



Cleves School
Learning Together

9th October 2026



Welcome



Autumn swept in this week as temperatures dropped and we had some much-needed rain (at least for our football field!). The week started off with our boys football team progressing to the area finals of the Fulham schools tournament after some impressive performances. Our swimmers came home from a gala at ACS Cobham with many medals and 2nd place overall. The PTA AGM on Monday night was very heartening with a large turnout. There was a huge amount of goodwill on show among those present to continue raising significant funds to add the 'bells and whistles' to the Cleves offer - as well as providing a wonderful platform for our school community to socialise together.

It was lovely to see Y5 and Y3 enjoying their outdoor learning day on Tuesday and Friday respectively. Our Ofsted inspection team last week rightly recognised that opportunities like this are not commonplace in all schools and are one of many great ways that our pupils enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum. On Thursday I met with Ashley Tilling, one of our local councillors. We discussed the impact of the road improvements outside the school, the possibility of improving cycle access routes near the school and further grant funding to help continue other developments at Cleves school.

Well done to Class 6S who helped us to celebrate World Mental Health Day with an informative and fun assembly this afternoon.

Next week our teachers are looking forward to meeting you at the first parents consultation evenings of the year, with appointments on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Our girls football team and cross country relay team are also in action next week, before we all break for an extended 2 week half-term on Friday (with school ending at the normal time of 3.15pm).

Have a lovely weekend.

Diarmuid Skehan



14th October	Parent Consultation - after school
15th October	Parent Consultation - after school
16th October	Y6 Outdoor Learning
16th October	Class Assembly - 5B
19th - 30th October	Half Term
1st November	Fireworks
2nd November	School Restarts
6th November	Y6 Synagogue Trip - classes 6B & 6P
6th November	Class Assembly - 4P
6th November	Y3 Mini Olympics



9th November	Y6 Synagogue Trip - Clases 6E & 6N
10th November	Y6 Synagogue Trip - classes 6F & 6S
10th November	School Open Evening - 6pm-8pm
13th November	Class Assembly - 6P
13th November	Y4 Science Day (4H, 4J & 4P)
13th November	Y4 Outdoor Learning (4A, 4M & 4R)
13th November	Y5 Tudor Day
16th November	Flu Vaccinations & Y6 Height and Weight Check
20th November	Y4 Science Day (4A, 4M & 4R)
20th November	Y4 Outdoor Learning (4H, 4J & 4P)



30th November	Y3 Tuning Up
1st December	Y4 Tuning Up
1st December	Y3 Christmas Concert - St Mary’s Church - 6pm
2nd December	Y6 Tuning Up
3rd December	Y5 Tuning Up
3rd December	Y4 Christmas Concert - St Mary’s Church - 6pm
4th December	Y2 Mini-Olympics
8th December	Y5 Christmas Concert - Performance Hall - 6pm
9th December	School Christmas Lunch
10th December	Y6 Christmas Concert - Performance Hall - 6pm
18th December	Last day of term - 1.45pm finish

Year 3

It has been another busy and exciting week of learning in year 3!

In Literacy, we have continued our work on *Fantastic Mr Fox*, focusing on writing a character description of one of the farmers. The children have been developing their vocabulary and descriptive language, thinking carefully about appearance, personality and behaviour to bring their character to life.

In Maths, we have continued our unit on addition and subtraction, practising adding and subtracting ones and tens. The children have been developing their understanding of place value and using a range of strategies to solve calculations.

In Geography, we have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. The children have been developing their knowledge of the UK and becoming more confident in locating each country and capital.

Year 3 (cont'd)

In Science, we have been investigating friction and exploring how different surfaces affect the movement of objects. The children enjoyed making predictions and investigating how friction can make it easier or harder for objects to move.

In PE, we have been developing our gymnastics skills, practising star, tuck and straight jumps. We have been focusing on control, balance and maintaining good body shape as we perform each movement.

In Computing, we have continued to develop our keyboard skills using Typing.com, with a focus on improving our accuracy and typing speed.

We finished the week with an exciting Outdoor Learning Day. The children had a fantastic time learning outdoors, taking on challenges, exploring and working together. It was a wonderful way to finish another busy and enjoyable week, and we were very proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitudes.

Year 4

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 4!

In Literacy, the children have started drafting their narrative warning stories set by a river, using rich descriptive language to build atmosphere. In Maths, we have moved on to learning the formal written method for subtraction, practicing calculations both with and without exchanging.

Our young scientists completed their investigation on evaporation, writing up their conclusions and exploring how heat and particle movement speed up the process. Meanwhile in Geography, we explored the different types and causes of flooding.

In Art, there was plenty of creativity as many pupils began printing their lily designs onto fabric in preparation for our exciting Design and Technology unit next half term.

Finally, the excitement is building for tonight's spooky disco and children are thrilled for a fun evening ahead!

Year 5

Another busy and fun-filled week in Year 5!

In Literacy, the children have brought the **Battle of Bosworth to life** through their historical recounts. They used stunning vocabulary, powerful phrases and 'show, not tell' techniques to convey the thoughts and feelings of a foot soldier on the battlefield.

Meanwhile, in Maths, we have continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills. The children tackled multi-step problems and missing-number challenges, exploring how inverse operations can help us check calculations and solve problems efficiently.

On Tuesday, we thoroughly enjoyed our **Outdoor Learning Day!** The children had great fun using different techniques to charm worms out of the ground before creating their own worm habitats. After observing their wriggly visitors, they carefully released them back into their natural environment.

Year 5 (cont'd)

Our scientific investigations continued as we explored **thermal conductivity**, discovering how different materials transfer heat. The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their scientific thinking to the test in our second practical investigation.

In Computing, we focused on developing our research skills, learning how to use Google searches effectively to find relevant information.

Just one more week to go before the half-term break!

Year 6

It's been another great week in Y6 with lots of learning and great outcomes.

After the great success of the Victorian Immersion day (last Friday), the children have enjoyed learning about key changes and key figures this week. It's so great to see the children so engaged in the topic.

In Maths, we started this week practising different division skills (short and long division) and then we moved onto solving problems using division. Next week, we will start to look at multistep problems and order of operations.

In Literacy, the children have published their narrative based on a Victorian Workhouse and have now moved onto writing a news report so the children have started looking at the structure and language features.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

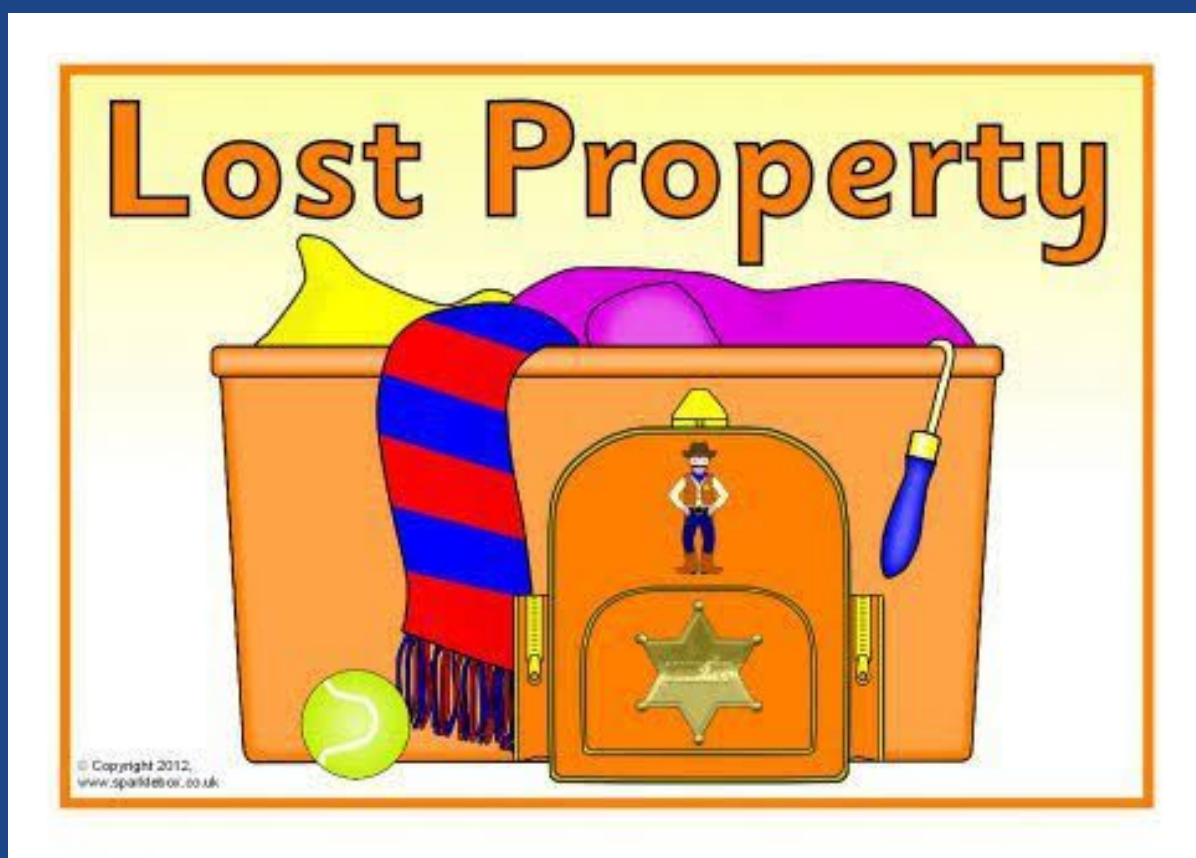
Summer Read Aloud Challenge

We have had some very exciting news this week! We are incredibly proud to announce that we are the **South East Regional Winners of the Fonetti Summer Read Aloud Challenge!**

This fantastic achievement is a result of the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of all the children who took part. Their dedication to reading throughout the challenge has been truly wonderful to see.

A huge **well done** to everyone who participated. We are incredibly proud of you and hope you feel very proud of this fantastic achievement too!





We have a substantial amount of lost property in the two lost property boxes, located outside the GAP entrance and the Sports Hall foyer area.

As we are approaching the end of half term, please could we ask that if your child has lost any items, please do take a moment to have a look through these boxes.

Any items which are named will be returned to the pupils.

Thank you for your support.

Do you have any free time to support reading at Cleves?

We would love to invite parents and carers to come into school and support us with hearing the children read. Reading regularly with an adult is a wonderful way to build confidence, fluency and a love of reading and your support would make a real difference to the children.

If you are able to spare some time during the school day to come in and listen to the children read, please let us know. You do not need to be a reading expert – simply sharing a book and encouraging the children as they read is hugely valuable. Thank you for helping us to continue to develop a strong love of reading in our classroom.

All volunteers will need a DBS check. If you are a Y3 or Y4 parent please contact your class teacher. If you are a Y5 or Y6 parent please email Mrs Glennon - kglennon@cleves.co.uk



Summer Ball - Sponsorship Opportunities

We're starting to plan this year's Cleves Summer Ball and are looking for local businesses, companies or parents within our school community who might be interested in sponsoring the event.

The Summer Ball is a fantastic evening that brings together Cleves parents for a night of great food, drinks, entertainment and fundraising — and we'd love to work with some of our wonderful school community businesses and contacts.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available, from smaller contributions to headline sponsorship, with opportunities to promote your business to our Cleves community.

If you, your company, or someone you know might be interested in getting involved, please drop a message to Clevesball@gmail.com and we would be very happy to send over our sponsorship pack and chat through the options.

Eco News

The Eco Council met this week and we completed an environmental review of the school. This involved assessing the school against the 10 areas:

- biodiversity
- energy
- global citizenship
- healthy living
- litter
- marine
- school grounds
- transport
- waste
- water

We found that as a school we are doing really well in lots of areas in school such as litter, transport and biodiversity.

We have decided to focus on improving Cleves in the areas of Waste, Global Citizenship and Water.

Eco News (cont'd)

The Eco Council (cont'd)

Therefore if you have any ideas about how we can work on these 3 areas please contact an Eco Council member or Miss Pisano or write your idea on the Eco Council board in the library. We will keep you updated on our progress via newsletters, the radio, assembly notices and the Eco display board located in the library

Litter Picking around the World!

Half term Global Citizenship Litter-Picking Challenge

This half term, wherever you are—visiting family, exploring somewhere new, or on holiday—help keep our world clean by taking part in a litter pick!



Collect litter (be with an adult, wear suitable protective gloves, and avoid handling any hazardous materials!)



Take a photo.



Think about how litter affects people, animals, and the environment.

Every piece of litter you pick up helps make the world a cleaner, safer place for everyone. Small actions can make a big difference!

Eco News (cont'd)

Litter Picking around the World! (cont'd)

If you complete a litter pick while on holiday, please share a picture/comments of your efforts to Miss Pisano at apisano@cleves.co.uk

It would be amazing to collect images from around the world and see how our community is helping to care for the environment wherever their travels take them. This will go towards the Eco Award for the school.

International E-Waste Day 14th October

International E-Waste Day sheds light on 'invisible' electronic waste. This refers to those items you probably don't even realise you can recycle. It includes things like smoke detectors, electronic toys and even cables. Even that broken remote control you've got in a drawer could be recycled. See if you have any electronic waste at home that you can recycle!



Sports News

It's been a busy week of sport with the football season getting underway and a very successful swimming gala on Tuesday evening.

Year 6 Boys Football

On Monday morning, the Year 6 boys A Team Football travelled across to Motspur Park - the home of Fulham's training ground - for a 6-a-side tournament. The team battled it out in a group of 5 to finish in a qualifying place for the next round. The first few games of the day were tough, with Cleves battling hard to find a point. The following fixtures for the boys played out a lot smoother and saw the boys rack up their goal tally to 8+. Through quick passing and terrific pressing the boys found their feet and won their remaining games. With the results going our way, Cleves finished the morning qualifying for the next round in January. A huge well done to those who represented the school and bring on January's tournament!

ACS Cobham Swimming Gala

A huge congratulations to our fantastic swimming team, who finished an impressive **second overall** at the swimming gala held at ACS Cobham on Tuesday 6th October.

Sports News (cont'd)

ACS Cobham Swimming Gala (cont'd)

Three schools took part in the gala – ACS Cobham, Esher Church School and Cleves – with some incredibly competitive racing and exciting finishes throughout the evening.

Our swimmers represented Cleves brilliantly, demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. A special mention must go to those children competing in their very first swimming gala, who rose to the occasion superbly.

There were some outstanding individual performances, with nine of our swimmers securing medals across the different age groups:

Under 9s

- Deniz – 1st place, Backstroke
- Beatrice – 3rd place, Breaststroke

Under 10s

- Jenson – 2nd place, Backstroke
- Henry – 3rd place, Freestyle
- Rory – 1st place, Butterfly

Sports News (cont'd)

ACS Cobham Swimming Gala (cont'd)

Under 11s

- Mafalda – 3rd place, Breaststroke
- Ethan – 1st place, Backstroke
- Artemis – 3rd place, Backstroke
- Jessica – 2nd place, Freestyle

There was also plenty to celebrate in the relay events, with Cleves securing a number of victories. Our Under 11 swimmers were particularly impressive, producing some fantastic performances throughout the evening, both individually and as a team.

Finishing as runners-up was a tremendous achievement, especially considering Cleves was the only school competing without its own swimming pool!

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support and cheer on the team. With further galas and training opportunities planned throughout the academic year, we look forward to building on this excellent start.

Sports News (cont'd)

ACS Cobham Swimming Gala (cont'd)

Well done to every member of the team – you made Cleves very proud!



Year 3/4 Swimming Trials

Following the success of our Year 5/6 swimming trials, we are delighted to be running trials to select swimmers from Years 3/4.

The squad will hopefully represent Cleves at a number of swimming galas and competitions throughout the year, and we are keen to build on the fantastic participation and performances we saw from our swimmers last year.

Sports News (cont'd)

Year 3/4 Swimming Trials (cont'd)

Our trials will take place at ACS Cobham on Thursday 5th November, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Unlike last year, we are not asking parents to submit swimming times when putting their child forward for the squad. Instead, if your child is interested in representing Cleves in swimming, you simply need to register them for the trials using the form below.

We do ask, however, that you only put your child forward if they can competently swim 50m in at least two different strokes. The trials are designed to help us assess swimmers and select the squad, rather than to establish whether children are able to swim the required distance.

We would also be very grateful for parent/carer support with transport to and from ACS Cobham on the day of the trials. Further information about this will follow shortly.

Please register your child by 9:00am on Friday 16th October 2026.

Sports News (cont'd)

Year 3/4 Swimming Trials (cont'd)

The sign up link is here -

<https://forms.gle/vWvsangYuSU6r98i9>

We are really looking forward to getting our school swimming programme underway again and seeing this year's swimmers in the pool.

House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
8,599	9,442
York	Warwick
8,998	10,314

Internet Safety

Securing the Screen: How to Master iPad Safety and Age-Appropriate Restrictions

In today's digital landscape, handing an iPad to a child opens up incredible opportunities for learning and play—but it also opens the door to potential security risks and unrestricted content.

Whether your device is shared among the family or dedicated to a single user, establishing proper security controls is essential to keeping young users safe online. In this feature, we walk you through Apple's built-in Screen Time tools and Content & Privacy Restrictions, showing you step-by-step how to lock down settings, set age-appropriate limits on apps and websites, prevent unexpected purchases, and create a worry-free digital environment for your home.

The following link is from the Apple support page and covers many useful security features: [LINK](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Markus F (6B) who, a few weeks ago, had an outstanding weekend at the Walton Tennis Club annual tournament, winning both the Under-11 Boys Singles and Doubles titles. The singles final was a particularly tough two-hour match, and Markus showed great resilience and focus throughout. We are absolutely delighted for him. Well done Markus!



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.

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.



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

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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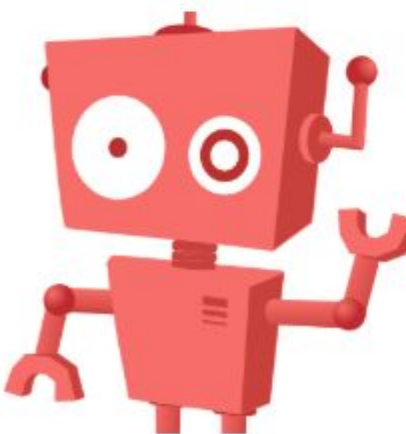
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



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CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



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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>

This Week in Photos...

It was lovely to see so much yellow today, even the puddings got a splash of yellow!

