



Cleves School
Learning Together

8th May 2026

Welcome

It has been a lovely short and sunny week here in Cleves. Seeing the children (and adults!) so excited by the chicks in the multimedia room has been a pleasure. Y3 have also enjoyed their trip to the Lightbox Gallery, creating fantastic clay portraits. Thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied the Y3 children on this trip.

Year 6 have all been working incredibly hard in preparation for their Year 6 SATS next week. We know they are ready to show off all their knowledge and skills that they have developed these past 4 years. They can then enjoy embracing their talents in the Year 6 production, which I can't wait to see!

Next week, Year 5 head off to the Isle of Wight, where I am sure they will have a fantastic time. Thank you in advance to all the adults who are giving up their time to look after your children and make this a memorable trip for all.

Have a wonderful weekend.





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

What an exciting week it has been in Year 3! We were absolutely thrilled to see our living eggs all hatch and each Year 3 class spent time with them. We finished off our butterfly life cycle explanation texts in Literacy this week and the children have worked hard to use conjunctions and fronted adverbials to extend their sentences. In Maths, we have finished our Money topic so they should all be experts in counting their cash! Next week we will begin Time so any practise telling the time (both digital and analogue) will help them ahead of this.

Our topic work continues with a fascinating exploration of where rainforests are located and an investigation into the world's climates and biomes. In Art, we're further developing our self-portrait skills, focusing on the size and proportion of facial features. The results are coming along beautifully!

Lastly, the children had a wonderful time on our school trip to the Art Gallery 'The Lightbox'.



Year 4

After a long weekend, the children have returned to another week full of exciting learning. In Literacy, we have continued writing our Viking narrative. The children have begun developing their stories, including dialogue, action, and rich description, and they are already full of excitement.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, focusing on ordering them and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number.

In Science, the children have been working collaboratively while exploring different seasons and how they affect plants, animals, food availability, and the overall effect on food chains.

This week, we also started our exciting new Art unit, 'Wonderful Weaving'. The children have learned the box weave technique and have begun creating their own fabulous designs.

Year 5

What a fantastic and busy week it has been in Year 5! Our week started with the introduction of a brand new Literacy focussed on a balanced argument. Our learning journey will look at the reasons for and against residential trips at Cleves - debating and using explanations for each point!

In Maths, we continued on with our decimals and money unit. We have looked at further decimal sequences and adding and subtracting numbers with different decimal places.

In DT, our Bridges unit is nearing the end with the 'Big Build' on the horizon! We have all designed our final bridges and have used the knowledge gained throughout the unit. We are eager to see which groups hold the most weight!

With only 4 more sleeps until we head off to the Isle of Wight, we hope everyone is as excited as the Year 5 teachers. Don't forget to get your bags packed and ready over the weekend!

Thank you again for the biscuits sent in so far – they are very much appreciated!

Year 6

As we approach next week's SATS, our Year 6 students have been busy with their final preparations that not only assess their academic progress but also help them develop essential skills such as resilience and time management.

To add a spark of excitement, we are thrilled that the announcement of the cast, for the upcoming performance, will take place after SATs week. We have been delighted with the quality of the auditions and the commitment already shown by the students.

In Literacy, our students are immersed in writing their "Friend or Foe" pieces, exploring the historical context of World War II evacuations. This project not only enhances their understanding of history but also fosters empathy and critical thinking skills. We are also looking forward to the Outdoor Learning sessions and the WW2 Immersion day, which will provide hands-on experiences - these take place in the week before Half-Term.

Book Recommendation

This week's book review is from Mrs Tewkesbury.

Race to Imagination Island by Mel Taylor-Bessent



The time has come for four children to be named the new Protectors of Imagination Island. Children all over the world scour the globe in search of lightstreams (portals) to the magical island where anything they imagine comes to life. To become a Protector, they must compete in teams and complete a series of challenges to prove they have what it takes.

Book Recommendation

Dreamy 10-year-old Luca is afraid of everything, not least the lightstream he stumbles into by accident. Imagination Island is everything that he's terrified of. But there's no way out. So he hits on a plan. Work out how to come LAST, and get sent home. That's what he really wants. Isn't it?

The Race is ON!

We loved the fast paced action in this adventure story, it balances humour with suspense, making it a fun energetic read. The main themes of the book are friendship and teamwork, problem solving and believing in yourself. You can't help getting caught up in the story and championing your own favourite character.

This is the first of the trilogy of Imagination Island books so it's a great series to get into. Enjoy!

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
10,294	9,032
York	Warwick
7,736	7,080

Sports News

Year 5 Girls Cricket - Elmbridge Competition

Wednesday of this week saw the first cricket competition of the year, with the Year 5 girls taking part in the district event held at Cobham Avorians Cricket Club. For many of the eight girls representing Cleves, this was their first experience of competitive cricket, having recently joined the Monday lunchtime club.

Eight schools attended the event and were split into two groups of four. The Cleves girls made a fantastic start, winning their opening game by just five runs, thanks to a brilliant final over from Charlotte Laws. They carried this momentum into their second match, where they comfortably defeated Chandlers Field.

This set up a decisive final group game against Hinchley Wood. Despite some excellent fielding from Cleves, they were unable to post a competitive total and suffered their first defeat. Agonisingly, this meant they missed out on progressing to the Cup competition on runs scored. However there was still the Plate competition to play for.

Sports News

In the semi-final of the Plate, the team showed great improvement in both batting and communication, securing a convincing win over St James by more than 20 runs. This set up a final against Hurst Park.

Batting first, Cleves set a target of 50 runs. The match went down to the final over, but a superb catch from Georgia, combined with excellent fielding from Nella, ensured a narrow and very exciting victory by six runs.

Winning four out of five matches and taking home the Plate trophy is a fantastic achievement. A brilliant day of cricket and a huge well done to Mafalda, Georgia, Nella, Jessica, Isla, Charlotte, Zoe and Amanda.



Eco News



No mow May and Let it Bloom June

Plantlife's No Mow Movement is here – let's give power to the flowers!

No Mow May and Let it Bloom June is one of the easiest ways to help and connect with wildlife, and the perfect way to start supporting nature in your garden (in May and beyond!).

Approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost since the 1930s, and with them, vital food and habitat needed by wildlife. But your garden can help! A healthy lawn with some longer grass and wildflowers helps to tackle pollution, benefits wildlife and can even lock away carbon below the ground. There are more than 20 million gardens in the UK, so even the smallest grassy patches can add up and deliver enormous gains for nature, people and the climate.

Congratulations

Mr Kilham - International Festival - Cornwall

A huge congratulations to Mr Kilhams who won Best Overall Conductor at the International Festival in Cornwall, which is internationally renowned and judged by people from around the world. Mr Kilhams choir was competing in this festival and also doing several other performances: Bath Abbey, Truro Cathedral, Newquay, Healey's Cider Farm to name but a few.

We are so proud of Mr Kilhams for winning this award.



Congratulations

Arani N (3M) - Delancey UK Chess Challenge

Congratulations to Arani N who last weekend competed in the Megafinals of the Delancey UK schools Chess Challenge for Surrey and placed in the top 10 of the U8 girls group.

She has qualified for the South England gigafinals taking place in July.

Well done Arani!



Congratulations

Love Rugby Day - Twickenham Stadium

The most fantastic experience was had by Jessica (6B), Lois (6B), Eva (6PD), Maddie (6B), Aurora (5K), Savannah (3M), Erin (4E) and Vittoria (6S) when they all took part in the LOVE RUGBY DAY at Twickenham Stadium on Sunday 26th April, representing the Rebels of Reeds Weybridge Rugby Club! Organised by the RFU, it was an incredible finale to the rugby season for the girls and recognition of the dedication from coaches (volunteers) and clubs in raising the profile of this sport for girls.



Congratulations

Hersham Cobras - Ativan P

Congratulations Stivan P (5K) who plays for Hersham Cobras football team. The team achieved excellent results this season finishing in 1st place in the Epsom and Ewell League.

This is a fantastic accomplishment for the whole team and reflects their hard work, dedication, and strong teamwork throughout the season - well done Stivan!

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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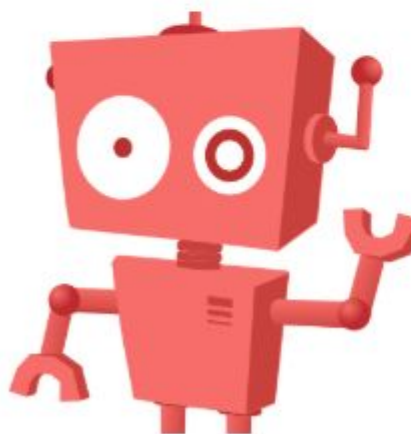
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



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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>