



Cleves School
Learning Together

17th April 2026

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter holidays! We hope you have had a restful break. The children have certainly come back full of excitement, motivated to do their best at school.

This week Year 3 have been on their residential to Sayers Croft, with the children that have not gone visiting Walton Firs. This has been such a successful week, showing us just how far they have come in their teamwork, resilience and confidence since the beginning of the year. These opportunities provide the children with excellent opportunities to put our value truly into action, and Year 3 have shown that this week. Thank you also to the staff members and volunteers that have given up their time (and sleep!) to be able to provide these opportunities for the children. Thanks also to the admin team that have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure these trips are successful.

Thank you also to everyone who has supported our new international bookshelf. This is such a wonderful way of supporting the extraordinary skill of speaking more than one language and valuing our school's diversity.





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
24 April	Class Assembly - 3A
27 April	Y3 Egg Hatching Programme starts
1 May	Warwick House only - Mufti Day
1 May	Class Assembly - 3D
6 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3M & 3D)
7 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3A & 3J)



8 May	Class Assembly - 4R
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
22 May	Class Assembly - 3J
25 May	Half Term

Year 3

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It's been another busy week in Year 3 and we would first like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped us on our residential trip to Sayers Croft this week - we really appreciate it. During our trip, as part of our science unit, pupils enjoyed pond dipping and using classification keys to identify the different creatures they found. They also enjoyed playing some different games which taught them about how bees and other insects pollinate flowers and the variety of different ways seeds are dispersed. There were a range of activities the pupils also participated in which included a blindfolded obstacle course, finding their way around a maze to locate clues, caving and bouldering as well as swimming, natural art and a campfire. The non-trippers also had a brilliant time with Mrs Tope and Mrs Farshadfar at Walton Firs.

Year 4

We would like to warmly welcome all the children back to the Summer Term. It has already been a jam-packed week of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Literacy, we have begun our poetry unit inspired by *The Jabberwocky*, where pupils have been exploring figurative language as well as comparative and superlative adjectives. Year 4 have also been applying their understanding of comparatives and superlatives by creating and describing their own Olympic sports. In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, focusing on hundredths and learning how to convert between fractions and decimals. In Science, the children have enthusiastically started their new topic on habitats, enjoying a hands-on exploration of the school grounds to search for invertebrates and identify different plants. To top off an exciting week, the children were delighted to receive a visit from Trunk Theatre, where they stepped back in time to become Roman soldiers and learned all about Boudicca's rebellion.

Year 5

In our final term of year 5, we have started our new topic on landforms. To start, we are learning about the structure of the Earth, exploring what lies beneath our feet and how the Earth is made up of different layers. In Literacy, our next piece of writing will be linked to Treasure Island. Children have started looking at describing personalities, actions and appearance. For Maths, we've started on angles - identifying, measuring and estimating them. In Science, our unit is all about levers, pulleys and gears, where children can try out how these mechanisms make a load easier to lift or move. Finally, children have worked hard to complete their moon buggies and started learning about bridges, exploring how structures are designed and built. Finally, we enjoyed reading a bit about the Isle of Wight in preparation for our upcoming PGL trip - it has created lots of excitement!

Year 6

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful return from the Easter break, and it is fantastic to see the children dive straight back into their studies with such focus as we enter the final four-week countdown to SATS. We want to say a huge thank you to all the pupils for the hard work they put into their practice papers over the holidays - we hope those sessions were useful in highlighting specific areas for revision and boosting their confidence for the weeks ahead. Beyond the classroom, the excitement is already building as we start our preparations and trials for District Sports, which will take place after the half-term break. In our core subjects, the children have been fascinated by the biology of the blood and the cardiovascular system in Science, while our much-awaited World War II topic has finally launched, providing a rich, immersive focus for our work across History, English, and Art. It's going to be a busy and rewarding term!

Internet Safety Guide

ONLINE SAFETY



Always Ask an Adult for Help



- Never communicate with online strangers

Beware of Strangers Online



Never share your full name, address, phone number, or school details online.

Be cautious when posting photos or location updates.

Keep Personal Information Private



Think Before You Click



Use Safe & Trusted Websites



- Create passwords using a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Never share your password with anyone except trusted adults.

Use Strong Passwords

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
6,205	4,937
York	Warwick
3,607	1,804

Language of the Month

As we have two shorter months coming up we have decided to do the next Language of the Month covering April and May. The language we have chosen is - Spanish!

Lots of the children were excited as they either spoke Spanish, attend Spanish club or have been on holiday to Spain so they knew some of the conversational vocabulary we were studying already.



A poster titled "LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH" with the subtitle "idioma del mes". The word "Spanish" is written in a large, dark font in the center. Below it, it says "Official language of: Spain". The poster features several speech bubbles with Spanish phrases and their English translations: "Hola Hello", "gracias Thank you!", "Cómo estás? How are you?", "por favor Please", and "Estoy bien gracias I am fine, thank you". There is also a bubble for "adiós Goodbye". The poster includes the Spanish flag in the top left, a map of Spain in the top right, and a castle illustration in the bottom left. The Cleves School logo, "Cleves School Learning Together", is at the bottom center, and another castle illustration is in the bottom right.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH
idioma del mes

Spanish
Official language of:
Spain

Hola
Hello

gracias
Thank you!

Cómo estás?
How are you?

por favor
Please

Estoy bien
gracias
I am fine,
thank you

adiós
Goodbye

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International Bookshelf

Today the first books on our International Bookshelf have been checked out!

Thank you so much to the families and staff who have donated books and the Cleves PTA for their donation. Thank you also to our Library staff who have worked incredibly hard to get the books logged, labelled and on the shelf.

We have received so many donations that we have not been able to get them all on the bookshelf yet, but it is not long until the full selection will be available to the children.



Eco News

Gardening

The Eco Council has been working hard and we have been lucky enough to win some plants, a canopy and benches for our school. This is through the Surrey Schools Resilience Grant. The Eco Council had a lovely morning out this week planting and expanding our gardening area. It is still a work in progress but we now have benches, a new canopy and a range of different beautiful plants! Keep visiting the garden area to see the flowers blossom!

A big thank you to Ms Tewkesbury for supporting the eco council with this project! (See 'this week in photos...')

Eco Tip

Watch an environmental Documentary. This can bring you closer to nature and inspire the environment.



Sports News

Over the Easter break renovation works have taken place on the field which was very kindly funded by the PTA. Therefore, the field is now out of use for the remainder of the half term to give the best chance of the work having the desired impact. We just need it to rain!

Football Result

On Tuesday, the Year 6 team played their cup semi-final away at St Charles. With many of the boys from both teams knowing each other, it was always going to be a high-stakes game—and it certainly lived up to expectations, producing a classic cup tie.

The small pitch made it difficult for either team to play free-flowing football, but both sides showed great desire, commitment and determination to reach the final. Cleves took the lead midway through the first half, when a corner from Leo was brilliantly headed in by Jack.

Both teams continued to threaten, but we went into half-time with a narrow lead, knowing how important the next goal would be.

Sports News

The second half started strongly, with Cleves on top. The pressure paid off when Cedar calmly slotted home from just inside the area to give us a crucial second goal. St Charles responded well and, with two minutes remaining, pulled a goal back to set up a tense finish.

However, the boys held firm and saw the game out to secure a well-deserved 2–1 victory, booking a place in the cup final against either Burhill or Cobham Free School later in May.

A fantastic performance—well done to all the boys involved.

PINS Second Parent Carer Survey

– We Value Your Feedback

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of Family Voice Surrey, we would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers from our PINS schools who have taken part in the project so far, including attending parent carer sessions and sharing your valuable feedback.

We are now pleased to let you know that the second Parent Carer Survey for the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is now live.

If you are a parent or carer of a child attending a PINS school, we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is vital in helping us understand the impact PINS is having within your school, as well as the difference our sessions are making for you and other families.

The survey is open to all parents and carers of children attending participating schools. If you have more than one child at the school, you are welcome to complete the survey for each child.

PINS Second Parent Carer Survey

– We Value Your Feedback

Please be assured that all information provided will be treated confidentially and handled in accordance with Data Protection legislation.

The survey will be shared with you directly by your school, so please keep an eye out for it. For convenience, we have also included the survey link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QHYHFLF>

Please note that the survey will close on **Tuesday 28th April**

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at pins@familyvoicesurrey.org. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,
The FVS Team

Congratulations

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Natalie K (5N) who recently completed her Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Grade 2 Ballet Examination and was awarded a High Merit - well done Natalie!



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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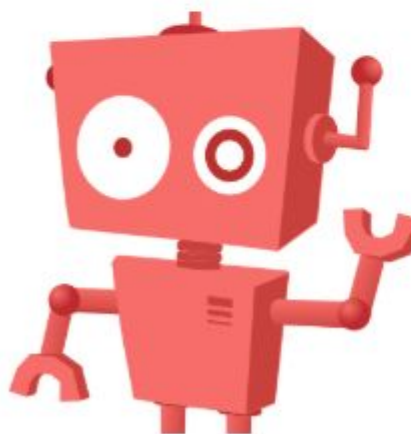
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CLASSROOM



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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

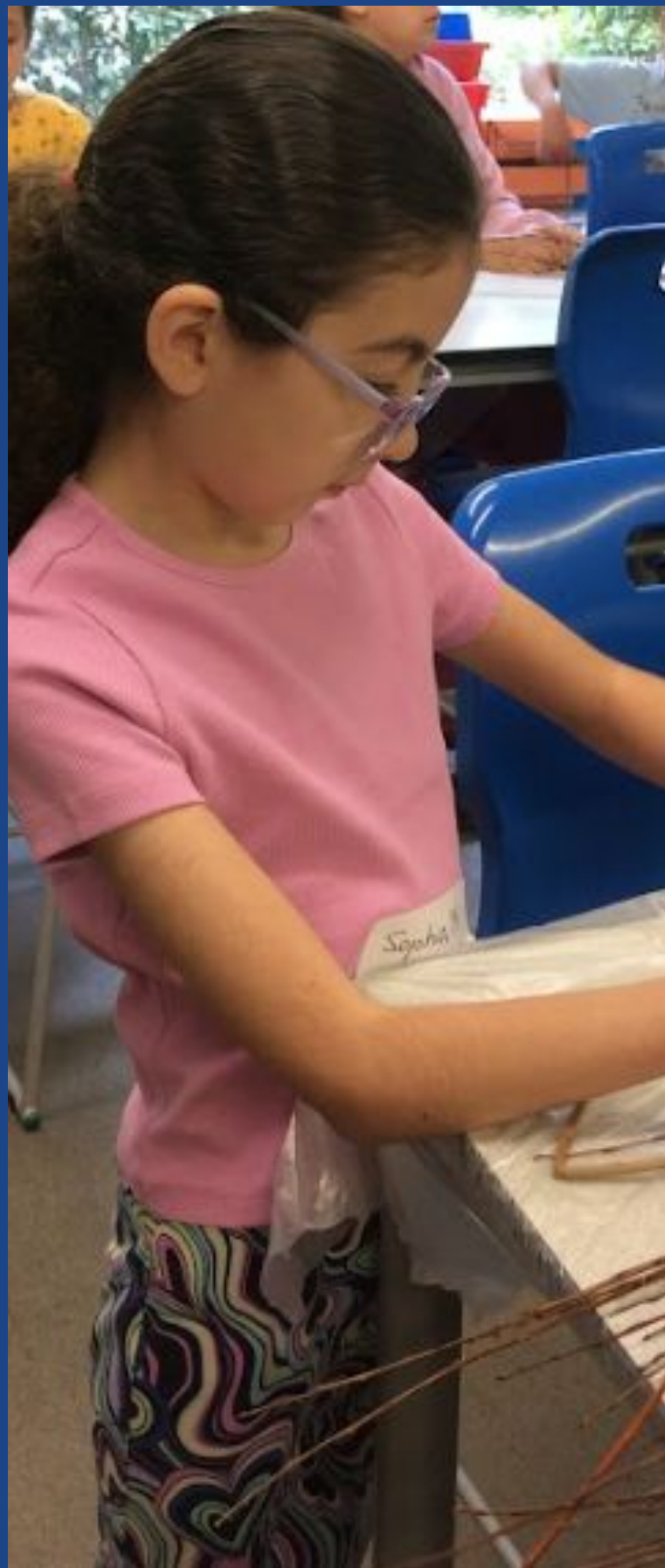
Please note that the email address absence@cleves.co.uk is no longer in use. We kindly also ask that you do not email info@cleves.co.uk or office@cleves.co.uk with any absence information as these inboxes are not monitored consistently throughout the day. This will help ensure that your message is received 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>

This Week in Photos....

Y3 Non-Residential Activities



This Week in Photos....

Gardening

