



Cleves School
Learning Together

15th May 2026

Welcome

Congratulations to Year 6 on completing their SATs this week! It has been a week that has surely shown the school values of perseverance, high aspirations and kindness to each other and ourselves. Whilst we are incredibly proud of the academic achievements of our pupils, it is their hard work, determination and maturity shown in the SATs week and the time leading up to it that should also be celebrated. Learning is the key to success in the future, and it is within these values and skills that ultimate success is found.

Thank you also to the staff and parents that have made the Year 5 residential possible this week. They have had a lovely time in the Isle of Wight and have also grown as people, in maturity, independence and collaboration to help them prepare for the next step in their education. It takes a lot of work to organise these trips, so thank you to the whole of the wider team, especially with three in such short succession.





20 May	Summer Concert 1
21 May	Summer Concert 2
22 May	Class Assembly - 3J
25 May	Half Term
1 June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
2 June	School Re-starts
5 June	Class Assembly - 5M
5 June	Y6 Cake Bake - to raise money for school production
9 June	District Sports
9 June	Fete in the Field (tbc)
12 June	Class Assembly - 3M
14-17 June	Y6 Residential



22 June	Travelling Book Fair
24 June	Sports Day - Y5 - 9am
24 June	Sports Day - Y6 - 1pm
25 June	Sports Day - Y3 - 9am
25 June	Sports Day - Y4 - 1pm
29 June	Y4 Tuning Up Concert
1 July	Y3 Tuning Up Concert
2 July	Y5 Tuning Up Concert
7 July	Y6 Tuning Up Concert
9 July	Y6 Leaver's Service
10 July	Y3-Y5 Disco - 5.45pm
14 July	Y6 Leaver's Production - 6pm
15 July	Y6 Leaver's Production - 6pm



17 July	Y6 Leaver's Disco
22 July	Last Day of Term - 1.45pm finish

Year 3

In Year 3, the children have really enjoyed beginning to paint their self portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo. They used a colour wash background along with acrylic paint for their skin tone.

In Literacy, the children have begun analysing poems from the 'Wild World' text. We will use this to create our own poem all about the Rainforest. In Maths, the children have begun the topic of 'Time' and have been reading analogue clocks with both numbers and roman numerals on. Next week, we will explore duration of time.

During Topic, the children explored the reasons for 'Deforestation'. They have created a poster all about the reasons why this happens and how we can prevent further damage to our world.

Year 4

It has been another exciting and productive week of learning for Year 4. In Literacy, the children have finally completed their Viking narratives by writing their endings, carefully editing and uplevelling their work, and publishing their finished stories in their special writing books. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the writing process, and there have been some truly exciting and imaginative reads. They should all be very proud of what they have achieved.

In Maths, we have started our new topic on money. The children have been recognising and comparing different coins and notes, converting pounds into pence, and estimating amounts of money using their rounding skills.

In Science, Year 4 have been exploring the human effects on habitats. The children looked at both the positive and negative impacts humans can have on the environment and took part in some thoughtful debates, sharing their ideas and opinions respectfully while considering different viewpoints.

In Art, we have continued our wonderful weaving topic by exploring a range of different weaving techniques and patterns. The children have shown fantastic creativity and perseverance, and their designs are coming on beautifully. We are very excited to see the finished pieces over the coming weeks.

Year 5

What a fabulous week away Year 5 have had on the Isle of Wight! From kayaking to archery to partying at the disco, the children have all had a wonderful experience!

Throughout the week, the children have shown excellent resilience, courage and teamwork on all of the challenges they've faced. Lots have even faced their fears - teachers too!

Linking in with our current topics - the children were all very excited to see the Needles and brought our classroom learning to life!

We hope the children had an unforgettable time away and share their precious memories with everyone at home. I'm sure we will hold them as a highlight of our time in Year 5.

The Y5 non-trippers have had a fabulous week here at Cleves, having fun with Stop Motion animation, playing outdoor games, beach art, learning new skills on their Activity Day at Walton Firs and having lots of fun making coastal erosion models out of cake. We very much hope they have enjoyed their week.

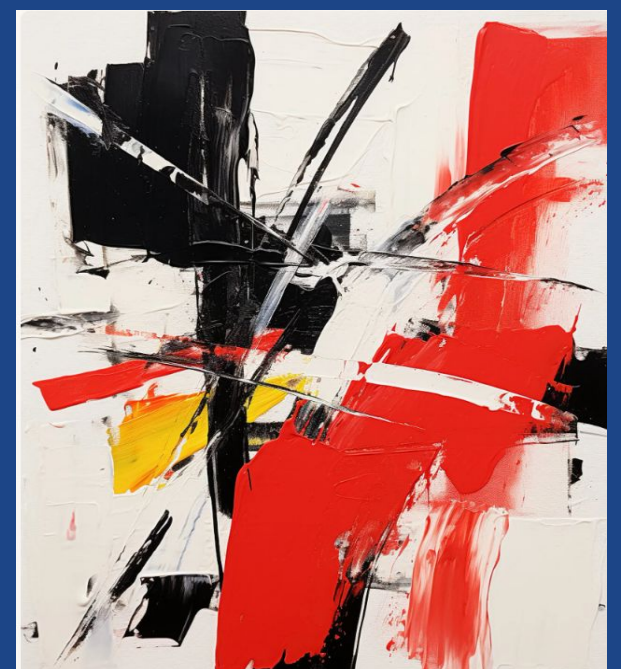
Year 6

A huge congratulations to Year 6 for successfully completing SATS week; your incredible hard work and unwavering focus throughout the testing period have been truly commendable, and you should all be very proud of your efforts.

As we move forward, our attention turns to ensuring our writing is fabulous. We will be channelling that same energy into creative storytelling and sophisticated composition.

In Art, we have begun exploring the bold world of Abstract Art, taking inspiration from the powerful, gestural brushwork of Franz Kline to create our own striking pieces. Meanwhile, our journey through History continues as the children construct amazing timelines of World War II and dive into the poignant, personal experiences of evacuees.

It has been a monumental week, and we wish you all a fabulous and restful weekend — well done, Year 6!



Mrs Glennon needs your help again!

After the amazing success of the International Bookshelf, we are now asking for families to 'Send Cleves a postcard'. If you are going on holiday in the UK or abroad or you are visiting family and friends during May half term, please could you send us a postcard with information about the place you are visiting. You can bring the postcard in rather than send.

What better way for children to learn about places around the world than from other children who have been there! The postcard will either be displayed in the Library or, depending on numbers, put into albums for the children to read.

Here is an example -



Dear Cleves,

Hola from sunny Spain!

I'm writing to you from Spain, where the weather is warm and bright almost every day! Spain is in the south of Europe, and it's famous for its beautiful beaches, delicious food, and lively festivals. People here often eat tapas, which are small dishes you can share, and they love foods like paella.

The country has many interesting places to visit. There are big cities like Madrid, the capital, and Barcelona, which have amazing buildings designed by an architect named Antoni Gaudí.

Adiós,

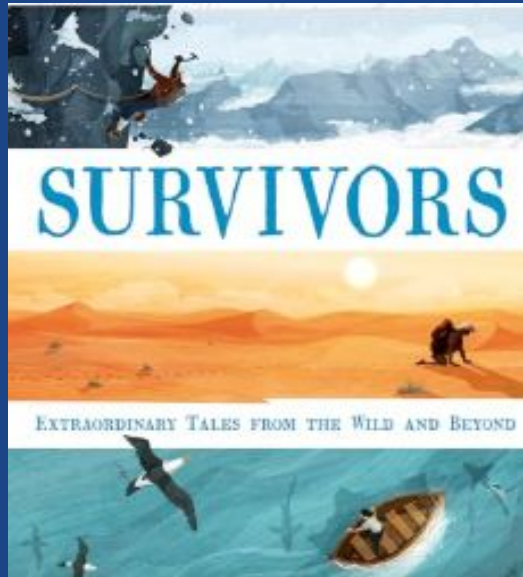
Mrs Glennon



Book Recommendation

This week's book review is from Miss Hunter.

Survivors by David Long



As a teacher, there are some books that you take into every classroom and *Survivors* by David Long is one of them. I've always loved sharing these stories with the class and seeing their reactions to these incredible human feats.

This non-fiction book is full of real-life survival stories, all about people who have found themselves in some unbelievable situations. From freak accidents to extreme environments, each story shows just how brave and determined people can be. The pictures are beautiful too.

Children are always fascinated by the more shocking moments. The story of Aron Ralston, who had to cut off his own arm to escape from a boulder, always gets a big reaction.

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Others seem to almost defy science, like Anna Bågenholm whose heart stopped and was slowly brought back using incredible technology.

Although there is always survival in the end, the book doesn't hide the fact that others may lose their life. Because of this, some guidance from an adult can be helpful. Some of the vocabulary is quite complex and a few themes, like in "The Desert Runner", can be difficult to fully understand without discussion.

It's a book that leaves children shocked, surprised and in awe. It's brilliant for starting conversations and helping children think about bravery, resilience and what people are capable of in the most extreme situations.

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)

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.



House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
11,085	9,710
York	Warwick
9,040	8,243

Sports News

This week we have two very exciting updates to share with you all.

School Games Mark Platinum Award

We are delighted to announce that Cleves has once again been awarded the prestigious Platinum School Games Mark — the fifth time the school has achieved this outstanding recognition.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, delivered by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to the development of competition across school sport and for encouraging participation in physical activity. Achieving Platinum status reflects the exceptional opportunities provided for students both within curriculum PE and through our extensive extracurricular programme.

This award is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, parents and wider school community who always grasp every opportunity presented to them.

Sports News

Particular praise must go to the staff involved, whose hard work and passion continue to inspire participation and success across the school. From competitive fixtures and inclusive clubs to leadership opportunities and inter-house events, sport remains an integral part of life at Cleves.

To receive the Platinum School Games Mark for a fifth time is a remarkable achievement and highlights the sustained commitment Cleves has made to promoting healthy, active lifestyles and ensuring every student has the opportunity to enjoy and succeed in sport.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing to build on this success in the years ahead.



Sports News

Primary Fitness Games Grand Finals

Last Friday, the grand finals of the Primary Fitness Games took place at Seaton House School and featured the top ten schools, all of whom had progressed from the qualifying events. Unlike the qualifiers, this competition followed an 'all against all' format, meaning that our two Cleves teams also competed against one another.

Unfortunately, Matilda was unable to take part due to injury and was replaced by Vittoria, who was absolutely brilliant on the day. We also adjusted the teams slightly, entering one Year 5 team and one Year 6 team.

The competition consisted of four separate workouts, each lasting 12 minutes. Just like at the qualifying event, the girls spent a great deal of time preparing beforehand and this certainly showed throughout the day.

I genuinely could not have been prouder of the girls. They were simply outstanding from start to finish, working incredibly hard during every workout and supporting one another superbly throughout the competition.

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Incredibly, the Year 5 team were the top scorers in every single workout and were deservedly crowned overall champions with a maximum of 400 points. The Year 6 team were not far behind, finishing runners-up in three of the four workouts and securing an excellent second-place finish overall.

An amazing 1st and 2nd place finish for Cleves. Whilst I understand that some of the Year 6 pupils may have been a little disappointed to be beaten by the Year 5 team, they should be enormously proud of what they achieved. In my eyes, Cleves were the overall winners.

Congratulations to Beth, Mafalda, Georgia, Nella, Jessica, Mila, Eloise, Elodie, Vittoria and Amara. They are such a fantastic group of girls and they truly left their mark on this competition.



Eco News

We are pleased to announce that Cleves has won the Green Eco Award with distinction - this is the highest level and the highest we have ever achieved!

A big well done and thank you to the eco council for all of their hard work! One of our greatest achievements has been the way the eco council have led so many eco-projects, helping everyone understand that we all have a role to play in protecting the environment. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have created a school community that feels united, motivated and proud of its achievements.

A particular highlight has been the development of our school grounds. Pupils helped shape plans for a new sensory garden after the school secured funding for a canopy, plants and benches. Workshops with Space to Grow inspired pupils with new ideas, while the gardening club continued to support the project through activities and visiting Wisley Gardens. Taking part in No Mow May and Let It Bloom June will also help encourage biodiversity across the school grounds.

Eco News

We have also worked hard to tackle litter both in school and in the wider community. Following an inspiring assembly from the Wildlife Trust, pupils learned about the dangers litter poses to wildlife. The school introduced new litter-picking equipment and organised rotas so that everyone could get involved, while community litter picks and promotion of the Great British Spring Clean helped spread the message even further. This has also gone hand in hand with our marine conservation work - pupils raised awareness through posters, newsletters and school radio broadcasts, while workshops and lessons about plastic pollution helped deepen understanding of how we can protect our oceans in regards to litter. This then inspired children to organise their own litter picks in their free time.

Throughout the year, eco council have done a brilliant job keeping the whole school community informed through assemblies, newsletters, notices and school radio. Their dedication, creativity and teamwork have made a lasting impact and continue to inspire everyone to work together for a greener future.

Well done all!

Eco News

Bake your own treats to reduce packaging.
Think about where your ingredients come from
and try to reduce packaging.

Homemade treats are great to share or take for
lunch.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Edward H (6T) who passed his Grade 2 piano exam with a high merit - well done Edward!

PINS PROJECT

As you are aware from our previous items in the Newsletter and Evening News, the school took part in the Surrey Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Programme, in order to promote inclusion and further develop and improve the support for children in our school, including additional needs.

Following our involvement in the programme, we are pleased to invite parents and carers to attend our first parent forum in school, which will be held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 9.00-10.00 am.

Please see the attached Terms of Reference if you are interested in attending. The focus of the meeting will be, how the school identifies needs and the SEND procedures and processes that are in place to support the children.

All parents are welcome, however we believe it would be most beneficial to parents whose children have additional needs. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Jacoby on sjacoby@cleves.co.uk so that we have an idea of numbers attending and can arrange refreshments accordingly.

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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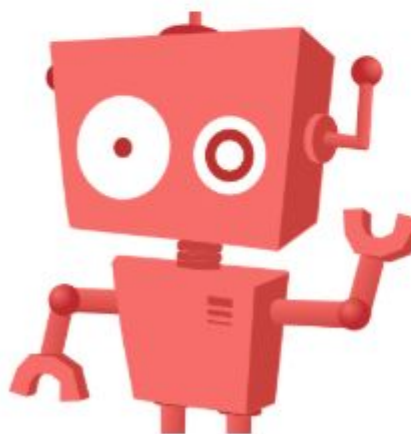
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

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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.

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>