



Cleves School
Learning Together

12th December 2025

Welcome

This week, it has been wonderful to get into the festive spirit with our Year 3 and 4 nativities. They performed poems and songs with enthusiasm, clarity and confidence and brought smiles to the faces of the packed audiences. Thank you to all the staff that enabled the children to feel happy and confident to share their performances with their community. Also, thank you to all the parents and carers that supported their children, giving them an audience to impress and perform to. Thank you also to St Mary Oatlands for hosting us.

This week we also had our Christmas lunch and jumper day. We had an absolutely delicious lunch with festive spirit and focussing on creating the best experience for the children. Congratulations and thank you!

Have a restful weekend.





16th December	Christmas Concert - Y5
17th December	Christmas Concert - Y6
19th December	End of Term 1:45
5th January	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
6th January	School re-starts - Spring Term
7th-9th January	Skipping Workshops (timings tbc)
9th January	Y5 Pottage - 5H, 5J & 5M
9th January	Class Assembly - 6T
12th January	Y5 Pottage - 5D, 5K & 5N
13th January	Y3 Ancient Egypton Immersion Day - 3A, 3D & 3M
14th January	Y3 Ancient Egypton Immersion Day - 3GR, 3J & 3W



16th January	Y5 Space Day
16th January	Class Assembly - 6PD
20th January	Young Voices
23rd January	Class Assembly - 4E
30th January	Class Assembly - 5H

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.

Christmas News!



The Christmas post box will be located outside the Welfare office from Monday 1st December for the children to post their Christmas cards to friends. Please ensure that all cards have the child's forename, surname & class on the front of the envelope.

Year 3

We cannot believe we are coming towards the end of Year 3's first term at Cleves. This week the children made us all so proud singing and performing their poems on Tuesday evening in the church. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for the special evening. Year 3 have also had more sessions sewing their stockings which are now taking shape and looking wonderfully festive. Another big thank you to those parents and carers who volunteered their time to help across the year group - we couldn't have done it without you! We have also continued our Literacy work on The Polar Express with the children looking at dialogue between two characters and the punctuation needed. In Maths we are continuing reviewing the autumn term with a focus on formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Year 4



We hope this message finds you well as you begin to embrace the festive season. Learning continues at full pace throughout the classroom. The children are approaching completion of their narrative writing projects, which draw inspiration from J.R.R. Tolkien's beloved Letters to Father Christmas. Their written work has demonstrated remarkable thoughtfulness and creativity. In Mathematics, the students are enthusiastically exploring factor pairs and applying this knowledge to solve multiplication challenges. Regular practice with quick factor identification at home, such as asking "What are the factor pairs of 36?" significantly strengthens their mathematical fluency.

This week brought wonderful celebrations, particularly the Year 4 nativity performance. The Year 4 students delivered their nativity presentation yesterday at St. Mary's, creating a truly magnificent experience. The children displayed exceptional confidence, beautiful singing voices, and genuine Christmas spirit that brought joy to all who witnessed their performance.

Year 5

Year 5 have almost finished our letter home from the Golden Hinde, writing some amusing anecdotes of our adventures onboard. We have continued the seafaring theme by learning about the Spanish Armada, and have started to research and finalise our pottage/ soup recipes ready to make in January.

In RE, we have now finished learning about Islam and in Science, we have been looking at the life-cycles of mammals (placental, marsupial and monotreme).

Year 6

This week has been a busy and exciting one in Year Six! In Computing, we finalised our 3-D printing designs, making sure every detail was ready before we move on to the next stage. In Literacy, we began writing our own narratives, using all our planning and creativity to bring our ideas to life. We have also continued to rehearse our Christmas poems and songs, and our performance is really starting to come together. We're looking forward to sharing all our hard work with you next week!

Eco News

Climate Resilience Grant

Climate resilience is about preparing our schools to withstand and adapt to the impacts of climate change, whether that's extreme weather, energy challenges, or biodiversity loss. The Eco Council has been working hard on this and we have been lucky enough to win a Schools Resilience Grant totalling to £4,000. Well done Eco Council! Keep an eye out in the new year for information about our plans!

Plan to be a sustainable traveller by packing your reusables. Try to remember to pack your reusables wherever you go. For example, reusable water bottle, tupperware, soap bar, reusable wipes, beeswax wrap.



Highway Code



Get to know the Highway Code

Knowing the Highway Code is really important for school children who walk to school every day. It helps you understand how to cross roads safely, recognise traffic signs, and stay alert around cars, buses, and bikes. By following the rules, like using crossings properly and paying attention to signals, you can keep yourself and your friends safe on your journey. Learning the Highway Code isn't just about rules - it's about building good habits that help everyone get to school safely and confidently.

Find out more at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

or

- [order a copy of The Highway Code book online](#)
- buy a copy from most high street bookshops
- [buy the app for Apple phones and tablets](#)
- [buy the app for Android phones and tablets](#)

Play this game online to learn more about how to be safe when on the roads.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

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.

Thank you for helping us keep the area around school safe for all.



Internet Safety Guide

Last week's guide explored how to support digital resilience. This week's guide discusses how to choose the right tech for children with simple guides that help you compare devices, understand key features and set everything up safely.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



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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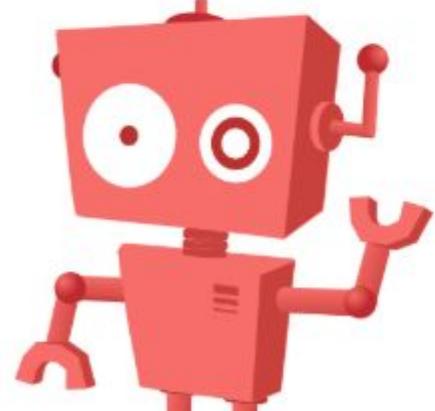
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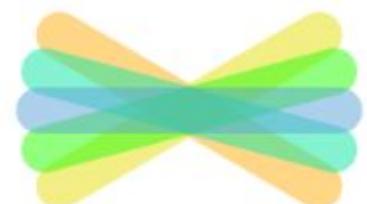


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CLASS

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SEESAW

Congratulations

Ellia (4E) and Freddie (4L) worked really hard at the weekend baking cookies and selling them at their gymnastics club to raise money for Homestart. They are proud to have raised £40 in total - £20 each has been sent via scopay for the collection - well done!

Elvie (5K) decided to bake 25 fairy cakes and sold them at her cub group one night. She sold them at 25p each and through the generosity of parents, also made extra. She raised a total of £8.45 - well done Elvie!

Eve (6P) and Meredith (4E) made bracelets to sell for £1 each. They have raised a fabulous £105 for Home Start! Well done girls!



Congratulations

Olivia (4H) passed her grade 1 ballet exam from the Royal Academy of Dance. Well done Olivia!



Congratulations to Douglas (4M) who passed his grade 1 drum exam with Merit - well done Douglas!



House Points

Windsor	Arundel
20,562	22,687
York	Warwick
20,233	24,375

Vacancies

LSA (Learning Support Assistant)

If you or a friend/colleague are interested in applying, please click on the link below.
Thank you.

Eteach

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/1FAIpQLSfP_rvlzFARXff-ZCD60nzsAVpSxknSh-qbgtTrrCPu2qgD8YQ/viewform?usp=header