



Cleves School
Learning Together

6th March 2026

Welcome

It has been lovely to see a real change in the weather over the past week. The brighter mornings and glimpses of sunshine have certainly lifted everyone's spirits and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of their time outdoors.

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The excitement around reading was clear to see and the children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes. Thank you for the time and effort you put into helping them prepare - it truly added to the joy of the day and helped us celebrate our love of books in style.

A big thank you as well to those parents who signed in to our Online Safety talk. We really value working in partnership with you to keep our children safe and we appreciate you taking the time to engage with such an important topic.

There is lots of exciting curriculum work taking place across the school at the moment. Recent trips to Butser Farm have provided wonderful hands-on learning experiences, bringing history to life for the children. Alongside this, our outdoor learning days continue to be a real highlight, giving pupils the opportunity to develop resilience, teamwork and curiosity in our natural environment.

As always, thank you for your continued support - it makes such a difference to the life of our school.





9th March	Y3 Residential Drop-in Session for parents - held in 3A & 3D
10th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4E & 4L
12th March	Y3 Residential Drop-in Session for parents - held in 3A & 3D
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



19th March	Y6 SATS Information Evening - Performance Hall
20th March	Parent Consultation Day - School closed
26th March	Class Assembly - 3W
26th March	Y4 Residential - Information Evening - 6pm-6.30pm - Performance Hall
27th March	Last day of term - finish 1.45pm

Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard this week.

We are coming to the end of our Literacy unit on a dragon non-chronological report. The children have created their own dragon and described their appearance, diet and habitat. In Maths we have now finished our unit on fractions. We have finished by looking at equivalent fractions and then assessed what they had learned over the unit.

In Science we have continued our unit on Plants and have investigated the growth of spring onions over a week. In Art the children have been designing their Ancient Egyptian cartouches, ready to make out of clay next week.

Year 3 had lots of fun on World Book Day! It was great to see all the children dressed up. They read with a Year 5 child and studied the beautiful book 'Ocean Meet Sky' by The Fan Brothers. After reading and discussing the book, they created stunning pieces of art based on the Moon Jelly sea.

Year 4

We've had a very exciting week in Year 4 with lots of wonderful things happening.

On Tuesday, 4M and 4R went on our Butser Farm trip whilst 4J and 4H made some fantastic Greek clay masks and Iron Men during their activity day. 4E and 4L had an outdoor learning day all about bird watching and wonderful wildlife. In Maths we have continued with our fractions and begun to subtract fractions from whole amounts and in Literacy we have been finishing and publishing our Diary Entries taking inspiration from the books we are enjoying at the moment for illustrations and expressive punctuation. We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day and enjoyed creating exploding books, panther masks based on our story of the day 'The Midnight Panther' and tiles of our favourite stories for a year group display. We also engaged with a reading swap with children in Year 6. In Science we have been learning about how vibrations from sound travel to our ears and have made cup phones to solidify our understanding of how sound travels.

Year 4

We had a very informative assembly all about online safety and have continued our learning in PSHE focusing on Media Literacy and Digital Resilience. In French, we have learnt how to describe weather and in PE we have continued with our unit on Dance.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy and exciting week - starting with Maths, they continued their focus on percentages and how they relate to fractions and decimals. We are also exploring how to bring characters to life through drama and dialogue in literacy. In our Space unit, we explored satellites and space shuttles, learning how organisations such as NASA use them to explore space and support life on Earth. In computing, children learnt new video editing skills in iMovie. In PE, we continued practising dodgeball skills and finally, we really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day.

Thank you for all your efforts, costumes and enthusiasm. It was an opportunity for Year 5 children to share their favourite stories with children in Year 3, who brought along some of their favourite books too. It was great to see so many children show their love of reading!

Year 6

Another great week in Year 6 this week! In Literacy we have finished our Lion King unit and are now starting our new unit on the fantastic book Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick, which we have studied previously in Whole Class Reading. In this unit we will look at the concepts of flashbacks and will incorporate a flashback into a creative, detailed narrative. In Art we have been exploring a range of environmentally friendly artists that use plastic to create interesting sculptures and models. We have been using these artists to help inspire us as we start to think of our own ideas for the plastic sculptures we will be making at the end of the unit. Finally, in Maths we have started our measurement unit looking at area and perimeter.

Language of the Month

Our Language of the Month for March is -
Afrikaans!

Many of our staff and children speak Afrikaans so it has been lovely to share the language with the whole school community. Our Welfare Officer, Mrs Pyott, also recorded our audio to share with the school to help with the pronunciation of words.

Our new 'Experts' get together' for Afrikaans speakers has also started every Wednesday. When children can meet other speakers of Afrikaans from across the school.



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taal van die maand

Afrikaans
Official language of:
South Africa

Hallo
Hello

Dankie
Thank you!

Hoe gaan dit met jou?
How are you?

Asseblief
Please

Dit gaan goed, dankie
I am fine, thank you

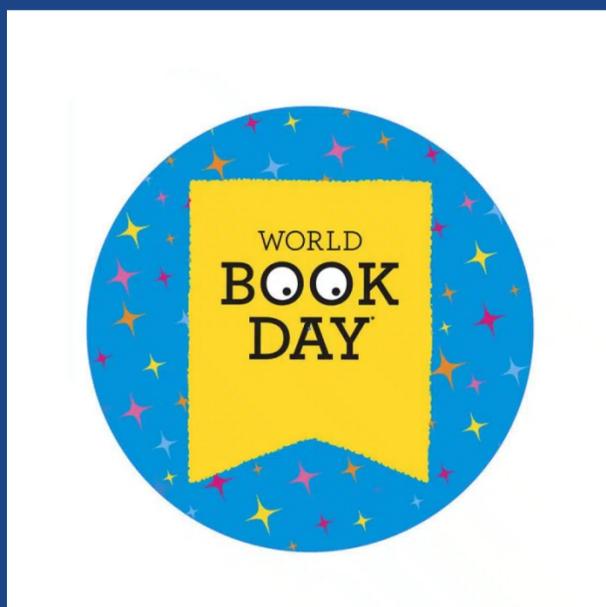
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World Book Day

Yesterday, the whole school celebrated World Book day. It was an incredible day with all of the children coming into school dressed as their favourite book characters. The day started with a whole school assembly that was delivered by the year 6 mentors. They all did a fantastic job inspiring the school and setting the tone for the rest of the day. All of the year groups took part in a range of reading activities which included designing exploding books, creating illustrations for stories and buddying up with other year groups to read with each other. Thank you to all of the parents for organising costumes for the children to wear!

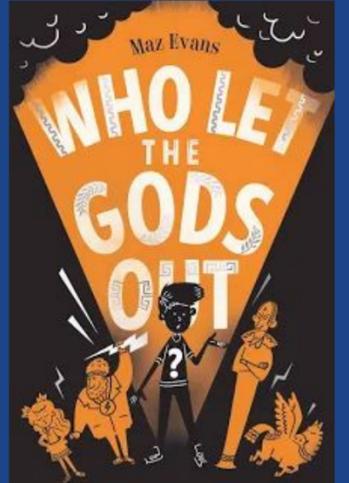
Please see 'This week in photos'.



Book Recommendations

This week's book review is from Mrs Smith in 6S.

Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans



I really enjoyed reading Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans because it was funny, exciting and full of adventure. The story follows a boy called Elliot Hooper whose life changes when a shooting star crashes into his cowshed. The star turns out to be Virgo, a young Zodiac goddess. Together they accidentally release Thanatos, the evil daemon of death and must find the ancient Greek gods to stop him.

I liked how the book mixed Greek mythology with the modern world in a humorous way. The gods all have funny personalities, which made the story entertaining and easy to read. There are also lots of exciting moments that kept me interested in what would happen next.

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Overall, I think it is a great book and I would definitely recommend it. It is also the start of a set of five books from the same author.

Readers who like Percy Jackson or other mythology adventures would probably enjoy it too!

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.



Eco News

Put a recycling bin in your Bathroom. Click [here](#) to see the list of top ten items that should be recycled from the bathroom and how to store your recycling.



The Eco Council were lucky enough to have another visitor this week. We had Pam from Walton Charity Space to Grow who kindly came in and ran a workshop in the outdoor gardening area where we built a bug hotel and created pots out of milk cartons. She also gave us some great eco tips for the garden!

Please see photos on the last slide.

Internet Safety Guide

On Monday 2nd March 6-7pm there was a Parent Online safety talk, led by the Breck Foundation.

This session was to help you understand the issues discussed with the children on the 4th March and provide guidance on how to support your child's online safety at home.

Please find below a recording of the Parent Online Safety Talk.

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Thank you for your support, we would welcome any feedback via the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/260492702587059>

Following the on-line safety assemblies with the children, please click on the link below to take you to the Parent Post Presentation Pack

[Parent Post Presentation Pack](#)

House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
8,956	10,179
York	Warwick
10,760	13,022

Sports News

Sportshall Athletics District Champions

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 team who are district champions. They performed brilliantly at the competition at Walton Heathside yesterday and were clear winners. They now progress to the Surrey County finals at the Guildford Spectrum. This is a great reward for the group who have turned up every Thursday morning before school since the beginning of October to train and prepare for the competition.



Football Round Up

The girls football team has played twice in the space of a week.

First, they played Bell Farm in a league match on Friday night. Despite Bell Farm being very organised and moving the ball around well, the girls outplayed them over the course of the

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game and ran out 4-0 winners. They are currently winning their league.

Then on Monday, the girls played Grovelands in a cup match. Grovelands were a very physical team who were intent on stopping the Cleves girls at every opportunity. The girls were totally dominant in all aspects of the game and beat Grovelands 10-0 - a very impressive display.

Congratulations to all of the girls who took part in the two games and we wish Monday's team good luck as they represent Cleves at the Chelsea FC finals.

On Monday, the Cleves Year 5 A Team played in their next league fixture against Ashley Primary School. The game kicked off with a fast start from both teams and Cleves managed to create a few early chances. Working it well down the wings, the Cleves boys were determined to get the first goal of the afternoon. Defensively, Ashley held out as did the Cleves backline from the counter attacks. From moving the ball quickly into space, Cleves took the lead and saw out the first half in front. Soon into the

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second half, Cleves, determined to extend their lead, continued to attack. A second goal went in and then a third towards the end. Cleves ended the fixture with an excellent 3-0 win to extend the lead at the top of the league table. An impressive and vital 3 points from the team and brilliant performances all round! A huge, huge well done!

The Year 6 boys have also been in league and cup action in the last week. A week ago they faced Bell Farm in the league and continued their recent good form winning the game 4 v 0. It was another clean sheet for the team in a performance that was good enough to seal the victory against determined opponents. Then on Wednesday this week, they were back in action against St Cuthbert's in the quarter finals of the league cup. It's a shame that this game didn't end up being the final as it was an absolute classic! Both teams played with commitment, passion and at times real quality. The individual battles all around the pitch kept the referee on his toes and at half time the game was goalless and very finely poised. The second half continued in a similar vein with Cleves definitely

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having the better of the attacking play. Brilliant play from Kaan led to a shot on the turn which hit the post. Luckily Cedar was on hand to sweep the ball home and give us a valuable lead. A very tense final ten minutes followed with both teams coming close including St Cuthberts hitting the post. Fortunately we held out for the win and a semi final place. A great achievement for the boys who kept calm, kept their heads and therefore deserved to progress.



ACS Cobham F1 Visit

Yesterday another 9 of our pupils got the opportunity to visit the Williams Formula1 E-Suites facility at ACS Cobham School.

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During the visit, the children spent the afternoon experiencing the thrill of the Formula 1 simulator rigs. They raced each other in short 3 laps events and the atmosphere in the room was buzzing, and it was wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in this unique experience.



Congratulations

We are delighted to share that Ellie W (6T) has achieved a Merit in her Grade 2 piano examination. Ellie takes her piano lessons with LTP Music, and this fantastic result reflects her dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for her music. Congratulations to Ellie on this wonderful achievement — we are very proud of her progress and look forward to seeing her continue to develop her musical talents.

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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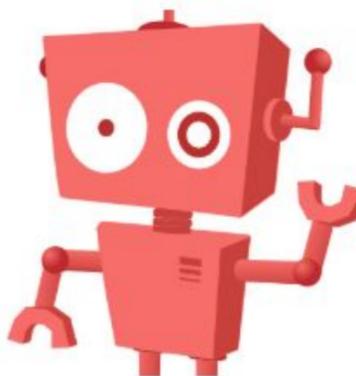
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PUPILS' ROOM



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.

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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>

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