



Cleves School
Learning Together

6th February 2026

Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Unfortunately, the recent weather has meant that some clubs and team sporting competitions have had to be cancelled, which has been disappointing for both pupils and staff. We are keeping our fingers crossed that next week's weather is kinder, allowing us to return to our usual routines and activities.

On a much brighter note, Year 6 had a truly exciting trip to London to see The Lion King at the theatre. The children represented the school wonderfully and returned full of enthusiasm after such a memorable experience.

Remember that next Friday is our 'True colours' mufti in support of Children's Mental Health Week.

Have a lovely weekend!





9th February	Class Assembly - 6T
13th February	Class Assembly - 4M
13th February	Children's Mental Health Week - 'True Colours' Mufti Day
16th-20th February	Half Term
3rd March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4M & 4R
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Class Assembly - 4J
10th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4E & 4L
12th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4H & 4J
13th March	Class Assembly - 3GR
16th March	Y4 Tuning Up Concert



17th March	Class photos
17th March	Y6 Tuning Up Concert
18th March	Y3 Tuning Up Concert
19th March	Y5 Tuning Up Concert
20th March	Parent Consultation Day - School closed
26th March	Class Assembly - 3W
27th March	Last day of term - finish 1.45pm

Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week, full of exciting learning and hands-on experiences!

In DT, each class thoroughly enjoyed making their own falafel. The children loved getting involved in the cooking process and followed important health and safety rules when preparing food. They were very proud to taste what they had made.

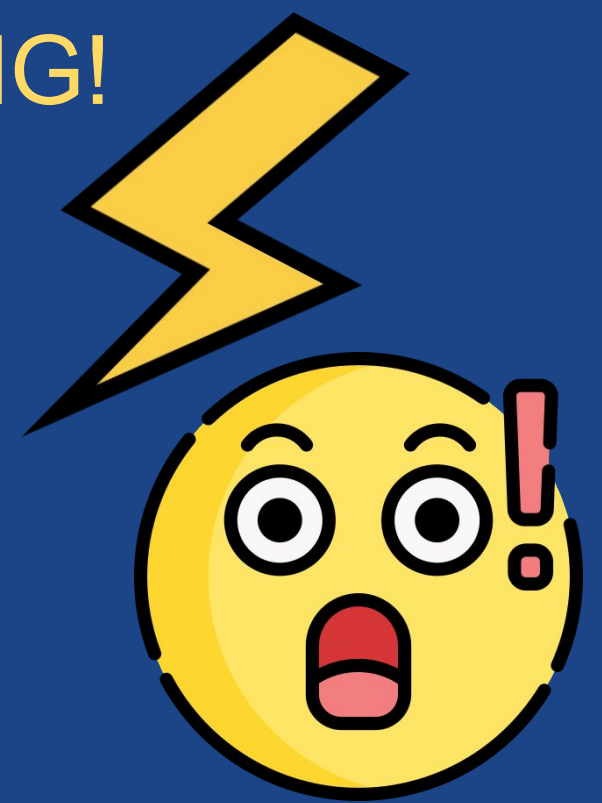
In Literacy, we have enjoyed starting our new narrative writing based on a trip back in time. This week, the children focused on writing dialogue, remembering how to correctly punctuate speech and make conversations clear and engaging.

In Maths, the children have continued to enjoy their unit on measure and perimeter. They have been converting between units of measurement, adding and subtracting different lengths, and applying their skills to calculate the perimeter of different shapes.

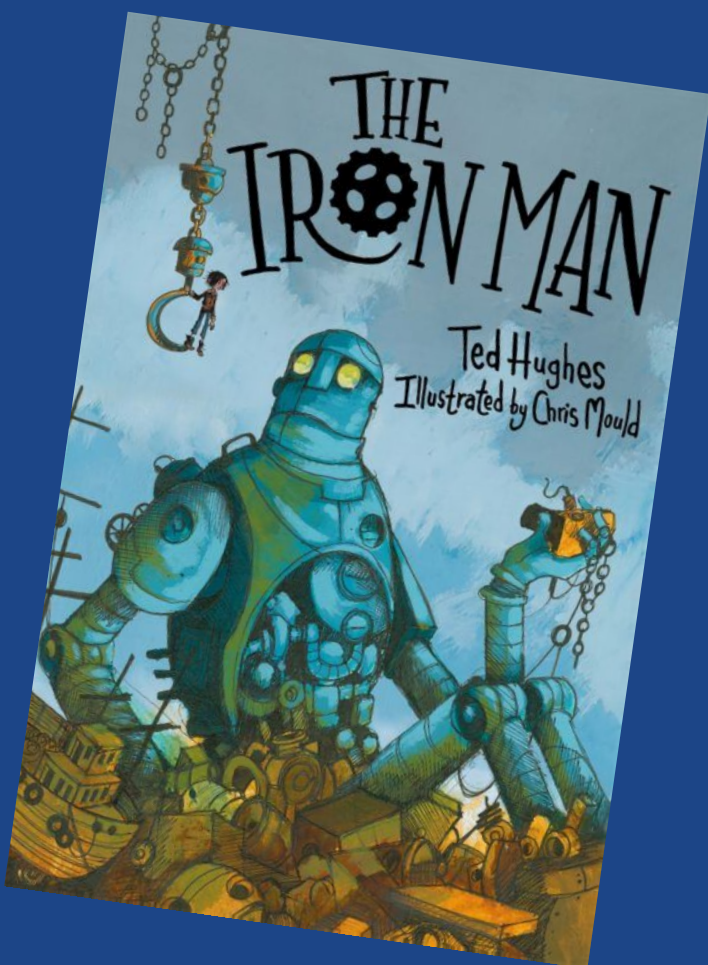
We look forward to another exciting week of learning next week!

Year 4

Did you know that a lemon can be used to create electrical energy?! Did you know that if you sharpen both sides of a pencil and attach cables to the lead tips, the pencil will conduct electricity?! That's what Year 4 have discovered this week in Science - and the revelations have been SHOCKING!



In our other avenues of learning, we finished our narratives of Theseus and the Minotaur and are excited to adopt the mindset of the Iron Man in our new unit of writing diary entries.



Nevertheless, we've really enjoyed developing our knowledge of Greek Gods and Goddess. Who doesn't love a game of Greek Top Trumps?!



Year 5

It's been busy this week in Year 5. We have completed our Literacy unit on space, we will be moving onto writing a life cycle about penguins.

In Science, we explored the differences between the Heliocentric and Geocentric models to explain our solar system.

In Topic, we learned about the ISS and what life is like in space. We went over what daily life looks like from cutting your hair to how you go to the toilet! This is interesting to link to the Artemis missions and ultimately the journey to Mars.

Year 6

We have had a great hands on week in Year 6 this week! We have continued our Spooky Stories unit in Literacy, which we have thoroughly enjoyed and am sure the teachers will be having nightmares after reading! We have also been to the theatre in London to see the amazing Lion King show and we will be using this fantastic experience over the next few weeks in Literacy to write a theatre review.

We have had some very important discussions this week in PSHE regarding prejudice and discrimination, looking at the consequences of these and how to recognise when these may be taking place. We have also furthered our understanding of our Pollution unit in Geography, specifically looking at strategies we can put in place to tackle plastic pollution.

Language of the Month

As we have started a new month, we have a new Language of the Month - Urdu!

This language is one of our most widely spoken languages at Cleves and is another opportunity to celebrate the diversity across the school.

Alongside the Language of the Month, we are trialling an 'Experts' get together'. This is an opportunity for children who speak Urdu, our experts, to come with a friend to meet other children who speak the same language. Our first get together was this week and I had lots of children come along and have a great time getting to know each other.



Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment

A consultation has been launched for the road outside the front entrance of Cleves, which is designed to create a safer environment for children and parents on their journey to and from school. The proposal includes the following three elements:

- **Removal of existing layby** - The Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment recommended removing the layby due to congestion and poor sightlines caused by parked vehicles. Its removal will allow the pavement to be widened, improving space for those walking, cycling, scooting, or waiting outside the school gates.
- **The relocation of the wider Zebra Crossing** – Observations showed many parents and carers cross Oatlands Avenue directly outside the school gate to reach the church car park, rather than using the current crossing. Installing a wider zebra crossing on a raised table at this desired line will provide a safer, more convenient controlled crossing point.

Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment

- **Traffic Calming** – the installation of two sets of speed cushions to reduce vehicle speeds on the approaches to the new zebra crossing.

Why relocate the Zebra Crossing?

A refurbishment option was considered to retain the zebra crossing in its current location, including widening the crossing, adding LED lighting, and installing a raised table. However, the cost of these improvements was comparable to relocating the crossing to the proposed new site which aligns with the desire line currently used by children and families crossing Oatlands Avenue.

There is a public consultation between **30th Jan and 27th February 2026**. The consultation is online using our Commonplace web portal.

The link to this portal is: [Have Your Say Today - Cleves Primary School - Proposal Of Measures To Improve Road Safety - Commonplace.](#)

EAL Family Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all the families who took the time to complete our questionnaire.

It has been so wonderful to read such positive comments about how well supported your children feel at Cleves. It was also incredibly helpful to read your feedback and suggestions for additional ways we can support both the children and the families.

We have already put wheels into motion to action some of your suggestions and in the next few weeks we will be sharing with you all the ways we have done this.

Cleves Needs Your Help!

We would like to create an International Book shelf in our library filled with popular children's books written in a range of languages.

Unfortunately we are finding it very tricky to source these books.

Are you going abroad this half term? If the answer is yes, then if you can we would love for any families to pick up popular children's book from a bookshop/charity shop to donate to our International shelf. Do you have any popular children's books at home that are translated into a different language? If you no longer require the books we would love for you to donate them to our library.

All donated books will get a little plaque in the front cover saying who has donated the book.

All donations would need to be books by well known authors, translated into a language other than English, to ensure they are suitable for the children. Examples include - JK Rowling, Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, etc..

Family Voice/PINS Project

Come along to a meeting to promote inclusion at Cleves. There will be an update from the SENCO's regarding inclusion work in school, including the work undertaken from the PINS project and a brief discussion about how parent and carer forums could work in the future in school. Please see the attached Terms of Reference on the front email.

Everyone is welcome, however it would be most useful to parents whose children have additional needs. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Jacoby on sjacoby@cleves.co.uk to let the school know so that we have an idea of numbers attending.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th February at 9.15am and will last approximately one hour.

Parent EDI Questionnaire

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking all families to take part in our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) questionnaire. Please find the link to the questionnaire [here](#). Your thoughts and experiences are very important to us and will help continue to make our school a welcoming, fair and inclusive place for every child. The questionnaire is open for one more week and will close on Friday 13th February.

By completing the questionnaire, you will help us understand what we do well and where we can improve. Your feedback will be used to guide school planning, develop staff training and create initiatives that celebrate diversity and support all children in reaching their potential. Every voice matters and your honest answers will help shape a positive learning environment for everyone.

The questionnaire should take 10-15 minutes to complete. If you would like it translated or need help to complete it, please contact Mr Jacoby (mjacoby@cleves.co.uk) who will be happy to support you.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mr Jacoby

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.

Breck Foundation Visit – Online Safety Sessions

We are pleased to inform you that on **Wednesday 4th March**, our school will be welcoming a speaker from the **Breck Foundation**, a charity that specialises in educating children and adults about online safety.

The sessions will be delivered as follows:

- **Year 3 and Year 4:** Online Safety
- **Year 5 and Year 6:** Separate sessions covering Online Safety and Grooming (*Breck's Story*)
- **School staff** will also take part in a dedicated after-school session.

In addition, parents and carers are invited to attend an **online talk on Monday 2nd March 6-7pm**, led by the Breck Foundation. This session will help you understand the issues discussed with the children and provide guidance on how to support your child's online safety at home. The session will be attended by parents from several schools.

We believe this is an extremely important topic, and that using experienced professionals with up-to-date knowledge of online practices is essential. However, the cost of providing these sessions is significant, and we would be grateful for any voluntary donations to help offset the expense.

If you feel able to contribute, donations can be made via **Scopay** under **Products**.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Eco News

Find your local zero waste shop.

Support local and reduce single-use packaging. Since 2018 hundreds of zero waste shops have popped up around the UK, making them easy to find!



Thank you!

Last year, we asked for contributions to support us in maintaining the excellent provision that we provide to the children at Cleves.

Our IT provision:

- Chromebooks 1 between 2 children
- Ipads
- Radio station
- Green screen
- Lego programming
- Sports screen for modelling
- And lots, lots more!

Links for this contribution, or whatever you can afford, is on your Scopay account. Please look carefully at whether you are able to Gift Aid your contribution so that we can benefit from more, without cost to you.

 **We've now raised an incredible £12,937!** 

Thank you to all the year groups for the donations received. We have purchased 20 chromebooks with another 30 on the way! This is a truly amazing achievement and would not have been possible without the support of our Cleves community.

Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

Internet Safety Guide

This week's newsletter explores what parents and educators need to know about Memes.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MEMES**

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.



House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
6,024	6,781
York	Warwick
7,447	8,046

Sports News

It's been a really wet week at Cleves which sadly has led to most of our lunchtime clubs being cancelled. The field is currently very muddy and really needs a dry week for it to start recovering. There's still some competitions and festivals to report on though.

Panathlon

On Monday, sixteen pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Panathlon at Cleves, competing alongside nine other local schools. This multi-skills festival provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop and practise a wide range of skills in a safe yet competitive environment.

The event was split into two sessions, and we entered a team in each. I am delighted to report that our pupils finished as runners-up in the first session and were overall winners in the second. Congratulations to all those who took part for their effort, teamwork and positive attitude throughout the day.

In addition, twenty Year 5 pupils helped to lead the event, and they did an outstanding job.

Sports News

They received praise from both visiting schools and the event organiser for the way they conducted themselves. Their kindness, empathy and excellent communication skills were evident throughout, and they acted with maturity well beyond their years. Well done to everyone involved.



Football

Just one competition to update you on. Last Friday, the Year 6 boys' team took part in the Pokémon Cup, the Surrey 7-a-side County Finals, held in Dorking. The team earned their place at this prestigious event after winning the district tournament at Royal Holloway in November.

They were drawn into a group of six teams, with the top two progressing to the semi-finals.

Sports News

During the group stage, the boys played some excellent, controlled football, winning four matches and drawing one, while conceding just a single goal—an outstanding achievement.

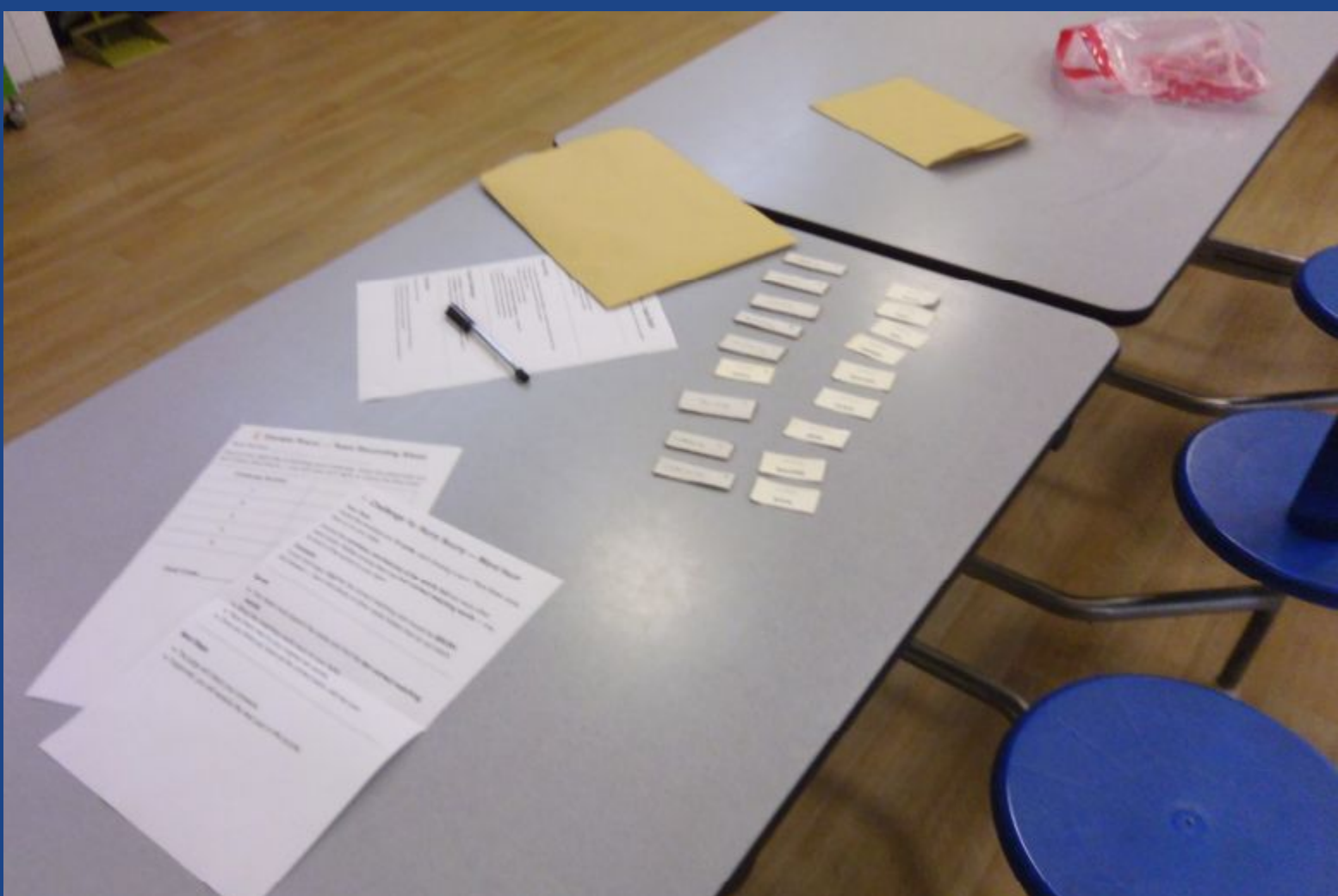
In the semi-final, they faced The Minster. Despite dominating the game and creating numerous chances, the Cleves boys were unable to find the breakthrough, and the match went to penalties. Even with a superb save from Edward, the team narrowly missed out, losing in a sudden-death shoot-out.

Congratulations to all the boys involved—your performances, teamwork and attitude throughout the competition were exceptional, and you fully deserved more on the day.

Young Carers

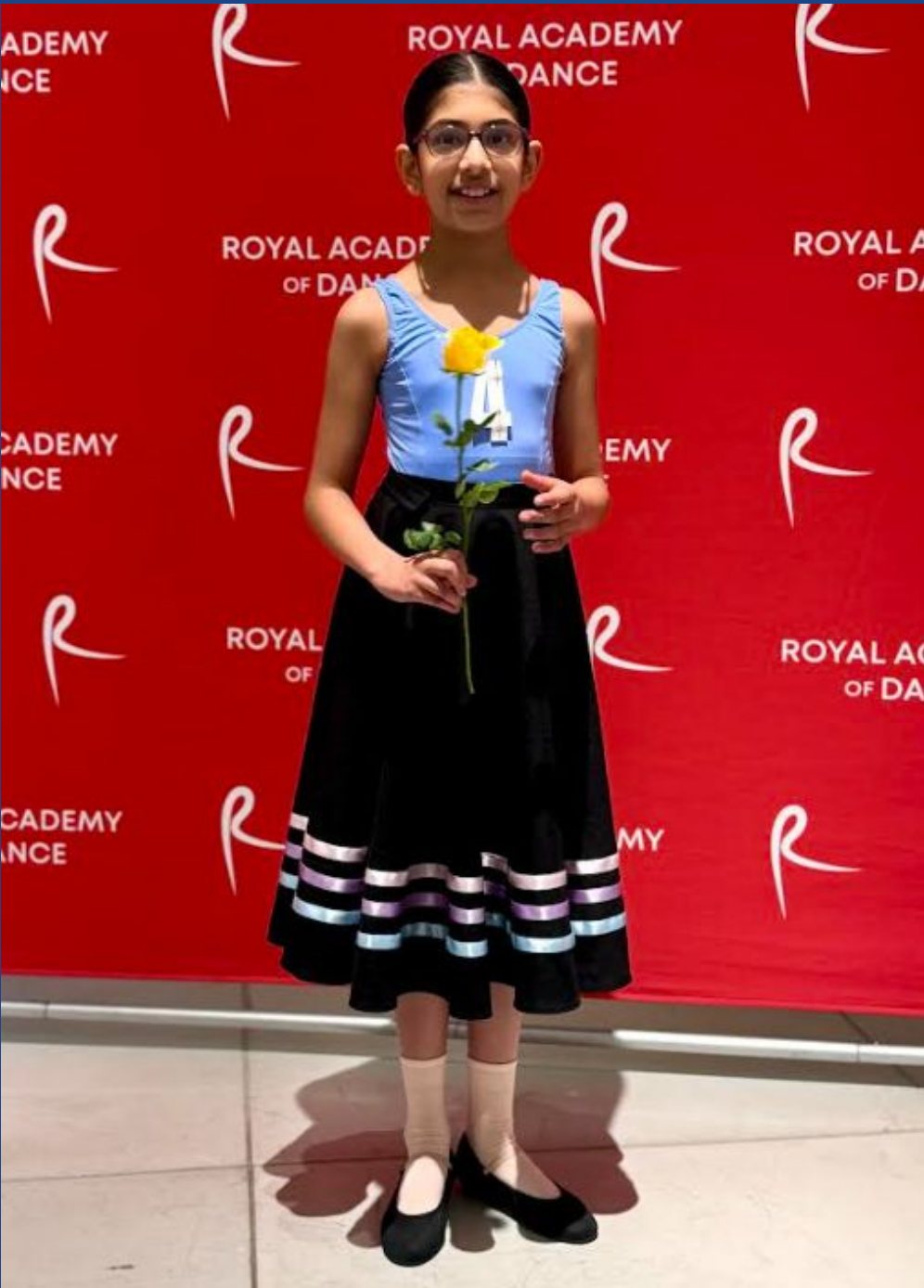
We had a successful Escape Room Challenge for our Young Carers run by Mr Smith this week. This involved lots of puzzles the teams had to decode, hunting for clues and more physical games.

If you think your child may be a young carer please see the link below and contact either:
Miss Clarke (Wellbeing Lead)
gclarke@cleves.co.uk or Mrs Tewkesbury
(Homeschool Link Worker)
ntewkesbury@cleves.co.uk
Link: [Young Carers](#)



Congratulations

Congratulations to Irina M (4H) who has successfully completed her Grade 1 exam certification at Royal Academy of Dance, London with "High Merit" - well done!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mary K (5N) who won first place last week in the Hollington Competition at the Acrobatic Gymnastics. Well done Mary.



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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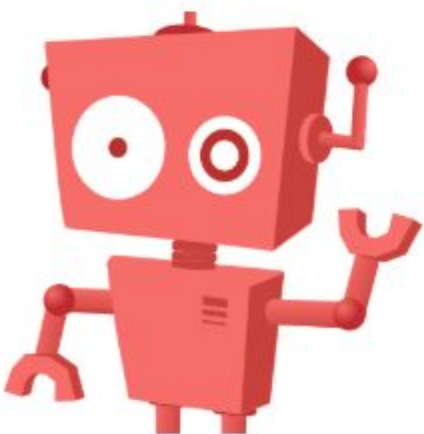
DRIVE



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>