus on Friend or Foe. The level of empathy and detail shown as they gather more knowledge about the realities of the Evacuation and the Blitz has been wonderful to see.

In Science, there has been a great understanding shown across the board regarding the cardiovascular system, particularly during our practical sessions exploring the immediate effects of exercise on heart rate.

We are also incredibly proud of the commitment shown by our students outside of the traditional classroom setting, from those showing brave determination in their ongoing production auditions to the athletes pushing themselves during District Sports tryouts. It has been a great week all round—well done to everyone!

Free School Meals Eligibility

Please could we encourage you to check eligibility for free school meals for students. Surrey County Council estimates there are over 2,000 families who would likely be found eligible for free school meals, but aren't currently accessing this entitlement.

Currently, any child found eligible for free school meals enjoys protected status under transitional protection arrangements, meaning they remain eligible until the end of their current phase of education. However, this may change very soon with the media reporting expected ending of these protections.

Any questions about eligibility should be direct to our Welfare Officer, Mrs Pyott.
(jpyott@cleves.co.uk)

Please [click here](#) to take you to the Free School Meal application form.

School Lunches

Please remember to book school dinners on Scopay at least 72 hours in advance and discuss choices with your child so that they are happy with what they are eating.

If your child has not got a booked lunch, we will expect that you will provide a packed lunch on that day.



House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
8,938	7,885
York	Warwick
6,705	5,367

Sports News

Despite the field being out of use for this half term, there has still been plenty going on this week.

Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics Competition

Yesterday, Cleves hosted the Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics Festival, welcoming teams from Grovelands and St James. The event formed part of the WWHSP partnership work, which Cleves leads, and was a fantastic example of schools coming together through sport.

For the 24 Year 4 pupils representing Cleves, this was their first experience of Sportshall Athletics—and what an introduction it was! The afternoon was packed with energy and excitement, featuring a range of running, throwing and jumping events, alongside competitive team relays and individual challenges.

The competition was incredibly close, with just ten points separating first and third place. All teams demonstrated great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

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We are delighted to share that Cleves were announced as the overall winners—an excellent achievement and a great reward for the pupils' effort and enthusiasm.

Well done to everyone involved!



South East Regional Primary Swimming Championships

Following the team's fantastic performance at the Surrey Primary Swimming Championships back in March, we were delighted to learn that Cleves had qualified for the Regional Championships. This prestigious event brings together the top schools from Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex and Kent.

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An incredible achievement in itself, the team qualified in both the freestyle relay and medley relay events—marking the first time Cleves has reached this level in both categories.

The Regional Finals took place last Saturday at Guildford Spectrum, where our four swimmers represented the school with determination and pride. Their effort, commitment and teamwork were outstanding throughout.

Competing against some of the strongest swimmers in the South East, the team finished around 14th place in both events—an impressive result at such a high level. This means we can proudly say that Cleves has some of the best young swimmers in the South East of England.

A huge well done to Mafalda, Thomas, Amelia and Jessica for their fantastic achievement!
(see next slide for photo)

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London Mini Marathon

Huge congratulations to the 40 Cleves pupils who took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday. This fantastic event, held the day before the London Marathon, brings together thousands of children from schools across the country to take part in one of the UK's biggest youth running celebrations.

Pupils ran either 1 mile or 2.6km through the iconic streets of London, finishing on The Mall - just like the elite marathon runners do the following day.

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A hugely enjoyable and memorable occasion, the event is designed to inspire young people to be active and experience the excitement of a major sporting event. I hope many of our pupils have been inspired to one day take on the full London Marathon themselves!

Well done to all involved - an incredible achievement and a brilliant representation of Cleves School.



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Eco News

Become a Litter Hero!

Go litter picking around your local area. Click [here](#) to find out about the UK's biggest litter picking community. Read Elmbridge hints and tips on litter picking [here](#).

Click [here](#) to join a local litter picking team.



Congratulations

Piano Exams

We're so pleased to share that Martha (6F) and Arnya (6F) recently took their piano exams and both achieved Merits—what a wonderful achievement! Learning with LTP Music, they've worked really hard and shown great commitment in their lessons, and it's lovely to see that effort paying off. This success is thoroughly deserved, and we can't wait to see how they continue to grow and enjoy their music.

PINS PROJECT

As you are aware from our previous items in the Newsletter and Evening News, the school took part in the Surrey Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Programme, in order to promote inclusion and further develop and improve the support for children in our school, including additional needs.

Following our involvement in the programme, we are pleased to invite parents and carers to attend our first parent forum in school, which will be held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 9.00-10.00 am.

Please see the attached Terms of Reference if you are interested in attending. The focus of the meeting will be, how the school identifies needs and the SEND procedures and processes that are in place to support the children.

All parents are welcome, however we believe it would be most beneficial to parents whose children have additional needs. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Jacoby on sjacoby@cleves.co.uk so that we have an idea of numbers attending and can arrange refreshments accordingly.

Parking for Drop Off

A reminder to please take extra care when parking to drop off your children at the start of the day.

For everyone's safety, we ask that drivers avoid pulling up or stopping on the zebra crossing, as this makes it difficult for pupils and families to cross safely.

Additionally, please switch off your engines when parked.

Thank you for helping us keep the area around school safe for all.



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>



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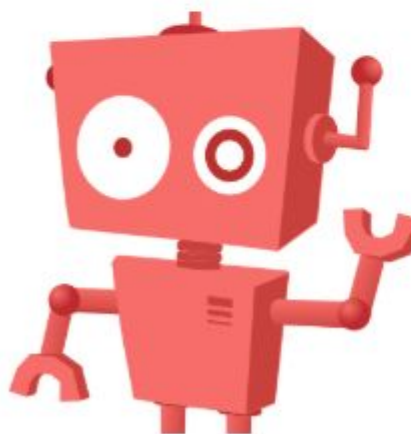
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW

Absence Penalties

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

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- 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.

Leave of Absence

Please be aware that we have introduced a new system for the recording of absence using a newly created page on our school website. This will allow us to centralise the messages we receive and create a smoother process for our staff.

The [Absence Reporting Tab](#) allows you to record:

1. Sickness (on the day)
2. Requests for absence from school - known in advance

Please note that the email address absence@cleves.co.uk is no longer in use. We kindly also ask that you do not email info@cleves.co.uk or office@cleves.co.uk with any absence information as these inboxes are not monitored consistently throughout the day. This will help ensure that your message is received promptly by our admin team.

Please find below the link to our new Absence Reporting form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPrvlzFARXff-ZCD60nzsAVpSxknSh-qbgtTrrCPu2qgD8YQ/viewform?usp=header>

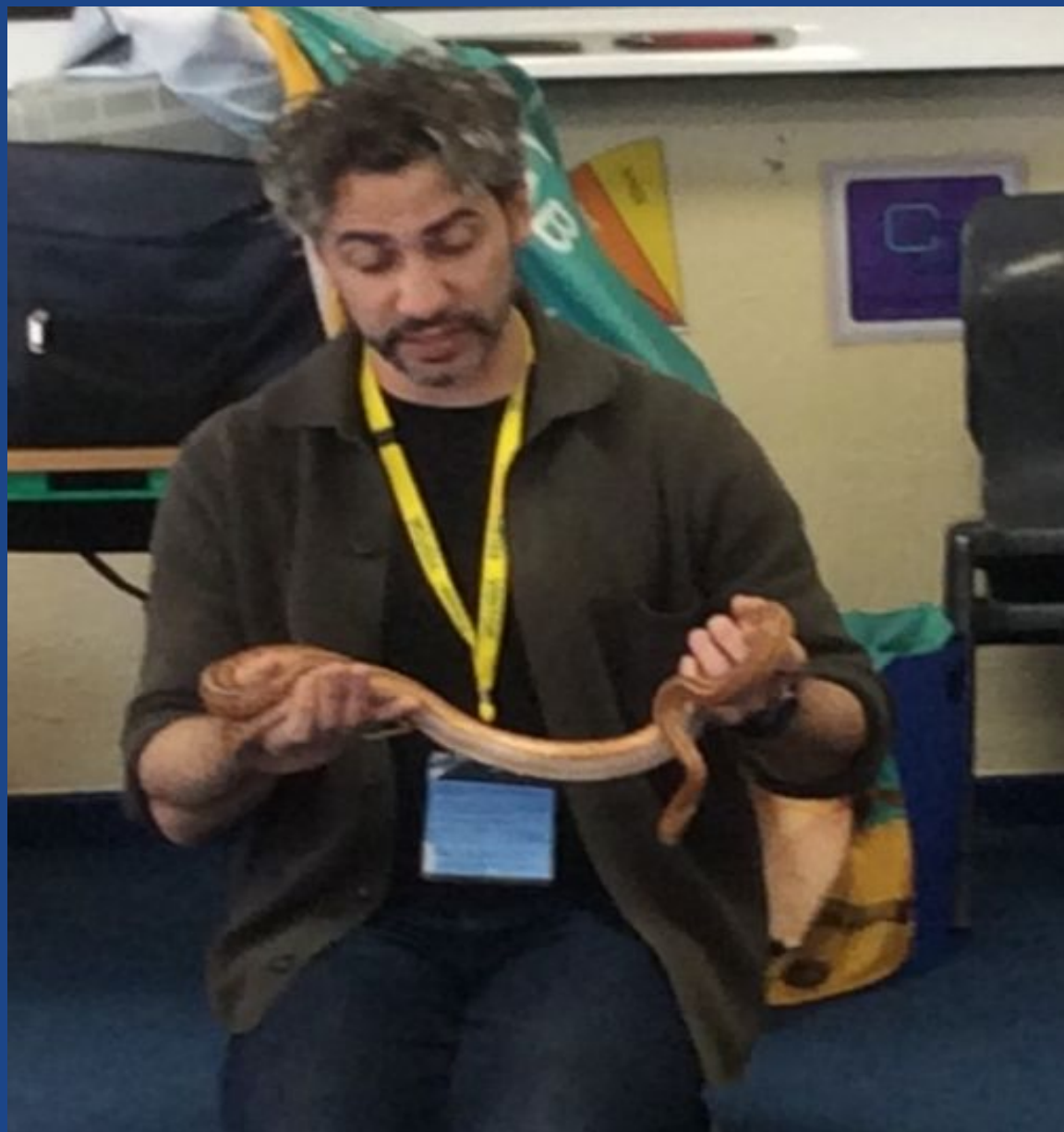
This Week in Photos....

Y3 Zoolab Experience



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Y3 Chick Hatching Programme

