



**Cleves School**  
Learning Together

**16th January 2026**

# Welcome

What an exciting week it has been! Year 3 began the week with their Ancient Egyptian Immersion Day, while Year 5 ended it in spectacular style with their Space Day. It was wonderful to see Year 3 arriving at school dressed to impress the courts of Ancient Egypt and I know that Year 5's day was truly out of this world.

Today, some of our Year 4 pupils competed in a very exciting Mini Olympics alongside a number of local schools. The children demonstrated our value of having high aspirations by giving their best, pushing themselves to achieve and showing respect to fellow competitors. We are very fortunate to be able to organise and host such a fantastic event.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to stay dry!





20th January	Young Voices
23rd January	Class Assembly - 4E
28th January	Gladiator ‘Steel’ visiting school
30th January	Class Assembly - 5H
30th January	Eco Council Mufti Day - all children
4th February	Y6 Lion King
6th February	Class Assembly - 5K
9th February	Class Assembly - 6T
13th February	Class Assembly - 4M
16th-20th February	Half Term

# Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time during their Ancient Egypt immersion days this week, where they learned all about how Ancient Egypt developed, its rulers, gods, mummification, and even Cleopatra! The children looked absolutely fabulous in their costumes and are showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they continue to explore this fascinating period.

In Literacy, we have finished our diary writing unit, with the children creating their own diaries from the perspective of Rhodopis, one of the main characters in The Egyptian Cinderella. They thought carefully about her thoughts, feelings, and experiences, producing some really thoughtful and imaginative work.

In Maths, we have continued learning about multiplication and methods to help us multiply two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. We have also started to use our multiplication facts to help us with division, exploring fact families to see how multiplication and division are connected.

We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning and fun next week!

# Year 4

This week, Year 4 have worked hard across the curriculum. In Maths, we've started dividing large numbers using part whole models.

There's a lot of steps but we're persevering! In Literacy, we have just finished composing our Explanation Texts about The Digestive System and the wonderful journey food takes through the human body - from mouth to rectum! We've explored Ancient Greek cities in History and looked further at Jewish celebrations. Now, we're on the edge of our seats wondering what will happen next week in The Iron Man ...



# Year 5

It's been a busy week in Year 5 with both Tudor and Space related activities going on!

It was the turn of the other three classes to make their pottage (soups) that they planned before half term. Thank you to all adult helpers across the six classes - it does make a huge difference. In Literacy, children completed their rocket poem and were asked to perform it in front of a small group.

Within Science, we explored why we have day and night on Earth. We also discussed how long days are on different planets in our solar system. Did you know.. some days on other planets are longer than their year!

We finished the week off with our Space day, which was a huge success. A particular highlight was seeing the Solar System come to life in front of our eyes inside the Wonderome. We also completed a range of other activities.

# Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been looking at the importance of internet safety in Computing and as a result we have become 'internet legends'.

We have been discovering food miles in our DT cooking unit, exploring how and why we import and export food. We will be applying this learning to our cooking sessions that are coming up soon.

We have also continued looking at the environment in Geography, with focus on the positives and negatives of plastic use, but mainly on the damaging impacts plastic pollution has on the environment.

# 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.



# Eco News

Wash your clothes less to reduce microfibers. Did you know that washing clothes can release thousands of microfibres? Try cold washes and using liquid detergent.



# House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
2,196	1,875
York	Warwick
2,571	2,310

# Sports News

## WWHSP Dodgeball Competition

Last Friday, Cleves proudly hosted a fantastic Dodgeball Competition as part of the WWHSP partnership. The afternoon featured two competitions, one for Years 3 & 4 and one for Years 5 & 6 - Cleves entered two teams in each event.

It was a great afternoon of fast-paced dodgeball, where the value of honesty was especially important and truly shone through in every game. All teams played with great skill, fairness, and excellent sportsmanship.

Our Year 5 & 6 teams finished 1st and 3rd, while our Year 3 & 4 teams finished 2nd and 3rd, which is a fantastic achievement. A huge well done to the 36 children who took part and represented the school brilliantly — you should all be very proud.



# Sports News

## Football Round Up

On Monday, our Year 5/6 boys football team travelled to compete in the finals of the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament, hosted by Fulham FC. Having qualified back in October, eight outstanding teams came together with the ultimate prize being a place in the Primary Stars National Final later this summer.

The tournament was played in a straight league format, with each team playing seven matches, and the overall winner decided by league position. From the very first game, the Cleves boys were exceptional, playing with real aggression, commitment, and pride. The quality of football on display was by far the best we have seen from the boys this year.

By lunchtime, the boys had won three matches and drawn one, leaving the tournament very much in their hands. The afternoon sessions saw them win two more games and draw another, meaning they finished the competition unbeaten - a remarkable achievement.



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## Football Round Up

Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough, as another team edged ahead by winning six games and drawing one, leaving us to fall agonisingly short of the top spot. Despite this, the boys can be immensely proud of their performances, teamwork, and attitude throughout the day. They represented Cleves superbly and should hold their heads high.



Then, on Wednesday 15 boys took part in a B Team mini football tournament hosted by St Cuthbert's. Five teams competed in total, with two teams from Cleves and three teams from St Cuthbert's.

# Sports News

It was a great afternoon of football, with the Cleves boys representing the school with pride, plenty of effort and excellent sportsmanship. The games were played in a competitive but friendly spirit, with all teams showing great football, great respect and great commitment throughout.

There were no overall winners, but each team played four matches, ensuring plenty of football and valuable experience for everyone involved. The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the final game, where the two Cleves teams faced each other - one managed by Mr Mulea and the other by Mr Smith. In a hugely entertaining contest, the match finished 0–0, with neither teacher able to claim bragging rights!

Well done to all the boys for a fantastic afternoon of football and for representing Cleves so positively



# Language of the Month

Our language of the month is...Turkish!

**LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH**  
ayın dili

**Turkish**  
Türkçe

**Merhaba**  
(Meh-rha- bah)  
Hello

**Nasilsin?**  
(Nah-sil-sen)  
How are you?

**Ben  
iyiyim**  
I am well

**Hoşçakalın**  
(Hosh-cha-kaluhn)  
Goodbye

**Teşekkür ederim!**  
Thank you!

**Lütfen!**  
(Lewt-fen)  
Please

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# Do you have English as an additional language?

Cleves School strives to ensure we provide an inclusive education. Feedback about your experience at the school is invaluable to see how we can continue to improve our provision for children and their families with English as an additional language. You are welcome to respond in your first language.

[EAL Family questionnaire](#)

# 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.





## TO ALL GAP PARENTS

Would you please ensure that we have been notified when your child will not be attending GAP if we are expecting them. Please do not assume that we will be aware if you have contacted the school, as that information is not necessarily passed on to us.

This includes those occasions when your child will be involved in a school event (eg. football tournaments).

We would also like to remind you that if you do not keep us up to date with the extra curricular clubs you have booked, we cannot guarantee that your child will attend and/or be collected from the club.

Finally, I would be very grateful if you would remind your children that they must sign in to GAP club **BEFORE** they go off to another club. This is because we are responsible for them if they are booked into GAP, and we need to know where they are at all times.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Regards

Michele Taylor  
GAP MANAGER



# Internet Safety Guide

This week's guide is on Generative AI tools - such as ChatGPT - which are now commonly used by children.

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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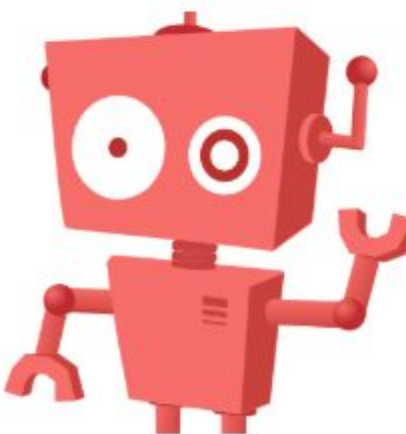
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW



# Congratulations

## Hotshot Dance Competition - Cleves Students & KWDA Success

Maple (4R), Willow (6S) and Bella (4R) represented the Kimberly Wyatt Dance Academy (KWDA) at the Hotshot Dance Competition last weekend. Competing against dancers from eight other schools, Bella and Maple participated in the Mini Jazz Group category, securing a tie for first place. Maple and Willow showcased their talent in various other dances, earning numerous first-place awards and recognition, including the Mini Technical Duo category for their duet, and Maple was honoured as the Hotshot Dancer of the Day.

KWDA, which recently initiated an after-school dance class at Cleves on Fridays, also celebrated a remarkable achievement by securing 25 additional medals, including recognition as the most outstanding dance school of the day.

Congratulations to Bella, Maple, Willow and KWDA for their exceptional accomplishments! (see photos on last slide)

# 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](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>



# This Week in Photos.....

## Y3 Ancient Egyptian Immersion Day





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