



Cleves School
Learning Together

**18th September
2026**

Welcome

What a lovely early autumn week it's been, with the sun shining (for the most part) throughout the week. My highlight of the week was the Welcome Service for our new Y3 pupils at St Mary, Oatlands. We had a very warm welcome from Reverend Mark and it was lovely to see our Y6 mentors and Y4 pupils speak so eloquently and with such pride about our school, and to hear the high-quality singing from members of our choir.

It is really pleasing to see that we are almost at the end of the roadworks outside the school entrance. Thanks for your continued patience. However, several parents & neighbours have commented on dangerous and inconsiderate parking and driving around the school - please make every effort to follow the rules of the road so that we can avoid any accidents.

The Y3 and Y4 Welcome Information Evenings were well attended and I had some very positive feedback about how these events enable you to support your child with their learning at home. We have already had over 150 responses to the parent & carer questionnaire that went out earlier this week. A high response rate will give us an accurate picture of strengths and areas where we can continue to develop, so please take the time to complete it, if you haven't done so already. You can find the survey [here](#).

Looking at the upcoming dates, it's exciting to see that our curriculum is being brought to life through so many great trips in the coming weeks. Finally, class 6N were our assembly pioneers today with a polished and engaging performance for their peers and their parents and carers. Well done to everyone who took part.

Mr Skehan





21st September	School Photos - Individual & Siblings
23rd September	Y4 River Walk - 4M & 4R
24th September	Y4 River Walk - 4A & 4H
24th September	Y5 Hampton Court - 5J & 5T
25th September	Y4 River Walk - 4J & 4P
25th September	Y5 Hampton Court - 5B & 5P
25th September	Class Assembly - 6F
1st October	Y5 Hampton Court - 5D & 5H
2nd October	Y6 Victorian Immersion Day
2nd October	Harvest Festival Donations
2nd October	Harvest Festival - Class Assembly - 5T
2nd October	Y4 Mini-Olympics



5th October	PTA AGM - 7pm Sports Hall Classroom - All Welcome
6th October	Y5 Outdoor Learning
9th October	MUFTI DAY - World Mental Health Day - Wear ‘Yellow’
9th October	Y3 Outdoor Learning
9th October	Class Assembly - 6S
14th October	Parent Consultation - after school
15th October	Parent Consultation - after school
16th October	Y6 Outdoor Learning
16th October	Class Assembly - 5B
19th - 30th October	Half Term
2nd November	School Restarts

Year 3

It's been another successful week in year 3! It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to settle into school and engage enthusiastically with their learning. This week, we enjoyed a lovely Welcome Service and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the family members who were able to join us. It was very special to have you there to share this occasion with us. Alongside our usual learning, we have also carried out baseline assessments in Literacy and Maths. These assessments will help us to identify the children's starting points and ensure that we can plan learning that supports and challenges everyone.

In Literacy, we have begun an exciting new unit on sentence building, using the Pixar short film *Piper* as our stimulus. Through this, the children have been developing their ideas and thinking carefully about how to create interesting and well-structured sentences. Meanwhile, in Maths, we have continued our work on place value, focusing on partitioning numbers up to 1,000. As part of our Topic learning, we explored how people can influence and impact the way a community changes over time. Over in Science, we have been investigating the fascinating force of friction and have worked together to plan and carry out our own friction investigation.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us at our Information Evening. We hope you found it interesting. What a busy and productive week it has been! We are incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitude towards their learning.

Year 4

Another great week in Year 4! The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and hard work.

In Literacy, we have finished our setting descriptions, which were super powerful and full of fantastic vocabulary. We have now moved on to our new unit on playscripts, based on The Twits. To hook the children into the unit, they performed scripts from several well-known fairy tales, and it is safe to say we might have some future Oscar Best Actor winners in the year group!

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value and have begun exploring how to place numbers up to 10,000 on a number line. In Science, we carried out an observational experiment exploring how we can change between different states of matter and the conditions needed for these changes to happen.

In Geography, we have put on our map-reader hats and have been developing our skills in identifying features in our local area using grid references. Meanwhile, in Art, we have continued to explore Impressionism, learning about two new key artists, Vincent van Gogh and Henri Matisse, and looking at their distinctive artistic styles.

Another busy and productive week for Year 4! We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend and gets plenty of time to relax and recharge.

Year 5

We've had another **truly fantastic week in Year 5**, with lots of exciting learning and memorable experiences! Here are some of our highlights:

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have been practising reading and writing large numbers and extending their partitioning skills to work confidently with numbers containing up to seven digits.

In Literacy, we have delved into the historical recount of the **Battle of Bosworth**. The children brought history to life by reenacting the battle on the school field, with everyone taking on the role of one of the three armies involved. There was plenty of enthusiasm, excitement and some very determined attempts to defeat King Richard! Meanwhile, during our **Whole Class Reading** sessions, we have been exploring Tudor crime and punishment, uncovering some fascinating historical tales.

In Science, we have continued our learning about materials by investigating the absorbency of different materials. **In Games**, we have begun our fitness sessions, developing our stamina and physical fitness, while in **PE** we have continued to build on our basketball skills, focusing on developing our technique and teamwork.

It has been a busy and enjoyable week, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown across all areas of their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. **We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!**

Year 6

Another busy week for Year 6! The children have had another full week of learning and have produced some great work this week.

In Literacy, the children have come to the end of their first unit and have published some wonderful narratives in their Special Writing Books based on a lone robot set in an autumnal forest. The children have written some beautiful setting descriptions and have presented their writing really well.

In Maths, we have come to the end of the place value unit and look forward to using this knowledge moving into addition, subtraction, multiplication and division next week.

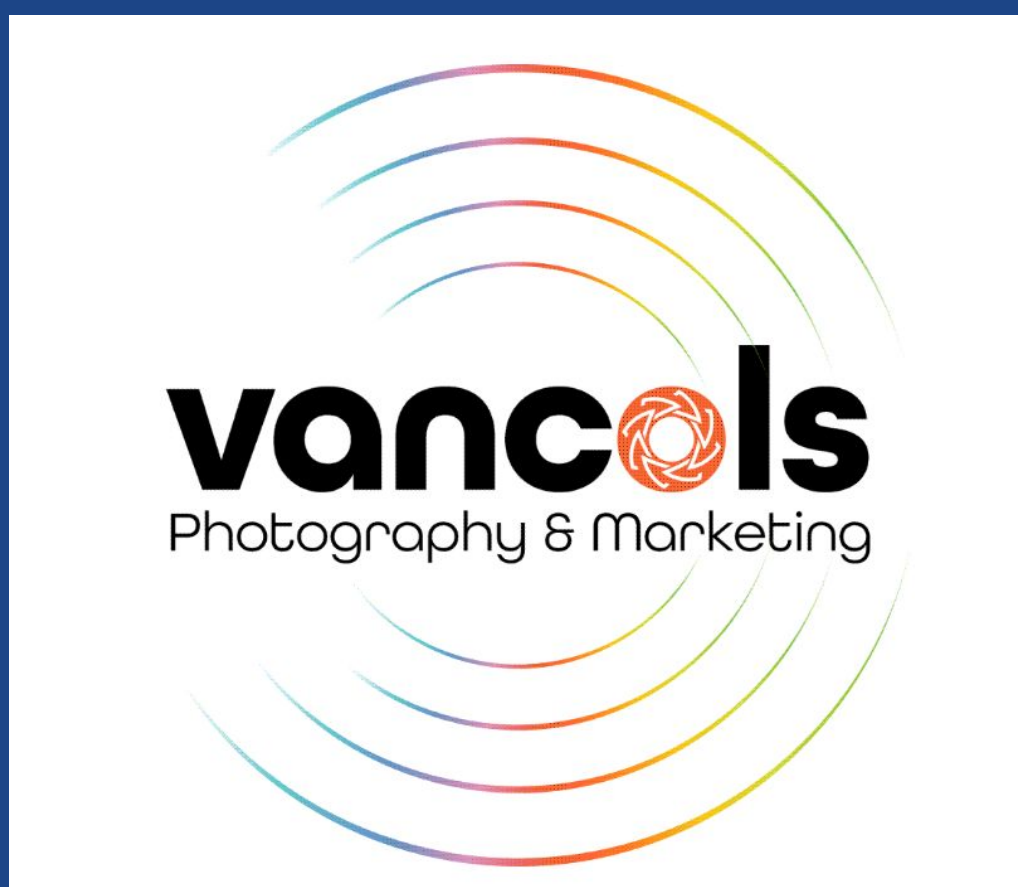
The children have continued to learn about the British Empire in history this week and again have presented their work to a high standard.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another week of learning next week!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographers will be in school on Monday 21st September to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school looking smart and wearing the correct school uniform, including their jumper or cardigan. We would also kindly ask that hair is completely tied back for both boys and girls. If your child has a sibling at the school, they will also have the opportunity to have a photograph together.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure the children look their very best for their school photographs.



SCHOOL LUNCHESES PRICE INCREASE

Please note that the cost of school meals will increase from £2.60 to £2.80 per day, starting Monday 2nd November. This small adjustment is necessary to maintain the high quality and nutritional value of our school lunches amid rising food and supply costs.

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.





As usual we are doing a Harvest Festival collection for Walton and Hersham Foodbank. Please could we ask that you bring in your donations of the following items on the **2nd October (there will be a table outside Reception on that day):**

- Tinned meat and fish
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Coffee and hot chocolate
- Milk (UHT)
- Biscuits and chocolate
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet roll

As always, we are always really grateful for your donations.

Eco News

Second Hand September

A campaign started by Oxfam, Second Hand September is, 'a campaign that promotes donating, reusing, rewearing and re-styling your clothes during September – and beyond!' Buying second-hand is always a good idea. It's cheaper and it helps to reduce the number of 'new' products being made if there is less demand for them. It helps to preserve and conserve our natural resources. You can find some amazing things in secondhand shops, just take your time and go on a treasure hunt!



Sports News

It's been a busy first couple of weeks back with all our lunchtime clubs getting underway this week. Please remind your children to attend these clubs as the offer in place is impressive and much fuller than most other junior schools.

We have also held year 5/6 football and swimming trials over the last couple of weeks and I am pleased to report that these have been well attended. We aim to give all the children who have trialled out the opportunity to represent the school in these sports throughout the year.

Next week sees our first festivals and competitions of the year with a Year 5/6 Laser Run festival, Year 5/6 Quad Kids Competition and a football friendly. We look forward to reporting on these next week.

Girls Rugby Club is Back!

We are delighted to announce that our popular Girls' Rugby Club is back and will resume next Thursday!

Sports News (cont'd)

The club is led by Martin Davidson, Girls' Lead at local rugby club Reeds Rebels, and is open to girls in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Whether your child is an experienced player or has never picked up a rugby ball before, everyone is welcome! It's a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence and enjoy playing rugby with friends.

The club will take place on Thursday lunchtimes, starting next week.

To sign your child up, please [click here](#)

House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
2,975	3,399
York	Warwick
3,193	3,528

Internet Safety

As primary school children explore and learn online, keeping them safe in the digital world is a top priority.

To help you set up simple boundaries at home, the UK Safer Internet Centre provides easy, step-by-step video guides on setting up parental controls through major broadband providers—including BT, Sky, Virgin Media, and TalkTalk.

These free controls allow you to apply whole-home network filters to block inappropriate content, restrict adult websites, and manage screen time across all connected devices in your house.

To access these video guides and ensure your home Wi-Fi is set up safely for your family, visit: saferinternet.org.uk/guide-type/parental-controls

GUIDE TYPE

Parental controls



ROADWORKS OUTSIDE CLEVES

A reminder to please allow extra time for your journey to and from school, as traffic is likely to be heavier than usual, particularly at peak times.

We ask all parents and carers to take extra care during this period and to ensure that you:

- **drop children at the gate and do not walk your child to class from Monday**
- where possible, consider walking to and from school to help minimise the amount of traffic around the site.
- drive slowly, park safely and considerately around the school.
- be patient and courteous towards other road users, pedestrians and members of the school community.
- please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid causing inconvenience or obstruction to local residents - do not obstruct driveways, pavements, entrances or the flow of traffic.

Please note the St Mary's Church car park remains closed.

RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

Please note that the school Reception now closes at 4:00 pm each day.

To help us support this change, we kindly ask that any enquiries, collections, or visits requiring Reception assistance are completed before 4:00pm wherever possible. If you need to contact the school after this time, please use the usual communication channels and we will respond as soon as possible during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we implement this change.

New Free School Meals Eligibility

As you may be aware the Government are extending the Free School Meal eligibility. This will mean that from September 2026 all children from households in **receipt of Universal Credit** will be entitled to receive a free meal.

There will be two levels of Free School Meals, targeted and expanded.

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. This will include free school meals, an after-school club and financial support if needed for trips.

Expanded FSM, This is a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. These children will receive free school meals only.
If you think you are eligible, please click on the link below and complete the Eligibility form:

FSM Eligibility Form

If you are experiencing financial hardship at any time and need support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pyott - jpyott@cleves.co.uk or Miss Clarke - gclarke@cleves.co.uk

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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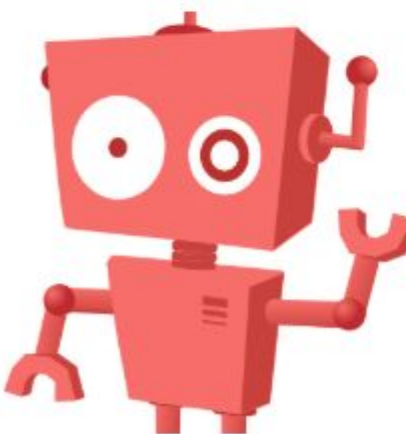
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW

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 & Sickness

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 the Absence Reporting form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5LQvyzoZ7_IX0ekeR68mCQJDMGvb82dh9Do2ubVwXUaS29w/viewform

Please find below the link to our Sickness Reporting form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjjG7VMV91zWp5Y0GJyFONDHkBJBlnaszmtLsaG2FHjb-FOQ/viewform>

This Week in Photos....

Y3 Welcome Service



This Week in Photos....

Y3 Welcome Service (cont'd)

