



Cleves School
Learning Together

20th March 2026

Welcome

It has been a truly fabulous week here at school, with our wonderful Tuning Up concerts showcasing the children's enthusiasm and musical talent. We are incredibly proud of all who took part!

We hope that our Year 6 parents found the SATs information evening helpful and informative. The presentation from the session will be shared separately.

Thank you to all who attended the recent parent consultation meetings. We greatly value these opportunities to work in partnership with you to support your children's learning and development. We also hope you enjoyed visiting our Art Exhibition and seeing the incredible range of creative work produced by the children. It was a joy to see all their pieces.

We wanted to let you know that Mrs Cannell, our Assistant Headteacher, will be leaving Cleves at the end of the Spring term next Friday. She has made a significant contribution to our school over the past 11 years. Though it is a loss for us, we understand she wants to be closer to her family and wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.



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If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

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26th March	Class Assembly - 3W
26th March	Y4 Residential - Information Evening - 6pm-6.30pm - Performance Hall
27th March	Last day of term - finish 1.45pm
13th April	1st day of Summer Term - school resumes
15th-17th April	Y3 Residential - Sayers Croft
16th April	Y3 Non-Residential children - Walton Firs
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



27 April	Y3 Egg Hatching Programme starts
6 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3M & 3D)
7 May	Y3 Lightbox Museum visit (3A & 3J)
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
25 May	Half Term

Year 3

Year 3 are nearing the end of their second term at Cleves and we cannot believe how quickly the time is flying. The children have embraced Cleves life and are showing excellent learning behaviours.

In Literacy we have started our new unit on Legends, we are retelling part of the story of St George and the Dragon. We started by listening to the story and describing the dragon.

In Maths we have continued our unit on Mass and Capacity but studying how to read scales and then adding and subtracting different amounts.

We are coming to the end of our topic on the Ancient Egyptians and our final two lessons have been studying how we know about the Egyptians by looking at the differences between primary and secondary sources. We have also studied what Britain was like during the same era as the Ancient Egyptians.

In Science we have been continuing to study how plants grow by investigating what plants need to grow and the different parts of the plant and their function.

The children's cartouches are looking fantastic, especially now that they have been given a splash of colour.

Year 4

It's been another wonderful and busy week in Year 4. In Maths we have completed our end of unit arithmetic and reasoning assessments and moved onto our new topic on decimals. The children have been working hard to apply their knowledge from our fractions unit and have made a fantastic start already! In Literacy we have finished writing our first draft of our non chronological reports all about Ancient Greece and have begun self assessing against a success criteria and independently identifying areas for development.

In Science we had a lovely time outside in the sunshine exploring how distance affects the volume of sound and practiced developing our working scientifically skills of making predictions, carrying out experiments and recording our findings. In Topic we have compared the Ancient Greek civilisation with the Iron Age and have considered cultural, geographical and architectural similarities and differences.

We have resumed our DT planning and marked out the components that we will need for making our mazes. In PE we have continued with our unit on Dance and have begun thinking about our own choreography based on the stimulus and music we have been given.

Year 5

Year 5 has had another busy and enjoyable week. In DT, the children have been working hard building their moon buggies, showing great teamwork and creativity. In Literacy, we have started an exciting new unit on creating a survival guide, where the children will be developing their understanding of how to give good advice if you find yourself stranded on a desert island, Arctic landscape or in a rainforest teeming with wildlife!

In Maths, we have moved on to learning about area and perimeter. In Science, we have been conducting experiments about air resistance, with lots of hands-on opportunities to help the children develop their understanding.

Our lovely LSAs have also put up the children's brilliant World Book Day art - it really does brighten up the corridor. What a creative bunch!



Year 6

This week, we have continued to work hard across all subjects in Year 6. In RE, we have been focusing on Christianity and exploring the question: *For Christians, what difference does it make to belong to God's Kingdom?* Pupils have examined key ideas including sin, the Creation story, and how Christians understand God, making meaningful links to the significance of Easter. In addition, we have been learning about Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Computing: what it is, how it can be used to create images, and the potential benefits and challenges it presents. These discussions have been complemented in our PSHE sessions, where pupils have been developing their media literacy and digital resilience, considering how to engage thoughtfully and responsibly with digital content.

Cleves Art Exhibition

Today's Art Exhibition was a huge success, showcasing the creative work from all children at Cleves school.

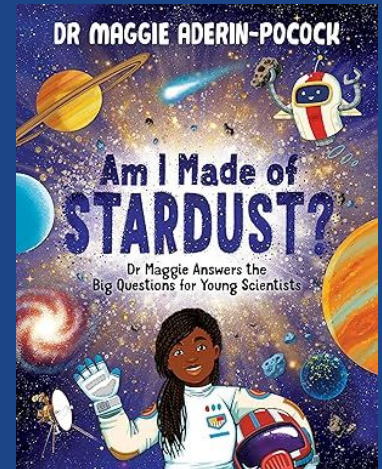
If you didn't have the opportunity to visit or purchase your child's artwork, please look out for a link in next week's Evening News which will give details on how the artwork can be purchased.

Please see 'This Week in Photos'.

Book Recommendations

This week's review is from Mrs Flaherty.

'Am I made of stardust?'
by Maggie Aderin-Pocock



In this book, the astronomer, physicist and science communicator, Maggie Aderin-Pocock answers some big questions about our universe for young scientists. The book is beautifully illustrated and the text is chunked up into bite-sized pieces which help the reader to grapple with some big ideas. It is divided into 3 chapters which answer questions on the Big Bang, our own Solar System and then human space exploration now and in the future. As well as answers to many of those burning questions, there are also 'Try this at home' activities and some extra 'Astro Facts'. Year 5, who are currently studying Space, will love this book and they are already familiar with its author from their Science studies this term. However, I recommend it to all Cleves children with an interest in science and space.

Internet Safety Guide

Roblox is hugely popular with children, offering millions of user-created games and social experiences. This guide explains how the platform differs from traditional video games, and why its scale, self-rating system and automated moderation can expose young users to inappropriate content or unsafe interactions.

Aimed at parents and educators, the guide explores concerns including online communication, in-game spending and compulsive play. It also shares practical advice on parental controls, limiting chat and encouraging open conversations, helping adults support children to enjoy Roblox more safely and responsibly.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



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.



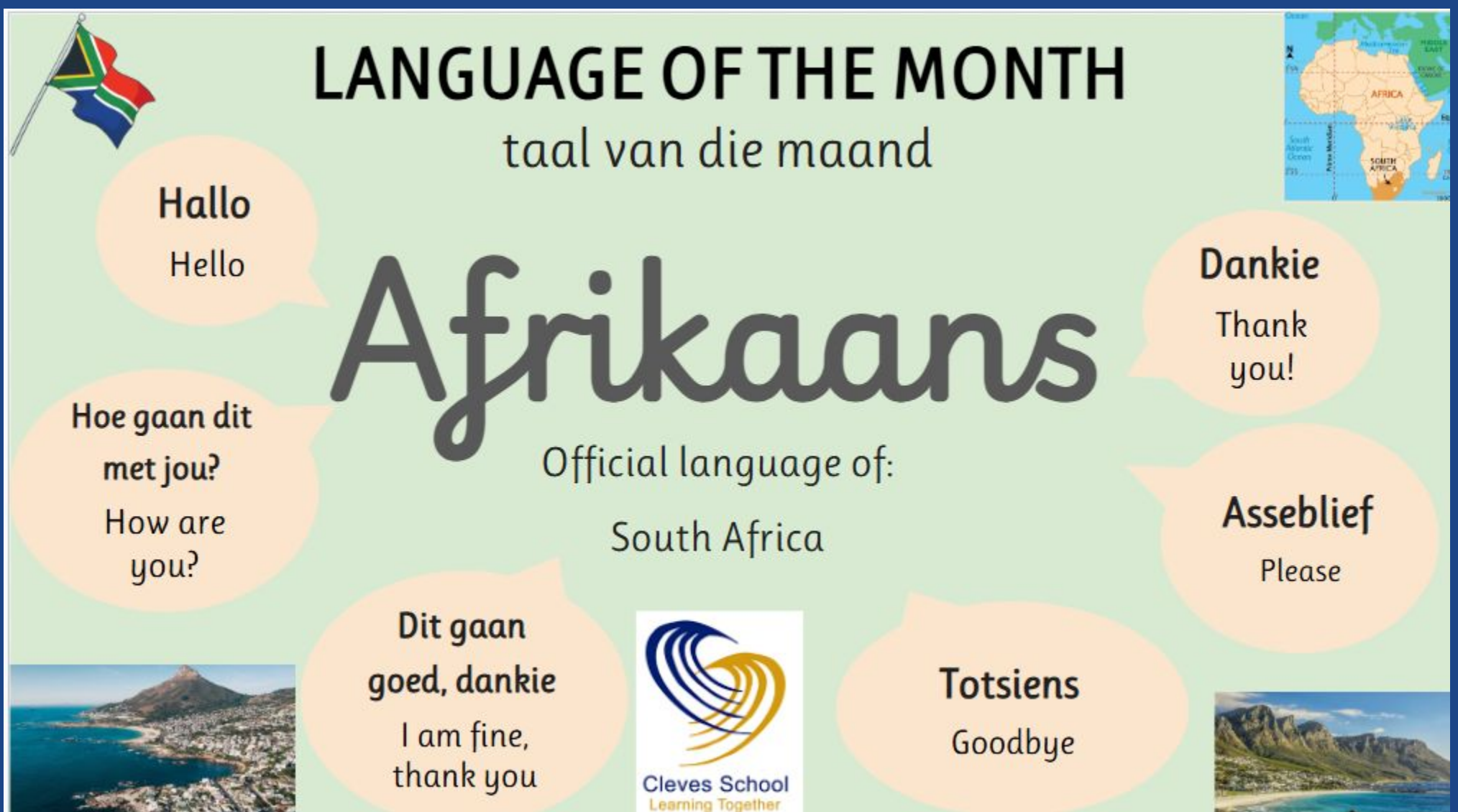
House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
10,865	12,148
York	Warwick
12,939	15,971

Language of the Month

We are nearing the end of our month learning Afrikaans and it has been lovely learning a language that so many of our staff and children speak. The 'Expert get togethers' have been fantastic, with the children having such a wonderful time getting to know other children around the school they share a skill with.



The infographic features a light green background with a South African flag in the top left and a map of Africa in the top right. The central text reads 'LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH' and 'taal van die maand' above the word 'Afrikaans' in a large, dark font. Below 'Afrikaans' is the text 'Official language of: South Africa'. The Cleves School logo is at the bottom center. Six speech bubbles contain Afrikaans phrases and their English translations. Two scenic photos of South African landscapes are also included.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH
taal van die maand

Afrikaans
Official language of:
South Africa

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Hallo
Hello

Hoe gaan dit met jou?
How are you?

Dit gaan goed, dankie
I am fine, thank you

Totsiens
Goodbye

Dankie
Thank you!

Asseblief
Please

International Bookshelf

Are you going on holiday to another country this Easter? If so, would you be able to add to our International Bookshelf?

Our International Bookshelf is now starting to take shape, thanks to all the generous donations from the Cleves families and PTA. Children will be able to start borrowing the books after Easter.

However, we would still like to keep adding books to the shelf as we have many children who speak a huge range of languages across the school.

We would love to receive popular books by well known authors and we would also love to receive well known traditional or classic stories from a range of cultures/countries written in the original language. Thank you to one of our Year 3 parents who has made the following fantastic suggestions:

- The Cat Who Came in off the Roof - Dutch
- Pippi Longstocking - Swedish
- Grimms' Fairy Tales - German
- Asterix & Obelix - French
- Tintin - French
- Andersen's Fairy Tales - Danish



The image shows a light blue donation form for the International Bookshelf. At the top, there are two globe icons flanking a book icon. Below this is the title 'International Bookshelf' and the text 'This book was donated to our library by:'. There is a horizontal line for the donor's name. Below that is the label 'Language:'. At the bottom, there is the Cleves School logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' and the text 'Cleves School Learning Together'.

International Bookshelf

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Eco News

The Great Big School Clean 21 March – 6 April

We believe it's vital we encourage children to love where they live, show pride in their communities, and care for their surroundings, from a young age. If every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove a colossal 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment!

**GREAT BIG SCHOOL
CLEAN**

Sports News

With the end of term rapidly approaching, it's a shorter sports update this week.

Surrey Primary Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Louie, Mafalda, Jess and Amelia, who took part in the Surrey Primary Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum last Saturday. This is a major event, attracting a wide range of independent and state schools from across Surrey.

Competing in the large schools category, we faced strong opposition in two events: the 4 x 25m freestyle relay and the 4 x 25m medley relay. All four swimmers gave their absolute best, representing the school with determination and pride, and delivering a strong overall performance.



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Football Round Up

The Year 6 boys' A team played their final league game of the season this week, away at Ashley. This fixture is always keenly contested, and this encounter certainly did not disappoint.

Played on a very tight pitch, the game was physical, with individual battles taking place all over the field. The Cleves boys started with real intent and took the lead inside the first minute, as Jack's left-footed shot crept into the bottom corner.

For the remainder of the half, the game was evenly matched. Cleves had the edge in attacking play, while Ashley remained a constant threat on the counter. At half-time, a few adjustments were made, with an emphasis on being more physical in challenges and improving movement off the ball.

The second half proved much more one-sided, with Cleves camped in the Ashley half for extended periods. Two goals from Cedar secured the three points, with his second the

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standout moment—bringing the ball down superbly before striking a half-volley across the goalkeeper into the bottom corner.

The boys now progress to the league finals after Easter. Congratulations!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarp in 6T who passed his ABRSM Classical Guitar grade 3 exam, after studying with Mr Cunningham at Cleves School. Well done Sarp!

Challenging Behaviour Parenting Course

Homestart are running their Challenging Behaviour course at Cranmere Primary School every Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 for 10 weeks starting on April 15th, 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 20th, Jun 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st.

The course is free of charge, but participants are required to commit to attending every week.

If you would be interested in attending, please contact Miss Clarke (gclarke@cleves.co.uk) or Mrs Tewkesbury (ntewkesbury@cleves.co.uk).



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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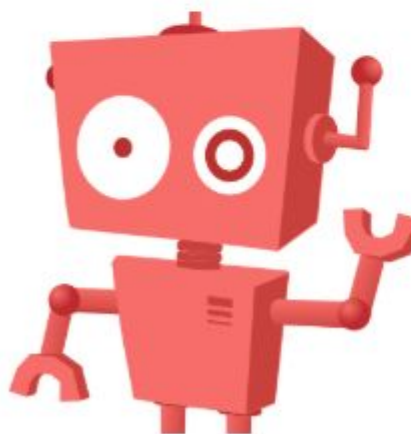
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

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

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>

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