



Cleves School
Learning Together

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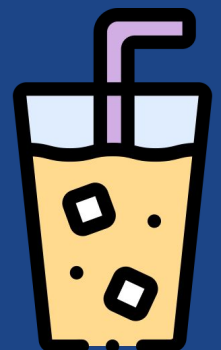
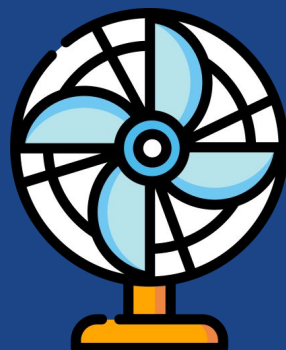
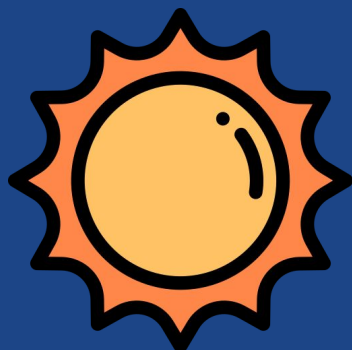
Welcome

The end of another hot week - well done again to the children for their resilience.

Continuing until the end of term, children may choose to wear their Cleves PE kit instead of school uniform. Please ensure that the correct PE kit is being worn - see [here](#).

With the Leavers' Service last week and our upcoming Year 6 Productions next week, we are into our final events for our Year 6's. Thank you in advance to everyone involved in supporting the children as they make this significant rite of passage.

Have a cool weekend.





14 July	Y6 Leavers' Production - 6pm
15 July	Y6 Leavers' Production - 6pm
17 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
22 July	Last Day of Term - 1.45pm finish

Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week of learning and, despite another spell of very warm weather, the children have continued to work incredibly hard. We are very proud of how well they have coped and the positive attitude they have shown throughout the week.

In Literacy, we have continued writing our non-chronological reports about our hybrid rainforest animals. The children have enjoyed bringing their imaginative creatures to life while including all the key features of a report, such as headings, subheadings and technical vocabulary. We have been impressed by both their creativity and the quality of their writing.

In Maths, we have moved on to statistics, where we have been learning how to collect, record and interpret data using tally charts and pictograms. The children have enjoyed answering questions about the data and creating their own charts.

In Geography, we have continued exploring the important issue of deforestation and the global impact it has on wildlife, people and our climate.

Year 3 (cont'd)

The children have shown thoughtful discussions about how we can help protect our world's rainforests.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy a well-deserved rest before another exciting week of learning!

Year 4

Another hot and busy week! A big well done to all the children for being so involved and engaged in their learning this week.

OUTDOOR LEARNING: This week, the children enjoyed a whole day exploring minibeasts in their natural habitats. They explored the topic by playing games, making a nature collage and conducting a survey.

ANGLO-SAXON BREAD COOKING: The children also enjoyed cooking like an Anglo-Saxon! As part of our Summer DT project, we headed to the Science Lab where the recipes that had been carefully created and planned could be made and cooked! The children really enjoyed seeing their recipes come to life and conducting a taste test at the end!

What a jam packed week! Not only have we done outdoor learning and cooking but all our regular curriculum learning too.

Have a lovely sunny weekend!

Year 5

Year 5 has had another busy and productive week! In **Literacy**, the children proudly published their Endangered Animals fact files, showcasing all of their hard work and research. This linked closely with **Science**, where they learnt about famous naturalists and explored the important contributions these scientists have made to our understanding of the natural world.

In **Maths**, we completed our learning on Volume and Capacity, before beginning our new topic on Time. The children have enjoyed applying their mathematical skills to a range of practical and real-world problem solving activities.

In **Topic**, Year 5 has been comparing the Alps and the Himalayas, exploring their physical features, climates and locations. They enjoyed identifying the similarities and differences between these two famous mountain ranges and using maps to support their learning.

In **Computing**, the children have been designing and creating their own websites based on their favourite Year 5 topic. They have included images, videos, quizzes and even interactive

Year 5 (cont'd)

Scratch games, demonstrating impressive creativity, independence and growing digital skills.

In **PSHE**, we have been learning about recognising risks and making safe choices, with a particular focus on staying safe around open water during the warm weather. Through discussions, the children have developed a greater understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Year 6

What a wonderful week it has been for our Y6 children as we rapidly approach the end of term!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Leavers' Service; it was a truly lovely time of reflection and celebration that highlighted just how much these children have grown and developed during their time at Cleves.

Meanwhile, rehearsals for our upcoming production are reaching a real crescendo, and the children are incredibly excited to perform for you next week.

Alongside all the stage prep, the learning hasn't stopped — we are eagerly looking forward to rolling up our sleeves to build our World War II Air Raid shelters and completing our striking, abstract Franz Kline artwork.

Thank you for your continued support during this thrilling final countdown!

RECEPTION OPENING HOURS FROM SEPTEMBER

Please note that from September, the school Reception will close 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.

English as an Additional Language

As we approach the end of another successful school year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved in supporting our pupils and families with English as an Additional Language (EAL) and celebrating the rich diversity of languages spoken across our school community.

This year, we have:

- Introduced **EAL Pupil Passports** to help us better understand our EAL learners, celebrate their strengths and identify their aspirations.
- Added a **translation feature** to our school website, ensuring that all families can access important information in their preferred language.
- Launched our **Language of the Month** initiative, giving the whole school the opportunity to learn key words and phrases in the many languages spoken by our pupils.
- Established our **Language of the Month Experts Club**, providing children who speak the featured language with the chance to meet others, share their knowledge and celebrate their linguistic heritage.

EAL (cont'd)

- Created our '**The World Through Our Eyes**' display in the library, showcasing postcards from Cleves families and celebrating the many countries and cultures represented within our school community.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to ensuring every child and family feels welcomed, valued and celebrated, while recognising the many languages spoken at Cleves as a real strength of our school.

This year, we launched our very first EAL (English as an Additional Language) Family Survey, and we were delighted by the overwhelmingly positive response. The feedback highlighted the many ways we are already supporting our EAL pupils and their families, while also inspiring us to introduce several exciting new initiatives.

These include:

- **The International Bookshelf** – a wonderful collection of books in a wide range of languages, generously donated by our PTA and families, to encourage a love of reading in every language.

EAL (cont'd)

- **Zones of Regulation resources in multiple languages** – helping to make our wellbeing and emotional regulation support more accessible to all pupils.
- **International Week** – a fantastic opportunity for children to explore and celebrate countries, cultures and traditions from around the world.

These initiatives build on the outstanding work already taking place every day in our classrooms and across the school, where staff continually support, challenge and celebrate our EAL learners.

Finally, we would like to extend a huge thank you to the families of Cleves. Your enthusiasm, generosity and willingness to share ideas, resources and experiences have played a vital role in the success of these initiatives. We truly value your partnership and look forward to continuing to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community together.

Uniform Update

As you may be aware, the government has introduced new guidance regarding branded school uniforms. In line with this, the PE sweatshirt is now optional, and pupils may wear a plain navy sweatshirt instead.

The only branded uniform items required are:

- School tie
- Cleves cardigan or jumper
- PE polo shirt

These items can be purchased from AlleyCatz in Hersham.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties with purchasing school uniform, please contact Miss Clarke, Wellbeing Lead, at gclarke@cleves.co.uk.

For further information about our uniform requirements, please visit the school website:

<https://www.cleves.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

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

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
18,298	15,506
York	Warwick
15,941	15,373

Sports News

The final week of sporting events at Cleves has once again been disrupted by the heat with the planned Quad Kids and Cricket League matches being cancelled. However, we still have a number of events to report on.

Swim, Run, Shoot Festival at Notre Dame

On Tuesday this week, thirty nine Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting Swim, Shoot, Run Festival at Notre Dame School. The event, developed through our growing partnership with Notre Dame, introduced children to the exciting sport of Laser Run, combining swimming, laser pistol shooting and running in a fun, inclusive challenge.

After completing either a 50m or 100m swim, pupils independently navigated the transition area independently before demonstrating impressive focus and composure in the laser shooting discipline. They then finished with a determined 600m run.

It was a great event and everyone who took part should be extremely proud of themselves. Many pupils embraced a completely new sporting

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experience, stepping outside their comfort zones which was particularly pleasing to see. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another in such a supportive atmosphere, with the emphasis firmly on participation, enjoyment and personal achievement.

The laser shooting proved to be a real highlight of the afternoon. Our pupils showed remarkable calmness and concentration, particularly after the excitement of the swim and transition!

We hope to offer more chances for pupils to take part in this exciting and fast-growing sport during the next academic year.



Sports News (cont'd)

Girls' Football Update

Friendly Tournament

Last week, a mixed team of Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in a friendly football tournament. Despite the hot weather, the girls showed great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. They played some excellent football and were rewarded with a fantastic 3rd place finish out of 8 teams. It was a brilliant opportunity for our younger players to gain valuable experience while our Year 6 girls continued to lead by example.

League Final

On Tuesday, our girls travelled to face Cardinal Newman in the league final, played in extremely hot conditions. It wasn't our best performance, and Cardinal Newman were the stronger side for much of the game, deservedly taking a 2-0 lead.

The girls have experienced a long and demanding season, and at times have found it difficult to recover when games haven't gone their way. However, what happened next was one of the most inspiring displays of character we've ever witnessed.

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Despite the sweltering heat and with only minutes remaining, the team refused to give up. Two superbly executed counter-attacks brought two outstanding goals, levelling the match at 2-2 and sparking jubilant celebrations at the final whistle.

The result means that the league title is shared between two exceptional teams, a fitting outcome after such a competitive season.

Throughout the year, this group has produced some wonderful, free-flowing football, but this comeback surpassed every performance that came before it. It was the finest example of resilience, determination and perseverance seen from this group. The girls showed incredible belief in each other when it mattered most, and they should all be immensely proud of what they have achieved.

A huge congratulations to every player on a fantastic season.

Sports News (cont'd)

Year 6 Boys Cricket: Silver Success at the Surrey Finals!

What a sensational week of cricket for our Year 6 boys! Building on their glorious victory at the Elmbridge District Cricket Tournament—where they beat TDJS by just 4 runs in a nail-biting, closely contested final—the team proudly travelled to represent the district at the Surrey County Finals.

The boys started the day in blistering form, completely dominating the morning session. Showing incredible composure and power at the crease, they scored over 100 runs in each of their opening two matches (vs Reigate Priory and North Downs), securing comfortable victories and cruising straight through to the elite afternoon Gold Medal group.

The afternoon brought fierce competition, but our boys rose to the challenge beautifully. In a grueling round-robin against the best schools in the county, they won 2 out of their 3 matches, demonstrating superb skills with both bat and ball, amazing resilience under pressure, and outstanding teamwork.

Sports News (cont'd)

When the final runs were tallied, it literally couldn't have been closer. The tournament came down to a statistical run countback, which ultimately placed our boys as the 2nd best team in the whole of Surrey! To finish as county runners-up is a monumental achievement. This was a tremendous performance by the boys from start to finish, and it was an absolute privilege to watch them play with such spirit and sportsmanship. Huge congratulations to the entire squad!

Squad: Bert, Edward, Freddie, Jack, Jack, Joe, Oliver, Vallen.



Music News

Calypso Crew Steel Bands

Massive congratulations to all the Calypso Crew steel bands. What a year! They have worked really hard and performed very successfully at both the Cleves Christmas concerts and Summer concerts. The bands also entertained a large crowd at the Oatlands Village Fayre with brilliant performances. Year 6 pulled off Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds' which included the band playing 4 different parts!

If your son/daughter is interested in joining one of the bands on Wednesdays in September please see the Cleves club page or contact Lizzie on 07900 380953



Eco News

Litter picking around the World!

Summer Global Citizenship Litter-Picking Challenge

This summer, 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!

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.

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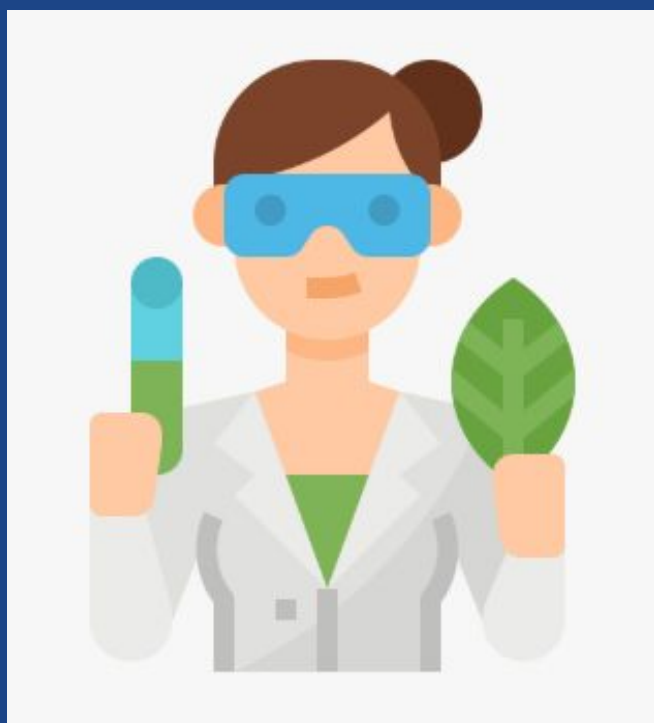
What is a Green Career?

A green career is a job that helps to conserve or protect our planet. Some jobs might be involved in designing and creating products that are more eco-friendly or that help us to live a more sustainable way of life. Other jobs might include advising people on adapting their company to become energy-efficient, managing green spaces and planning for their conservation, or running recycle schemes and encouraging others to recycle. In fact, there are hundreds of different opportunities for a career in the green industry!

This weeks green career is...

Biologist

As a Biologist, you could find new ways to clean up soil, air and water pollution.



Internet Safety

Minecraft: What Parents Need to Know

Minecraft is an open-ended "virtual sandbox" game where players explore a block-based 3D world to mine resources, craft tools, and construct buildings. It features two main modes: Creative, which offers unlimited building materials and zero danger, and Survival, where players must manage health and gather resources while avoiding cartoonish monsters.

The Pros and Cons:

- The Positives: Like digital Lego, Minecraft boosts spatial awareness, geometry skills, and creative problem-solving. It also teaches resource management and fosters teamwork when students collaborate on shared building projects.
- The Negatives: The game's open-ended nature can make it highly addictive, occasionally leading to screen time battles. Additionally, public multiplayer servers expose children to unmoderated live chat with strangers.

School Recommendation: For a safe and balanced experience, we advise keeping younger children on Single-Player, "Creative," or "Peaceful" modes with the in-game chat turned off.

POSTER

Surrey Young Carers

Our young carer group had a lovely afternoon creating plant pots on Wednesday. You can see the variety and hard work they have put in. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell for running the event. We were lucky to have Woodlark nurseries donate the plants. They have also offered Cleves parents a 15% discount, using code CLEVES15 woodlarknurseriesretail.com



Congratulations

Congratulations to Benjamin H (4L) who came 2nd yesterday in the Dragon Judo summer competition. Well done Benjamin!



Staff Vacancies

Please click on the link below to take you to our staff vacancies:

[Learning Support Assistant](#)

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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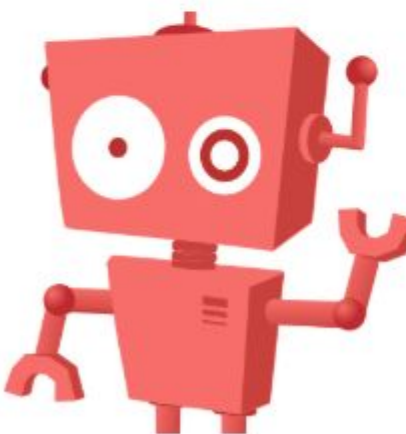
DRIVE



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>