



Cleves School
Learning Together

14th November 2025

Welcome

This week was Anti-Bullying Week, and across the school we reflected on how we value and respect one another, as well as how our actions can affect others. We discussed what bullying really means, remembering that it involves repeated, deliberate behaviours that cause harm.

Our value for this half term is Kindness, which linked beautifully to our discussions and learning throughout the week. It was wonderful to see so many odd socks on Monday, reminding us that we celebrate our differences and appreciate what makes each of us unique.

On Monday, we also enjoyed a fantastic Remembrance Assembly led by our mentors, followed by an excellent radio broadcast on Tuesday. The children were respectful, thoughtful, and produced a truly impressive show. The link to listen back will be shared separately.





21st November	Author Visit - Steve Williams
24th November	Tuning Up Concert - 4H & 4E
25th November	Tuning Up Concert - 6F & 6PD
26th November	Tuning Up Concert - 3W & 3GR
27th November	Tuning Up Concert - 5D & 5J
28th November	Mufti Day
6th December	PTA Christmas Fair
9th December	Y3 Nativity
10th December	Christmas Dinner
11th December	Y4 Nativity
16th December	Christmas Concert - Y5
17th December	Christmas Concert - Y6
19th December	End of Term 1:45

Notices

Over the next few weeks, there may be some increased congestion and limited parking around school due to the work on the roads around the school. Therefore, please allow a little extra time for drop-off and pick-up.

We're also noticing more PE kits being forgotten lately. Please remember to send your child's PE kit with them in the morning, as the office is unable to deliver multiple kits to classrooms.

Thank you for your help and understanding!

School Pick-up - Gates to be Used

Please note to avoid the least congestion, we would ask that all children exit the school premises, at the end of the day, through the following gates:

Y3 - Reception gate

Y4 - Reception gate - children to use the pathway by the Y4 block (front of school)

Y5 & Y6 - Bungalow gate

All years can leave through the field gate.

If you have multiple collections, please use the least congested route.

This is just for pick-up only at the end of the school day. All gates can be used for drop-off in the morning.

Thank you for your support.

Author Visit

We are very excited to let you know that on Friday 21st November, we will be welcoming the fantastic author Steve Williams to Cleves!

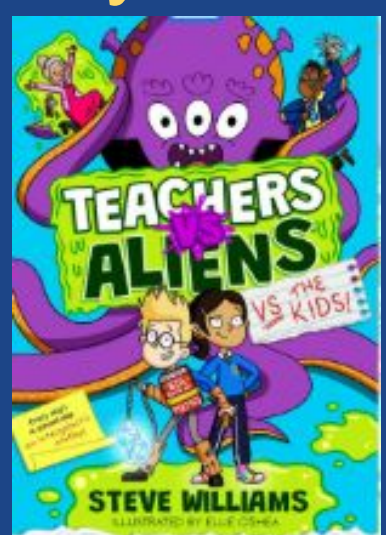
Steve will be running both a Lower School and an Upper School assembly, where he'll be talking about his brand-new book *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Kids!* It promises to be a fun and inspiring event for all our pupils, giving them a wonderful insight into storytelling, creativity and the life of an author.

If your child would like to purchase a copy of *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Kids!*, or his other book *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Nativity!* Both books are available to pre-order for £7.99 under products. Orders should be made through the school Scopay account by Friday 14th November. Please note that books will not be available to buy on the day so all purchases must be made in advance.

All pre-ordered books will be personally signed by Steve Williams and given to the children on the day of his visit.

We're really looking forward to this exciting opportunity to celebrate reading and creativity with our pupils.

Mrs Gemma Smith
Literacy Lead



Cleves Christmas Fair

Our school Christmas Fair is planned for Saturday 6th December. In order for the Fair to go ahead, we are in need of help from our Community.

The Fair is a key event in the Cleves calendar raising considerable funds. So far this year, we have been able to purchase:

- football kits
- running vests
- branded gazebos
- netball bibs
- tennis balls
- eco books for the library

We are also looking at revamping the playground. In the coming weeks, the school council will be looking at plans to improve our provision.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR FAIR BY VOLUNTEERING 30 MINUTES/ 1 HR OF YOUR TIME TO HELP.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PTA@cleves.co.uk

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 Christmas Fair 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!

Year 3

It has been a great week focussing on our anti bullying week starting with our wonderful odd sock day. Year 3 have been learning about bullying this week and what it means. They also learned what to do if they were being bullied or a friend was being bullied, so hopefully they all are well equipped to deal with a situation if it ever arose. Also this week we have continued working on our Fantastic Mr Fox playscripts. In Maths we have started a unit on multiplication and division with a focus on arrays, and multiples of 2 and 4 and grouping. This half term in Science we will be investigating rocks. We started by looking at the different types of rocks and then making observation sketches of different rocks. After a wonderful, creative art unit last half term we will now be moving on to our DT unit of sewing stockings. We began this first week by experimenting with different types of stitches. The children will bring home their amazing creations just in time to use at Christmas.

Year 4

We've had another busy and exciting week in Year 4, filled with creativity, learning, and opportunities to reflect and work together. We kicked off Anti-Bullying Week by celebrating Odd Socks Day, a fun reminder that our differences make us unique and special. The children enjoyed showing off their colourful, mismatched socks and took part in discussions and activities about kindness, respect, and standing up for others. Our Outdoor Learning and science activities continued this week. The children explored nature, investigated scientific concepts in hands-on ways, and developed their teamwork and problem-solving skills. Muddy boots and big smiles all round! In Literacy, we completed our drafts of non-chronological reports on the River Thames. The children have worked hard to include technical vocabulary, subheadings, and fascinating facts. We'll be polishing and finishing them on Monday, ready to proudly share the final versions.

Year 4 (cont'd)

We've started exploring patterns in times tables, and Year 4 have been excited to become number detectives. Did you know? If you add up all the digits in a number and the sum is a multiple of 3, then that number is also a multiple of 3! The children loved testing this out with different numbers and spotting the patterns for themselves.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

In Year 5, we started the week with Tudor Immersion Day on Monday. Everyone dressed up and had an opportunity to taste some Tudor-inspired soup/pottage, learn about exploration and play some Tudor games. In Maths, we have started a new unit on Fractions, and in Science we are looking at dissolving and separating liquids. We have continued our Literacy unit on the Tudor Spy. The last two classes went to Hampton Court Palace, which has enabled us all to really enrich our writing by imagining ourselves walking through the Tudor rooms! A special thanks to all the parent helpers who came along and Mrs Hawkes for the gift of the Monarchs Poster for the year group.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we drafted our own narratives in Literacy inspired by a little robot character. In whole-class reading, we learnt about Sir David Attenborough as we prepare to start our biography unit next week. In PSHE, we focused on anti-bullying and discussed the importance of being kind and supporting others. On Tuesday, we also took part in a moving Remembrance Day radio show, reflecting on the bravery and sacrifices of others.

Eco News

Eco Competition

A big well done to the Eco Council who have recently participated in an Eco competition where we have won £40 worth of Eco Books for our school! Keep an eye out for these new books in our library.

Reducing Plastic Packaging



Buy items in bulk to reduce plastic packaging. Did you know in the UK it is estimated that five million tonnes of plastic is used every year? Almost half of this is plastic packaging.

Sports News

Year 6 Boys' District Football Tournament

Yesterday our Year 6 boys' football team enjoyed a brilliant day of football at the ERPSSA 7-a-side tournament, where we were able to enter two teams - Cleves A and Cleves B - both proudly wearing their brand-new, PTA-sponsored kits.

Both teams made an outstanding start, winning every single one of their group matches. Cleves A were in excellent form throughout, with their standout moment coming in a 1–0 victory over St Cuthberts, last year's champions. Cleves B were equally impressive, playing confident attacking football and producing a superb 4–0 win over Cardinal Newman as their highlight.

The strong performances continued into the knockout stages: Cleves A produced a dominant win against Cardinal Newman. whilst Cleves B battled hard and secured a narrow but deserved victory over St Charles.

Sports News (cont'd)

Drama then followed in the semi-finals: Cleves A maintained their composure and quality, defeating Holy Family 2–0 in another assured performance against strong opponents. Meanwhile Cleves B were desperately unlucky - after a tightly contested match against Ashley, they were beaten only in sudden-death penalties.

The final saw Cleves A face Ashley in what proved to be a confident and controlled display. The team rounded off their superb day with a 2–0 win, securing the tournament title in style.

It was almost a Cleves-versus-Cleves final, and both teams represented the school brilliantly from start to finish. Cleves A finished the competition having won every game and not conceding a single goal - a remarkable achievement, whilst Cleves B also played brilliantly throughout the day and were incredibly close to reaching the final themselves.

Sports News (cont'd)

We now proceed to the Surrey Finals in January. Well done to everyone involved!



Formula 1 E-Suite Visit at ACS Cobham

Twelve of our pupils recently entered, and won, a competition that earned them a fantastic opportunity to visit the Williams Formula1 E-Suites facility at ACS Cobham School.

Sports News (cont'd)

During the visit, the children spent the morning experiencing the thrill of the Formula 1 simulator rigs. They raced around a number of circuits, challenged themselves to post the fastest lap times, and showed brilliant teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout. The atmosphere in the room was buzzing and it was wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in this unique experience.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to ACS Cobham for hosting us. We are proud of the strong and positive relationship we have built with the school and opportunities like this highlight just how valuable that partnership is for our pupils.

Well done to all the children involved — it was a fantastic morning! We plan to hold a second visit early in the new year.

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Sports News (cont'd)



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/>

Internet Safety Guide

Last week's guide explored screen time and how to talk with your child about healthy use of screens. This week explores online bullying and includes a discussion on what online bullying is and how you can support your child.

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



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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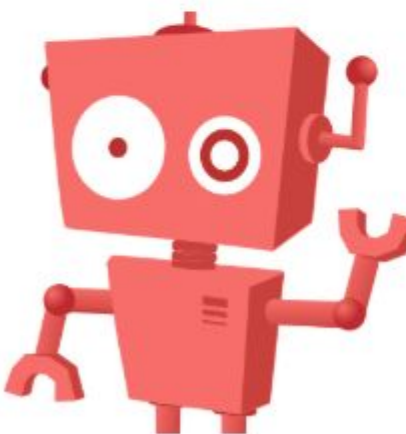
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW

House Points

Windsor	Arundel
13,823	15,642
York	Warwick
12,276	15,613

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

Congratulations

Great Ormond Street Hospital

Congratulations to George D, 5H, who is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and has, so far, raised over £52,000. Well done George!

Piano Exam

Congratulations to Eden (5N) who passed his grade 2 piano exam with a distinction - well done Eden!

Liberal Democrat - Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Ella L (3W) for winning the Liberal Democrats christmas card competition. Please see below her wonderful design - well done Ella!



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>