



**Cleves School**  
Learning Together

**13th March 2026**

# Welcome

It's been another exciting week at school. It has been a busy time for our pupils, with lots of learning for the whole school and the continued trips to Butser Farm, which provided fantastic opportunities for hands-on learning. There has also been some lovely singing radiating from the Assembly hall.

As we look ahead, we are preparing to celebrate Neurodiversity Week next week, recognising and valuing the different ways our children think, learn and experience the world. Please also remember that our Tuning Up concerts are coming up next week and that it is photo day on Tuesday. Get those smiles ready! Finally, a reminder that Friday is Parents' Consultation Day. Excitingly, alongside this we will be hosting our Art Exhibition, where you can enjoy a wonderful showcase of the children's creativity and hard work. We hope you can join us for these special events. Have a lovely weekend.





16th March	Y4 Tuning Up Concert
17th March	Class Photos
17th March	Y6 Tuning Up Concert
18th March	Y3 Tuning Up Concert
19th March	Y5 Tuning Up Concert
19th March	Y6 SATS Information Evening - Performance Hall
20th March	Parent Consultation Day - School closed
26th March	Class Assembly - 3W
26th March	Y4 Residential - Information Evening - 6pm-6.30pm - Performance Hall
27th March	Last day of term - finish 1.45pm



13th April	1st day of Summer Term - school resumes
15th-17th April	Y3 Residential - Sayers Croft
16th April	Y3 Non-Residential children - Walton Firs
21-24 April	Y4 Residential - Hooke Court
22 April	Y4 Non-Residential children - Walton Firs
21-24 April	Y6 Mock SATS
24 April	Y3 Zoolab
27 April	Y3 Egg Hatching Programme starts
6 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3M & 3D)
7 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3A & 3J)



8 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3GR & 3W)
11-14 May	Y6 SATS
12-15 May	Y5 Residential
20 May	Summer Concert 1
21 May	Summer Concert 2
25 May	Half Term

# Year 3

Year 3 have had another enjoyable week working hard and learning so much. We have come to the end of our Literacy unit on non-chronological reports on dragons. The children published their work and it will be made into a fantastic Dragonology book that the whole class can enjoy.

In Maths we have spent the week looking at scales. We have learned how to identify the value of the intervals on the scales in order to read them. Next time you do some baking at home, your child will be able to help weigh all the ingredients for you!

In Art we have made our cartouches out of clay. The children cannot wait for them to dry so they can bring them home and share their hard work.

History this week was focused on learning about the importance of the Nile to the Ancient Egyptians and how it was crucial for farming, building, transport and the invention of the first type of paper.

3GR are the first Year 3 class to perform their class assembly and have been busy rehearsing ready for their parents and the school performance today!

# Year 4

In Year 4 we have had another busy and exciting week. We have had more trips to Butser Farm and had a great time during activity days learning about Ancient Greek Theatre and making our very own Greek masks and Iron Men.



Outdoor learning days have continued and we have made binoculars and bird feeders out of natural resources as well as learning all about the significance of bird watching and how we can get involved! In Maths we have come to the end of our unit on fractions and in Literacy we have started a new unit preparing ourselves to write a non-chronological report all about Ancient Greece. We have had great fun learning all about what life was like in Ancient Greece and finding facts for our reports.



In Science this week we have made instruments out of everyday items to explore how pitch can be changed based on the size and length of different instruments

In RE we have been learning all about Christianity and in PSHE we have enjoyed starting our new topic all about money work and budgeting.

# Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy week of learning. In literacy, children have almost finished writing their own stories based on The Firework-Maker's Daughter. For many it has been their best piece of writing this year - tales of bravery, venomous snakes, rickety bridges and deadly quicksand are among the many different obstacles that the characters faced on the journey home. In maths, classes have completed their assessments and worked hard showing their understanding of the topics we have covered so far this year. In science, we enjoyed exploring a new force: friction. The children carried out practical experiments, testing how shoes moved across a variety of surfaces and discussing which created more or less friction.

Our DT projects are coming along well and in PE, we continue practising our dodgeball skills and teamwork. Alongside this, we've had the opportunity to get our wellies on and enjoy a day of outdoor learning, with a nature scavenger hunt, creating nature art and learning more about survival skills in preparation for our next unit of writing.

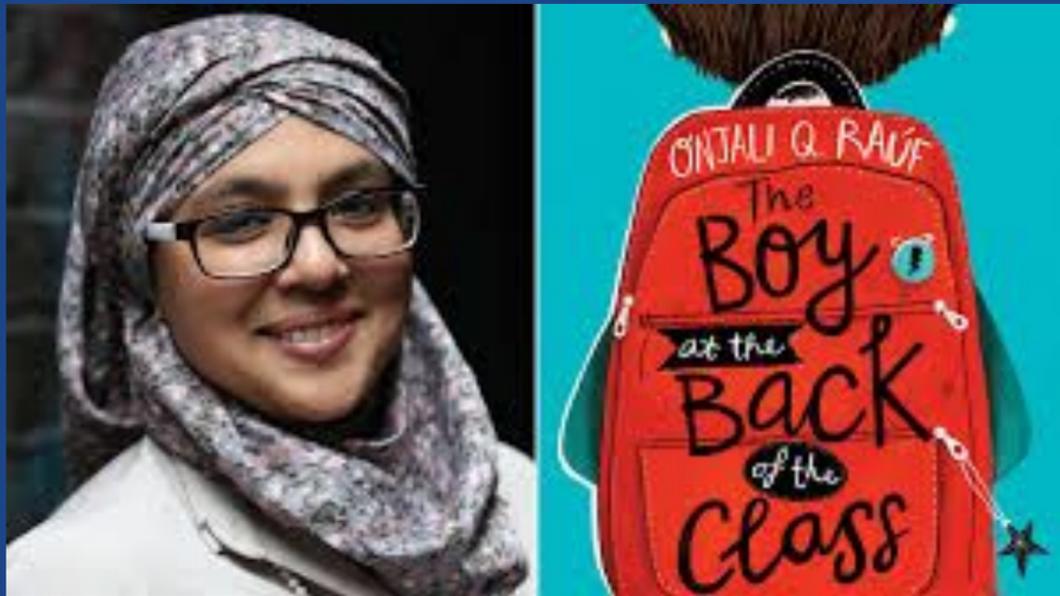
# Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have become scientists by participating in some fun experiments to look at reversible and irreversible changes. We have also been continuing with our Plastic Art project where we have explored cutting, folding, assembling and attaching plastics in different ways and have started creating our individual plastic sculptures. Finally, we have been looking at money in PSHE, specifically how we can identify bargains, how we can save our money, how we can earn money as well as exploring how much items cost.

# Book Recommendations

This week's book review is from Mrs Ainley-Robinson (and her 8 year old daughter).

## The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf



This is a thought provoking story based on true events. It illustrates what some children experience when fleeing their home country. This hard hitting topic is told through the eyes of a curious friend who is eager to show her new refugee pal a warm welcome. The story highlights the importance of bravery and caring for others. We liked how the story begins in a school but ends in Buckingham Palace with the main characters delivering a request of help to the Queen.

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The story demonstrates that no matter where we come from, or what we have experienced, we are all equal and should support each other; having a good friend is very special.

The book is so compelling that it kept us both up reading until past our bedtimes! It made us reflect on our own lives and think about how lucky we are to be safe in our homes. Overall, it's an interesting read and we would recommend it for children in Year 4 and older years.

# Free School Meals Eligibility

Please could we encourage you to check eligibility for free school meals for students. Surrey County Council estimates there are over 2,000 families who would likely be found eligible for free school meals, but aren't currently accessing this entitlement.

Currently, any child found eligible for free school meals enjoys protected status under transitional protection arrangements, meaning they remain eligible until the end of their current phase of education. However, this may change very soon with the media reporting expected ending of these protections.

Any questions about eligibility should be direct to our Welfare Officer, Mrs Pyott.  
([jpyott@cleves.co.uk](mailto:jpyott@cleves.co.uk))

Please [click here](#) to take you to the Free School Meal application form.

# 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.



# Mobile Phones

A polite reminder, that no phones are to be used on site, which includes sound recording, video recording and photographs. Please also refrain from using your phone during parents' consultation next week.

Thank you in advance.



# House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Arundel</b>
9,917	11,367
<b>York</b>	<b>Warwick</b>
12,092	14,980

# Eco News

## The Great British Big Spring Clean

Around 96% of people surveyed agreed that the #GBSpringClean reduces the impact of litter on wildlife and the environment. We spread the word for everybody to Love Where You Live because we believe that the environment belongs to everyone! Click [here](#) to find out more about the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

**THE GREAT BRITISH  
SPRING CLEAN**

# Internet Safety Guide

On Monday 2nd March 6-7pm there was a Parent Online safety talk, led by the Breck Foundation.

This session was to help you understand the issues discussed with the children on the 4th March and provide guidance on how to support your child's online safety at home.

Please find below a recording of the Parent Online Safety Talk.

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Thank you for your support, we would welcome any feedback via the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/260492702587059>

Following the on-line safety assemblies with the children, please click on the link below to take you to the Parent Post Presentation Pack

[Parent Post Presentation Pack](#)

# Sports News

The busy half term of sport at Cleves continued this week with lots more events and competitions going on.

## Primary Fitness Games

Last Friday, ten girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a brand-new competition, the Primary Fitness Games, held at Seaton House School. The event saw the girls competing in a series of team workouts that were both timed and scored.

Over the past half term, the girls have been working incredibly hard to prepare for the event, training both at school and at home and taking the challenge very seriously. On the day, the weather was nothing short of appalling, but I cannot say how proud I was of them or how mentally strong and determined they proved to be. Even with their hands in puddles and completing burpees in the pouring rain, they were all brilliant.

There wasn't a single complaint—just fantastic focus, resilience, and teamwork throughout.

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At the end of the competition, they were deservedly crowned overall winners and will return in May for the finals. Well done, girls—an unbelievable effort!



## East Surrey Dodgeball Championships

Just yesterday, a team of nine Year 6 pupils took part in the County Dodgeball Championships held at East Surrey College in Redhill. This competition has traditionally been of a very high standard, and in previous years we have struggled to reach the knockout stages. This time, however, it was a very different story. During the group stages we remained unbeaten, winning three matches and drawing two. This meant we topped the group and progressed to the semi-finals, where we faced Shawley Primary School.

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The team produced their best performance of the day, winning convincingly and demonstrating great focus, commitment, and impressive strategic awareness.

In the Final we came up against a very strong Radnor House team and, despite our best efforts, we just couldn't quite find a way past them. Nevertheless, the team should be extremely proud of their runners-up medals. They played brilliantly as a team throughout the day and were an absolute pleasure to work with.

Well done to all involved. Mr Smith.



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## Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday, a team of 23 athletes took part in the Impact AC Cross Country Championships at Bedfont Lakes, competing against nine other local schools.

There were four races in total: Year 5 Girls, Year 5 Boys, Year 6 Girls, and Year 6 Boys. Each race followed a traditional 2km cross-country course, with athletes navigating muddy sections as well as steep uphill and downhill slopes. These challenging conditions did not faze our athletes at all, and every one of them ran brilliantly.

Individually, there were a number of outstanding performances, including:

- Year 5 Girls: Chloe – 1st, Larisa – 3rd
- Year 5 Boys: Joseph – 2nd
- Year 6 Boys: Jack – 1st, Sebby – 2nd

There was also a team competition, with the top four athletes from each school scoring points in each race. Our teams performed exceptionally well, securing overall first place in the Year 5 Girls, Year 5 Boys, and Year 6 Boys categories.

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A huge well done to everyone who took part—your performances truly stood out. Mr Smith



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## Year 5 Netball

Year 5 played a match against Cardinal Newman, winning 5–1 after a great team performance. The team showed excellent teamwork, strong passing and determination throughout the game.

Ilyana did a brilliant job as captain. A special congratulations to Isla Reed, who was awarded

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Player of the Match for her excellent marking, confident shooting and for making several interceptions during the game.

All of the players worked hard and supported each other brilliantly: **Alice, Isla, Larisa, Joseph, Nia, Ilyana and Alba**. Well done to the whole team for a great win!

## Football Round Up

The girls football team took part in a 6-a-side tournament at Chelsea's training ground on Monday. Considering it was the finals, featuring teams from across Surrey and London, the girls were exceptional. They played incredibly well and showed high levels of resilience whilst working harder than ever. Despite topping the group by a considerable distance, they went through to the knockout rounds but sadly fell short. One lapse in concentration was enough to punish the girls and they spent the remainder of the game testing the opposition goalkeeper. It was a cruel end to an outstanding day.

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On Wednesday, they played in their Year 6 county cup quarter finals. Once again, they totally dominated and played some outstanding football but sadly two shots led to two goals by Cheam Park Farm.

The girls now look forward to their next game against Ashley, on Monday.

On Monday afterschool, the Year 5 Boys A Team played in their last league fixture of the year against Grovelands. The Cleves team were eager to make a fast start, knowing that a win would see them win the Year 5 league! After some fast movement down the wings, Cleves struck first and found themselves on the scoresheet. Following further teamwork, the boys pushed on to try and gain a greater lead. Going in at half time, Cleves were in the lead and half way there to that league title. Into the second half, Cleves continued to dominate the possession and moved the ball across the pitch with fantastic intensity. Cleves saw out the game to end the league season with a 5-1 winning result! A huge, huge congratulations to the whole team for their efforts and impressive

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displays throughout the season. With just the Royal Holloway tournament left to play, we hope that the boys can keep this momentum going for then!

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Benjamin H (4L) who yesterday won the Spring competition with Dragon Judo Club - well done Benjamin.



# Challenging Behaviour Parenting Course

Homestart are running their Challenging Behaviour course at Cranmere Primary School every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 for 10 weeks starting on April 15th, 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 20th, Jun 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st.

The course is free of charge, but participants are required to commit to attending every week.

If you would be interested in attending, please contact Miss Clarke ([gclarke@cleves.co.uk](mailto:gclarke@cleves.co.uk)) or Mrs Tewkesbury ([ntewkesbury@cleves.co.uk](mailto:ntewkesbury@cleves.co.uk)).



# 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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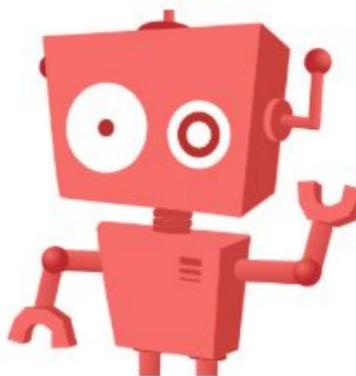
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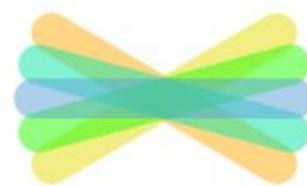
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# Absence Penalties

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.

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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](mailto:absence@cleves.co.uk) is no longer in use. We kindly also ask that you do not email [info@cleves.co.uk](mailto:info@cleves.co.uk) or [office@cleves.co.uk](mailto: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>