



Cleves School
Learning Together

10th October 2025

Welcome

This week the children benefitted from the mild Autumn weather with fun sporting events, Year 3 Outdoor Learning and a Year 5 Science trip to Thorpe Park. It has been wonderful to see such excitement around the wider curriculum and I am very proud of the children that have represented our school in the wider community, either at the Fulham Football Tournament, Cross Country or at the Year 5 trip. It is always a proud moment when pupils show our important school values of respect, kindness and high aspirations in a wider context.

Thank you for the wonderful Harvest Festival donations received last Friday. Walton & Hersham Food Bank were overwhelmed with the donations which weighed 300 kgs!



Phones On Site

From Monday 13th October, we are asking all parents, carers and visitors not to use mobile phones on the school site. This includes the playground, school entrance areas, corridors and all other parts of the school site during drop off, pick up and when visiting the school for any reason.

Why are we making this decision?

We aim to keep our children safe by creating a safer environment where children cannot be inadvertently captured in photos or videos. It ensures our safeguarding procedures are robust and consistently applied.

It is important to model good phone behaviour to children and demonstrate that we value real conversation and connection. It reinforces the same expectations we have of pupils and shows our children that they deserve our full attention.

We want to strengthen communication and community by building valuable opportunities for parents, carers, children and staff to engage in brief but important conversations about the school day.

Phones On Site

What this means in practice

We are asking you to:

- Keep your mobile phone in your pocket or bag when on the school site
- Not make or receive calls whilst on school premises
- Not take photographs or videos (except at designated school events where this is explicitly permitted)
- Not use your phone for texting, social media or any other purpose
- Wait until you have left the school site before using your phone

If you need to make an urgent call:

- Please step off the school premises to do so.

School events:

- At designated events such as sports days, concerts, and assemblies, we will let you know if photography is permitted
- When photography is allowed, we will remind you of our expectations around sharing images on social media



14th October	SEND Parent Consultations
15th October	Y6 Victorian Day (6B, 6S & 6T)
15th October	Outdoor Learning (6P, 6F & 6PD)
16 & 17th October	Flu Vaccinations & Y6 Height & Weight Checks
17th October	6P Class Assembly 1:30, 2:45
22nd October	Parent Consultations
23rd October	Parent Consultations
24th October	INSET
2nd November	PTA Fireworks Night
3rd November	INSET
4th November	Prospective Parents Open Evening @ 6pm



5th November	Y5 Hampton Court Palace Trip - Classes 5H & 5K
7th November	Y5 Hampton Court Palace Trip - Classes 5J & 5M
7th November	Y4 Science Day - Classes 4E, 4M & 4R
7th November	Y3 Mini Olympics
12th November	Y5 Hampton Court Palace Trip - 5D & 5N
14th November	Y4 Science Day - 4H, 4J & 4L
14th November	6S Class Assembly 1:30, 2:45

Can You Match Fund?

Many companies offer their employees the opportunity to match fund fundraising efforts. These companies are wide ranging and can include big banks, supermarkets and companies such as Barclays and Amazon, as well as small local businesses.

Please check if your company is able to match fund our fundraising, especially with the PTA Fireworks event coming up soon. This would hugely benefit our children and what we are able to offer them.

If your company can match fund, please contact Mrs Green at ngreen@cleves.co.uk.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Last week 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.

Since last week, thanks to your donations, we have raised £610. Thank you to all year groups, the donations are truly appreciated. Please keep the contributions flowing!

Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

Year 3

Year 3 had the opportunity to demonstrate their teamwork skills in our Outdoor Learning sessions this week. As we explored our beautiful school grounds, children worked in groups to write poetry and create natural art using the resources they could find in the environment. We finished by using crayons to make some wonderful tree rubbings.

In Literacy, we have started to look at the wonderful story of Fantastic Mr Fox, and explore the characters created by Roald Dahl.

We put our drama skills to the test and ‘hot-seated’ different characters to find out more about them, we then applied our descriptive writing skills to describe the interesting farmers. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting crossing the tens boundary. Place value grids, base ten equipment and number lines have really helped us to develop our understanding.

On Thursday we enjoyed an assembly led by our school Eco-Council to let us know about how we can help our school and local community to be more environmentally friendly. We have lots planned to ensure we continue to be as ‘green’ as possible across the year!

Year 4

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 4. In Literacy, we've reached the planning stage of our warning stories, focusing on the build-up, problem, and resolution. The children have come up with some wonderfully creative ideas! In Maths, we've been exploring addition both with and without exchanging and have been applying our understanding to tackle some tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions. In Science, we evaluated our findings from last week's evaporation investigation. The children concluded that heat and spreading out the water help it evaporate more quickly! In Geography, we've been learning about the different types of flooding, how floods occur and their environmental impact. Over in Art, the children have begun printing their own interpretations of Claude Monet's Water Lilies onto fabric, ready for our exciting DT unit next half term. In PSHE, we continued our learning on relationships, discussing how to manage social pressures within friendships. It's been a fabulous week, with the children working super hard across all subjects. They've definitely earned a big rest over the weekend!

Year 5

We must start the Newsletter by mentioning the wonderful experience our students had during the STEAM trip to Thorpe Park. The day was filled with excitement and learning, as the children engaged with both the numerous and varied stalls on offer and the rides of course! Children have continued with their addition and subtraction unit this week and have tried multi step problems as well as missing numbers. We looked at inverse operations and how and when we use them. In Science, we completed part 2 of our exploration of the properties of materials, focusing on thermal conductivity. The children engaged in their second investigation, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In Computing, we focused on honing our research skills, with an emphasis on understanding Google searches. This week, we completed our Family and Friendships unit in PSHE. Our final focus was “When Friendships Change”. It’s an important aspect of the children’s social development and it offered a safe space for pupils to discuss their feelings and experiences. Finally, basketball continued in PE and we are building a range of skills on court, including jump stops with a bounce pass. Another busy week but one which we won’t forget! Thanks to all the parents who supported our trip this week.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6! The children have continued to impress us with their curiosity, effort, and enthusiasm across all subjects. In History, we've been learning about some remarkable figures from the Victorian era, including **Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Florence Nightingale, Lord Shaftesbury, and Emmeline Pankhurst**. The children have shown great interest in discovering how these individuals helped shape the world we live in today. In Literacy, pupils have produced some outstanding work through our *Pickpockets News Reports* project. They've demonstrated a strong grasp of switching between formal and informal language and using both past and present tense effectively — very impressive skills for young writers! In Mathematics, our focus has remained on multiplication and division. This week, we've been developing written methods and applying them to reasoning and problem-solving challenges. In Science, the children have continued exploring the fascinating topic of **classification**, creating their own **dichotomous branching keys** to organise and identify living things.

Year 6 (cont'd)

Looking ahead, our Victorian immersion days will continue next Wednesday for classes **6B, 6S, and 6T**, while **6P, 6F, and 6PD** will enjoy their **outdoor learning day**. We're looking forward to seeing everyone get involved and learning in new, creative ways.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

The Year 6 Team

Parent Consultation Dates

If your child has a **SEND support plan**, you will have received a letter giving details about how to book your SEND parent consultation meeting on 14th October.

Parent consultations for all children will take place on the 22nd and 23rd October. The booking link will go live on Tuesday 14th October at 6pm.

Please note that you will only be able to book one of these meetings.

PINS PROJECT

Thank you once again to everyone who completed the family voice survey recently. We have received really positive feedback about our parents and carers and staff completing it and getting involved. The next step in the project is for Family Voice to host a meeting at school and invite parents and carers to attend in order to gain a greater understanding of the school, the cohort and help to develop further inclusive improvements.

Our meeting with Family Voice will be on 22nd October, 9.15am-10.15am. If you are interested and able to attend, please click on this [link](#) to register your attendance so we can gauge the number of people attending and therefore an appropriate space to accommodate the meeting.

If you are interested to read more about the project, please read the following articles:

[Neurodiversity support scheme expands to 70 Surrey schools - BBC News](#)

[Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity celebrates the programme's expansion into 70 schools ac...](#)

We are looking forward to working with Family Voice, PINS and our families to secure further inclusive practices.

DLD Awareness Day

Next Friday, 17th October, is DLD (Developmental Language Disorder) Awareness Day. We will be celebrating this in school, with a special assembly on Thursday 16th. Mrs. Wood, our in-house speech and language therapist, will tell the children about DLD, and talk to them about ways they can value and support any friends who have difficulties with talking or understanding. Look out for more information in next week's newsletter, when we will be sharing further information and resources. If you would like to find out more about DLD, please watch the following clips.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwOfkj0dj_0&t=1s)

Lily Farrington's Amazing DLD animation (Animation of an adolescent describing her DLD)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-s02HWLb0>

DLD, 1,2,3 (two 9 year old boys finding out about DLD)

Important Safeguarding Notice:

Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher. We have removed these books from our libraries and classes.

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

ECO NEWS

Reducing your Digital Carbon Footprint

Reducing your digital carbon footprint helps the environment! Reducing your digital carbon footprint helps the environment by lowering energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions from the constant use of devices, data centers, and networks. This reduction lessens reliance on fossil fuels, decreases pollution from manufacturing new devices, and lessens e-waste. Ultimately, it supports climate change mitigation efforts and fosters more sustainable technological practices for the future.

So can you please help reduce your digital footprint by:

- unsubscribing from unwanted emails
- cleaning up inboxes
- using eco-friendly search engines.
- minimise energy use by adjusting device settings to power-saving mode
- dimming screens
- unplugging chargers when not in use.
- deleting old files
- and lowering video streaming quality or using offline downloads.

ECO NEWS

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Can you Pack a Plastic Free Lunch & Save the Marine Life?

Choosing plastic-free options for lunches directly helps marine life by reducing the amount of single-use plastic waste that enters the ocean. Since a significant portion of ocean pollution comes from land-based sources like food and drink packaging, preparing your lunch without plastic prevents these items from harming marine ecosystems and the animals within them.

To pack a plastic-free lunch, replace single-use plastics with reusable alternatives like stainless steel containers, beeswax wraps and silicone bags, along with a reusable water bottle. You can also buy foods in bulk instead of small, individually packaged items, and use leftovers from dinner to save money and reduce waste.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Fulham Foundation Cup – Football Tournament

Our Year 5/6 footballers had a fantastic day representing Cleves at the Fulham Foundation Cup, held at the Fulham Training Ground on Monday. We were pleased to be able to enter two teams meaning the whole squad had the chance to play.

It was a brilliant experience for all involved, especially playing inside the impressive training dome used by Fulham's professional teams.

Our first team were placed in a group of three and were exceptional from the start — winning both matches 8–2 and 5–0. The team played fast-tempo, front-foot football with real aggression and confidence, looking extremely impressive throughout. Their performance has earned them a place in the finals in January.

The second team also performed brilliantly, winning two of their three matches. For some players, it took time for them to adapt to the fast-paced, high-intensity football but they rose to the challenge superbly, learning and improving with every game.

A huge well done to all the players who took part. It was a fantastic start to the new season!

SPORTS NEWS

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Cross Country Relay Championships

Yesterday, Cleves entered two teams into the Cross Country Relay Championships held at Bedfont Lakes, competing alongside 10 other schools. The event featured both a girls' race and a boys' race, with each team made up of six athletes running in the order: Year 6, Year 5, Year 4, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6. Each runner tackled a challenging 1.4km course before handing over to the next teammate.

It was a hugely enjoyable and exciting afternoon, and all our athletes performed brilliantly, showing great effort, teamwork, and running ability.

In the girls' race, our team finished 9th overall. Despite an unfortunate moment when Martha fell ill midway through her run, the compassion and sportsmanship shown by her teammates were truly exceptional — a real credit to their character and team spirit. The five that completed the course all produced really strong runs and we wish Martha a speedy recovery.

SPORTS NEWS

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Cross Country Relay Championships (cont'd)

Our boys' team were simply outstanding, producing six fantastic runs to win the event by over two minutes — an incredible achievement!

A huge well done to everyone who took part. You represented the school with pride, determination, and fantastic attitude throughout the 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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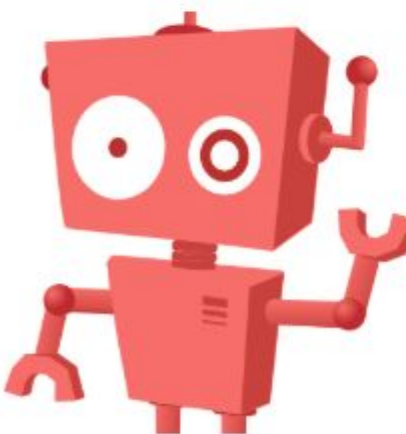
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW

Cleves Gardening Club

Hello from Cleves Gardening Club!

We have been running a lunchtime gardening club for some time now, but have decided it would be nice for parents & carers to share our updates and see how the garden develops throughout the coming months. We are planning to have our own garden show next July so watch this space!

We were very lucky this summer that between several members of staff who volunteered to form a watering team, we were able to maintain the garden and we came back in September to find it looking beautiful!

Last week we welcomed 2 ladies from a local charity, Space to Grow, who ran a workshop for us where we made seed bombs and flower print bunting which we will use in the garden.

We are very busy at the moment preparing our beds for the winter and getting our spring bulbs planted. We then have lots of exciting projects to do over the coming months in preparation for our show next year, as well as keeping our feathered friends fed over the colder months.



Cleves Gardening Club (cont'd)

We will be teaming up with the Cleves Eco Team to focus on tackling some environmental issues too, such as composting, going peat free and choosing sustainable or recycled gardening materials. By doing this we are hoping to enjoy a greener, more rewarding gardening experience whilst also contributing to a healthier planet.

The Gardening Team



House Points

Windsor	Arundel
7,644	10,617
York	Warwick
6,650	8,227

Celebration Awards

Best Uniform



5N



Best Lunchtime Behaviour



3A



Best Values and Learning Behaviours



3D, 4H, 5D
& 6B



This week's



Class of the Week

is

3D

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 (cont'd)

- 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>