



Cleves School
Learning Together

**11th September
2026**

Welcome

After a short week last week, it's amazing how quickly it has begun to feel like 'business as usual' for our first full week of term. It was lovely to meet a good number of our Y5 & Y6 parents & carers at the Information Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing our Y3 & Y4 parents at the remaining welcome meetings next week.

It was brilliant to see such huge numbers turn out for the upper year groups football trials this week. The coaches will have an almost impossible job of whittling down the numbers to form our boys and girls football squads. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their lunchtimes to support Mr Smith in running the trials. Well done also to the 100+ pupils who showed true Cleves spirit and turned out in the pouring rain on Tuesday for running club.

While visiting classes again this week, it is clear to see how well embedded the Cleves values are among our pupils. The ripple effects of kindness that we spoke about last week is definitely creating positive waves all around the school.

Thanks for your continuing patience with the roadworks outside school. If you are dropping off at the field gate can you please avoid stopping on the zigzags (or even worse, letting children out of cars in the middle of the road!). There were a few near-misses already this week because of dangerous dropping off.

I was really excited to meet with our PTA chair Charlotte Dury this week to hear about the exciting plans for events this year. Please make every effort to get involved and help out at an event this year - many hands make light work!

Have a lovely weekend!



Mr Skehan



15th September	Y3 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
17th September	Y3 Welcome Service - St Mary's Church - 2pm
17th September	Y4 Information Evening - 6pm Performance Hall
18th September	Class Assembly - 6N
21st September	School Photo's - Individual & Siblings
23rd September	Y4 River Walk - 4M & 4R
24th September	Y4 River Walk - 4A & 4H
24th September	Y5 Hampton Court - 5J & 5T
25th September	Y4 River Walk - 4J & 4P
25th September	Y5 Hampton Court - 5B & 5P
25th September	Class Assembly - 6F



1st October	Y5 Hampton Court - 5D & 5H
2nd October	Y6 Victorian Immersion Day
2nd October	Harvest Festival - Class Assembly - 5T
2nd October	Y4 Mini-Olympics
5th October	PTA AGM - 7pm Sports Hall Classroom - All Welcome
6th October	Y5 Outdoor Learning
9th October	MUFTI DAY - World Mental Health Day - Wear 'Yellow'
9th October	Y3 Outdoor Learning
9th October	Class Assembly - 6S
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
2nd November	School Restarts

Year 3

The children have had a fantastic first full week at school! They have settled into routines brilliantly and have enjoyed getting stuck into their learning.

In Literacy, the children wrote acrostic poems all about themselves, thinking about words and phrases that describe their personalities and interests. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and partitioning numbers, developing their understanding of the value of each digit.

In Computing, the children have been changing their passwords and joining our online classroom. Despite a few Wi-Fi problems, they showed great patience and perseverance (as did the teachers)!

PE has been busy, with a focus on balancing, skipping and in Games we are beginning our new Gymnastics unit.

We have started our Science unit on forces and magnets, exploring some of the key ideas we will investigate further. In Art, the children have been introduced to Surrealism and its imaginative approach to art.

In Geography, we have been looking at maps of the school and local area from the last 200 years, comparing how the area has changed over time.

It has been a very busy and productive week, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school. Well done, everyone — what a brilliant start to the year!

Year 4

What a jam-packed week it has been in Year 4! We have been absolutely blown away by how quickly the children have settled in and embraced the challenges of Year 4. They have dived straight into their learning and have had a fantastic start to the year.

In Literacy, we have begun our new unit, writing setting descriptions inspired by swans gliding across a river at sunset. The children have been working hard to use powerful verbs and adjectives to create vivid descriptions. In Maths, we have been exploring the magnitude of numbers, place value and partitioning numbers up to 10,000. In Science, we have started learning about the states of matter and the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

Our Geography learning has taken us on a journey down a river, learning about its different features, in preparation for our exciting river walks in a couple of weeks. In Art, we have been learning about Claude Monet and exploring the artistic movement of Impressionism, looking at how artists can capture movement, light and atmosphere.

It has certainly been a very busy first week, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved already. We hope everyone has a lovely and well-deserved weekend!

Year 5

What a fantastic first full week back! It has been wonderful to see the children settle so quickly into the routines of Year 5 and embrace the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for them.

In Maths, we have been exploring place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have been developing their confidence in reading and writing large numbers, as well as investigating powers of ten and how numbers change when multiplied or divided by 10, 100 and 1,000.

In Literacy, we have completed our first HOT TASK: a third-person narrative set in the world of *Mega City*. The children have impressed us with their ambitious vocabulary, particularly when describing the setting, actions and emotions of the character. They have also been developing their use of fronted adverbials and conjunctions to create more varied and sophisticated sentences. We have been delighted with the creativity and imagination they have shown in their writing!

We have also been thinking about our Rights and Responsibilities as members of our school community. As we do at this time each year, the children have discussed what these rights mean in practice and considered the responsibilities that come alongside them. Together, they have created new Class Charters, establishing the foundations for a positive classroom environment built on respect, responsibility, kindness and consideration for others.

Year 5 (cont'd)

In Art, we have begun our exciting journey into Tudor portraiture, exploring a range of portraits from the Tudor period and considering what these artworks can tell us about the people and society of the time. The final outcome of this unit is always a particular favourite with the children.

In Science, our focus this half term is Properties of Materials. This week, the children began investigating how materials can be grouped and classified, using increasingly precise scientific vocabulary to describe and compare their different properties.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Meet the Teacher event and Parent Information Evening. We really appreciate your enthusiasm, engagement and continued support. Working in partnership with you is an important part of helping the children to have a happy, successful and memorable Year 5, and we are very grateful for your involvement.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

The Year 5 Team

Year 6

Well done to all of Year 6 for having such a successful first full week back at school! The children have settled back in brilliantly and have all worked so hard.

In Maths, we have kicked off with place value and in Literacy we are writing a descriptive narrative. It's great to see the children engaging in this and we are looking forward to seeing their first piece of writing for Year 6.

We have also now started our new topic of the Victorians. The children have really enjoyed looking at timelines of events and the monarchy from the Tudors up to the Victorians. They have also produced some lovely pieces of work in their topic books.

In Science, we have started to look at classifying animals and the children have shown great knowledge of this and have been really engaged in their learning.

We hope you all have a lovely restful weekend!

SCHOOL LUNCHEES PRICE INCREASE

Please note that the cost of school meals will increase from £2.60 to £2.80 per day, starting Monday 2nd November. This small adjustment is necessary to maintain the high quality and nutritional value of our school lunches amid rising food and supply costs.

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.





As usual we are doing a Harvest Festival collection for Walton and Hersham Foodbank. Please could we ask that you bring in your donations of the following items on the **2nd October (there will be a table outside Reception on that day):**

- Tinned meat and fish
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Coffee and hot chocolate
- Milk (UHT)
- Biscuits and chocolate
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet roll

As always, we are always really grateful for your donations.

LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM

Last year we introduced 'Language of the month' and the children and staff learned key phrases from the following languages - French, Turkish, Urdu, Afrikaans, Spanish, Korean and Arabic.

This year we have decided to change our 'Language of the Month' to 'Language of the Half Term' so that we can spend a little bit of extra time learning and using the different phrases in each new language.

I am excited to announce that our first Language of the half term is -



LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM

Język semestru



Polish

Official language of:
Poland



Cześć
Hello

Dziękuję
Thank you!

Jak się masz?
How are you?

Proszę
Please

Czuję się dobrze,
dziękuję.
I am fine,
thank you

Do widzenia
Goodbye

Eco News

Zero Waste Week

Zero Waste Week is an annual awareness campaign. It works to help householders, businesses, organisations, schools, universities and community groups reduce landfill waste, so you can save money, preserve resources and protect the environment. To take part, all you have to do is choose an action which will help you reduce your waste. Once you decide on your action, do it every day throughout Zero Waste Week in September and share your experience with others in person or online using the hashtag #ZeroWasteWeek.



House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
976	1,322
York	Warwick
867	1,120

ROADWORKS OUTSIDE CLEVES

A reminder to please allow extra time for your journey to and from school, as traffic is likely to be heavier than usual, particularly at peak times.

We ask all parents and carers to take extra care during this period and to ensure that you:

- **drop children at the gate and do not walk your child to class from Monday**
- where possible, consider walking to and from school to help minimise the amount of traffic around the site.
- drive slowly, park safely and considerately around the school.
- be patient and courteous towards other road users, pedestrians and members of the school community.
- please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid causing inconvenience or obstruction to local residents - do not obstruct driveways, pavements, entrances or the flow of traffic.

Please note the St Mary's Church car park remains closed.

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.

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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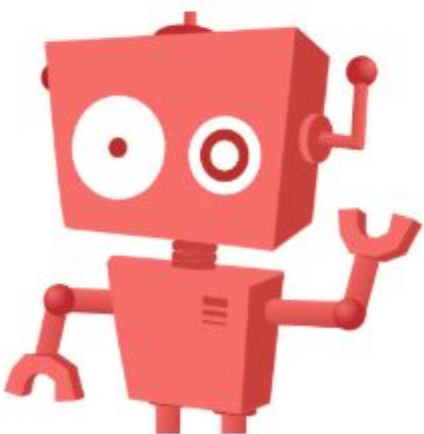
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



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 & 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>