



Cleves School
Learning Together

4th September 2026

Welcome

Welcome back to the new academic year for all of our existing families, and welcome to Cleves for all of our new starters. As your new Headteacher, it's been a very exciting few days getting ready for the start of term earlier in the week and then welcoming you all back into school yesterday. I am acutely aware that the lack of a substantive Headteacher in recent terms has been a challenge for everyone, but I'm delighted to be here and to be working with Mrs Green, Mrs Flaherty and the rest of the team to serve the Cleves community.

I've been so impressed by the enthusiasm, friendliness and diligence of pupils as they begin the school year. In assembly this week we focussed on creating a ripple effect of small acts of kindness that could make a big difference to our school over time. I've asked pupils to consider how they can contribute to a school that promotes the Cleves values of kindness and inclusiveness.

The roadworks outside the school have been a far-from-ideal backdrop to the start of term. Thank you for your patience while they are completed over the next few weeks. Once completed, they will contribute to a safer environment outside the school.

Thanks to everyone who has helped me to feel so welcome this week. Already I can see why Cleves is such a special school. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks at the year group information evenings!

Mr Skehan - Headteacher





8th September	Y6 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
10th September	Y5 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
15th September	Y3 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
17th September	Y4 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
18th September	Class Assembly - 6N
21st September	School Photo's - Individual & Siblings
23rd September	Y4 River Walk - 4M & 4R
24th September	Y4 River Walk - 4A & 4H
25th September	Y4 River Walk - 4J & 4P
25th September	Class Assembly - 6F



2nd October	Harvest Festival - Class Assembly - 5T
2nd October	Y4 Mini-Olympics
6th October	Y5 Outdoor Learning
9th October	MUFTI DAY - World Mental Health Day - Wear ‘Yellow’
9th October	Class Assembly - 6S
14th October	Parent Consultation - after school
15th October	Parent Consultation - after school
16th October	Class Assembly - 5B
19th - 30th October	Half Term
2nd November	School Restarts

Year 3

What a fantastic start to Year 3! It has been an absolute joy opening our doors to a brand-new school year, and we are thrilled to share just how brilliantly our Year 3 children have settled into their new environment. Stepping up to Key Stage 2 is a big milestone, but pupils have embraced the change with immense enthusiasm, big smiles, and fantastic mature attitudes.

After just two days in their new school, children have settled in brilliantly and have already shown such enthusiasm, confidence and excitement about the year ahead.

Our learning kicked off with a deep dive into what truly makes a great school year. Children spent time reflecting on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, using this framework to spark some wonderfully thoughtful classroom discussions. They explored why the right to a quality education is just as vital as the right to rest, relax, and play, balancing the importance of hard work with well-deserved downtime.

Year 3 (cont'd)

To help teachers get to know the unique individuals behind the new faces, children created "exploding photographs". They included sentences illustrating their personal interests, favourite hobbies, and unique personalities. Children then turned into data detectives by collecting, displaying, and interpreting information about everyone's birthdays—discovering which months were the most popular to celebrate!

It has been an action-packed, energetic start to the term. Children have shown wonderful curiosity, kindness, and readiness to learn, and we couldn't be prouder of how smoothly they have made this transition. We are now looking forward to an exciting and successful year filled with learning, laughter and lots of new experiences.

Rest up over the weekend—we are so excited to jump into our very first full week ahead!

The Year 3 Team

Year 4

Well done on settling in brilliantly into your new classes, Year 4. The Year 4 teachers have been so impressed with your enthusiasm for learning especially as we have jumped straight in with our first Literacy unit.

We cannot wait to start making wonderful memories with you all as we journey through the academic year. Who's excited for the River Trip in a few weeks? We are! Don't forget about Science Day in the Autumn Term - our tummies are already gurgling with anticipation...

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

What a fantastic start to the year! Although this has been a very short two-day week, the children have already settled in brilliantly and have impressed us with their fantastic learning behaviours. It has been wonderful to see them returning to school with such enthusiasm, confidence and a real eagerness to learn. We are incredibly proud of the positive start they have made!

In preparation for our exciting Tudor history unit, the children have been busy developing their understanding of Britain's history from 1066 to 1399. They have explored the monarchs who ruled during this fascinating period and begun to build a timeline of key events and changes.

We have also delved into two significant events: the signing of the Magna Carta and the devastating impact of the Black Death. The children have been fascinated by these important moments in history and have enjoyed considering how they shaped life in Britain.

We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend and look forward to another exciting week of learning!

Year 6

It has been so lovely to welcome all of our Year 6 children back after their summer break! They have made a fantastic start to the new school year, getting to know their new classes and settling into their Year 6 roles and responsibilities.

The children have already been busy with their learning, beginning a Literacy unit based on a fantastic short film about a rusty robot. In History, we have started exploring the monarchs of Britain from 1485 to 1837, discovering the fascinating events and people that shaped this period.

Well done, Year 6, on such a fantastic start. We look forward to all the exciting learning and adventures ahead.

The Year 6 Team

ROADWORKS OUTSIDE CLEVES

A reminder to please allow extra time for your journey to and from school, as traffic is likely to be heavier than usual, particularly at peak times.

We ask all parents and carers to take extra care during this period and to ensure that you:

- **drop children at the gate and do not walk your child to class from Monday**
- where possible, consider walking to and from school to help minimise the amount of traffic around the site.
- drive slowly, park safely and considerately around the school.
- be patient and courteous towards other road users, pedestrians and members of the school community.
- please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid causing inconvenience or obstruction to local residents - do not obstruct driveways, pavements, entrances or the flow of traffic.

Please note the St Mary's Church car park remains closed.

RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

Please note that the school Reception now closes at 4:00 pm each day.

To help us support this change, we kindly ask that any enquiries, collections, or visits requiring Reception assistance are completed before 4:00pm wherever possible. If you need to contact the school after this time, please use the usual communication channels and we will respond as soon as possible during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we implement this change.

LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM

Last year we introduced 'Language of the month' and the children and staff learned key phrases from the following languages - French, Turkish, Urdu, Afrikaans, Spanish, Korean and Arabic.

This year we have decided to change our 'Language of the Month' to 'Language of the Half Term' so that we can spend a little bit of extra time learning and using the different phrases in each new language.

I am excited to announce that our first Language of the half term is -



LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM

Język semestru



Polish

Official language of:
Poland



Cześć
Hello

Dziękuję
Thank you!

Jak się
masz?
How are
you?

Proszę
Please

Czuję się
dobrze,
dziękuję.
I am fine,
thank you

Do
widzenia
Goodbye

Summer Read Aloud Challenge

What an incredible summer of reading! 102 of our children took part in the Read Aloud Challenge and their fantastic efforts helped our school achieve an amazing 6th place out of 255 schools from across the country! 🎉

A huge well done to Oliver in 4R, who finished an incredible 99th out of 4,977 pupils nationwide! ✨ Oliver's fantastic reading earned him a well-deserved £5 book voucher – what a brilliant achievement!

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who took part. Your enthusiasm, dedication and love of reading have made us incredibly proud.



Every child who participated has earned 10 House Points as a reward for their fantastic effort!

Keep reading, keep enjoying books and keep reaching for the stars! ✨📚



Congratulations

Congratulations to Sophia (6B), who has passed her very first piano exam with a distinction!

Sophia learns with LTP Music here at Cleves and has worked incredibly hard for this. Her dedication and progress have been a joy to see, and the result is thoroughly deserved. Well done, Sophia!

If you are interested in piano lessons at Cleves, please contact hello@ltpmusic.co.uk

New Free School Meals Eligibility

As you may be aware the Government are extending the Free School Meal eligibility. This will mean that from September 2026 all children from households in **receipt of Universal Credit** will be entitled to receive a free meal.

There will be two levels of Free School Meals, targeted and expanded.

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. This will include free school meals, an after-school club and financial support if needed for trips.

Expanded FSM, This is a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. These children will receive free school meals only.

If you think you are eligible, please click on the link below and complete the Eligibility form:

FSM Eligibility Form

If you are experiencing financial hardship at any time and need support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyott - jpyott@cleves.co.uk or Miss Clarke - gclarke@cleves.co.uk

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.



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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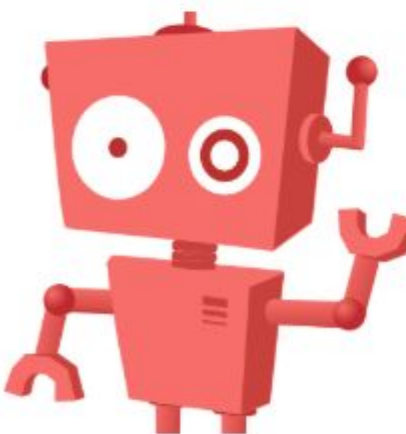
DRIVE



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 & Sickness

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 the Absence Reporting form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5LQvyzoZ7_IX0ekeR68mCQJDMGvb82dh9Do2ubVwXUaS29w/viewform

Please find below the link to our Sickness Reporting form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjjG7VMV91zWp5Y0GJyFONDHkBJBlnaszmtLsaG2FHjb-FOQ/viewform>