



Cleves School
Learning Together

21st November 2025

Welcome

What a chilly week it's been! Just a reminder to ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for the cold weather.

Despite the cold weather, it's been wonderfully warm and busy here at school. One of the highlights was welcoming author Steve Williams, who inspired our children with his stories and brilliant insights into the writing process.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to be excited about next week. Our Tuning Up Concerts are just around the corner and the relevant classes have been rehearsing enthusiastically. We'll also be ending the week with a fun Mufti Day on Friday, so mark your calendars!

Wishing everyone a cosy weekend ahead!





24th November	Tuning Up Concert - 4H & 4E
25th November	Tuning Up Concert - 6F & 6PD
26th November	Tuning Up Concert - 3W & 3GR
27th November	Tuning Up Concert - 5D & 5J
28th November	Mufti Day & Cake Sale
5th December	Mufti Day
6th December	PTA Christmas Fair
9th December	Y3 Nativity
10th December	Christmas Dinner
11th December	Y4 Nativity
16th December	Christmas Concert - Y5
17th December	Christmas Concert - Y6
19th December	End of Term 1:45

School Pick-up - Gates to be Used

Please note to avoid the least congestion, we would ask that all children exit the school premises, at the end of the day, through the following gates:

Y3 - Reception gate

Y4 - Reception gate - children to use the pathway by the Y4 block (front of school)

Y5 & Y6 - Bungalow gate

All years can leave through the field gate.

If you have multiple collections, please use the least congested route.

This is just for pick-up only at the end of the school day. All gates can be used for drop-off in the morning.

Thank you for your support.

Cleves Christmas Fair

Our school Christmas Fair is planned for Saturday 6th December. In order for the Fair to go ahead, we are in need of help from our Community.

The Fair is a key event in the Cleves calendar raising considerable funds. So far this year, we have been able to purchase:

- football kits
- running vests
- branded gazebos
- netball bibs
- tennis balls
- eco books for the library

We are also looking at revamping the playground. In the coming weeks, the school council will be looking at plans to improve our provision.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR FAIR BY VOLUNTEERING 30 MINUTES/ 1 HR OF YOUR TIME TO HELP.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PTA@cleves.co.uk

Can You Match Fund?

Many companies offer their employees the opportunity to match fund fundraising efforts. These companies are wide ranging and can include big banks, supermarkets and companies such as Barclays and Amazon, as well as small local businesses.

Please check if your company is able to match fund our fundraising, especially with the PTA Christmas Fair event coming up soon. This would hugely benefit our children and what we are able to offer them.

If your company can match fund, please contact Mrs Green at ngreen@cleves.co.uk.

Thank you!

Year 3

The Year 3 children are busy working hard this autumn term, with the bonus excitement of seeing some snowfall too!

In Computing, the children had great fun filming their Fantastic Mr Fox scripts using the green-screen and watching them back. We definitely have some budding actors and actresses and some keen directors. In Maths we are continuing our unit on multiplication and division with a focus on the 3 and 4 times tables and using different strategies to multiply and divide by these numbers. We have started a new unit in Literacy, we will be writing letters as Mary Anning on her latest discovery. Our new Literacy unit links well with our Science unit on Rocks and Soils. This week in Science we completed an investigation into the different properties of a range of rocks. We designed our Christmas stockings in DT this week. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with cutting out the felt and those who have offered to support in class with the sewing.

Year 3 (cont'd)

Speaking of Christmas, poems and songs for our Christmas performance should now be on the Google Classroom for the children to practice at home. We cannot wait to perform for you all on the 9th December.

Year 4

What a busy, chilly, and exciting week we've had in Year 4! Despite the cold and icy weather, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm in all areas of their learning. The frosty mornings and icy playground made for lots of excitement! Thank you for ensuring the children have come to school wrapped up warm - it's made breaktimes much more enjoyable.

The Year 4's have been channelling their inner environmental activists. We explored the issue of pollution in the River Thames and discussed ways we can help keep our local environment clean. The children are getting ready to write **persuasive letters**, urging others to take action and care for this important river. In Science, we looked closely at the different types of teeth humans have and their roles. To put their learning into action, the children *bit into apples* to observe how their incisors, canines, and molars each help us eat. This hands-on investigation led to some fantastic discussions and very enthusiastic chomping!

Year 4 (cont'd)

Our work in Computing took a creative turn as we continued learning how to use **GarageBand**. The children practised layering sounds, adjusting tempo, and experimenting with loops as they began planning to create their **own original pieces of music**. We can already hear some budding digital composers in the making! We were delighted to welcome children's author **Steve Williams** to Year 4 this week. The children loved hearing about his writing process and asked thoughtful questions. His visit left them inspired, and many were keen to pick up a notebook (or tablet!) and start writing stories of their own.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead!

Warm regards,

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

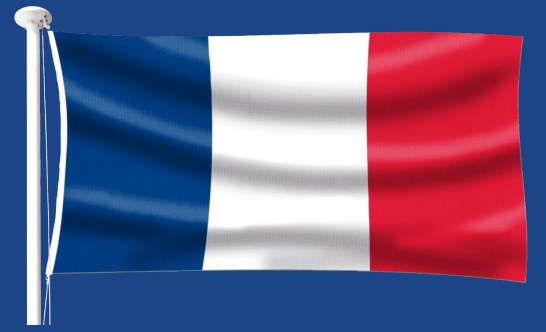
Year 5 have had a lot of fun imagining ourselves confronting the Tudor thief at Hampton Court Palace by using drama to inspire our writing in Literacy. We are continuing our Dance unit in PE, learning lots of different dances from freestyle to the Cha Cha Slide! In Science, we have continued carrying out various experiments, investigating dissolving and separating solids and liquids. In Whole Class Reading, in our book "The Runner", we have been learning more about Jason, as well as the mysterious Jam!

Year 6

It has been a busy week in year 6!

In Literacy, we began writing biographies and chose to focus on influential figures such as Dame Jane Goodall, Sir David Attenborough or Neil Armstrong. In Science, we explored genetics, learning how traits are inherited and what makes each of us unique. Computing lessons were especially engaging as we started our 3D printing project, experimenting with TinkerCad. A highlight of the week was the author visit from Steve Williams, whose creativity inspired lots of excitement and curiosity.

Language of the Month



Super exciting news - Cleves are starting **Language of the month!**

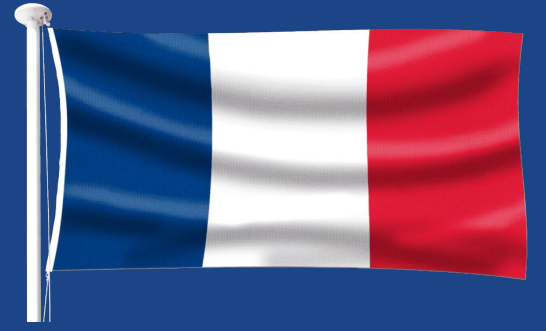
Starting in December, each month we will introduce our children and staff to a new language.

You will be notified through your child's Homework platform of the Language of the Month. If your child speaks the language of the month, then please do ask them to get involved as they will be our experts! They can help do the register and teach the class some simple phrases e.g. please, thank you, how are you?

We hope to hear the language of the month being spoken throughout the school, for example: taking the register, when we say thank you to the lunchtime staff or when they see a peer or adult in the corridor or playground. We are very much encouraging all our staff to get involved too.

Language of the Month

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To get us started - *December's Language of the month is - French!*

French has been chosen for our first month as the whole school is learning French already so we can all feel confident with our knowledge and pronunciations.

Thank you to all parent/carers for your continued support.

Mufti Day

Challenge 25 - Homestart

Our school Mufti Day will be on Friday 28th November, in support of Challenge 25 - Homestart (see leaflets sent on Evening News 20.11.25).

Alongside our Mufti Day, the School Council and Kitchen will be running a bake sale after school in the Y3 quiet area. Cakes will be £1 for 2. All sale proceeds will go to Homestart.

To find out more information about Homestart please click [here](#).

Eco News

Make a Packaging Free Lunch Bag



A recent poll showed 39% of adults in the UK buy lunch on-the-go at least once a week. Most of this food comes wrapped in single-use packaging.

Sports News

Year 5 A Team Boys Football vs Cobham Free School

On Monday, the Cleves A Team were back in action in another league fixture against Cobham Free School. The fixture, which was our first home game of the year, started with fast attacks and a high press from both sets of boys. Cleves struggled to retain possession and Cobham took an early lead with a well worked team goal. The Cleves boys finally stepped it up, scoring a goal to see out a heavily contested first half of football. The second half resumed in a similar manner and the boys tried to move the ball down the wings to open up more space on the pitch. Cleves battled hard but conceded again towards the end. Right before the final whistle, Cleves scored an equaliser to end the difficult battle and share the points. The game concluded with a final result of 2-2. A lack of intensity and moving the ball as a team was the difference today. Lots more work to do and lots to practice still at this point in the year. Well done to all those boys who played in the game!

Sports News (cont'd)

Swimming Gala

Yesterday afternoon, our girls' swimming team took part in their first competition of the year - a friendly gala against Notre Dame. For many of the girls, this was their first competitive opportunity, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly, even when faced with some very strong opposition from our hosts.

Every Cleves swimmer gave her absolute best in the pool, showing fantastic swimming ability, teamwork and impeccable behaviour throughout. It was a privilege to watch them compete, and I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

The gala featured a full programme of individual races across Years 3/4, 5 and 6, as well as a variety of relay events. The gala concluded with a particularly thrilling squadron relay, which generated fantastic excitement and noise from both swimmers and spectators alike.

Sports News (cont'd)

Swimming Gala

A huge thank you to all the parents who came to watch. Your support, encouragement and enthusiasm made a real difference and helped create such a positive and memorable experience for the girls.

Well done to our entire Cleves team - what a brilliant effort and a wonderful start to a year of competitive swimming for the girls.



Sports News (cont'd)

Girls Football Teams

The girls football teams have had a busy few weeks of fixtures.

The Year 5 girls recently played Hurst Park in the Surrey County Cup. Unfortunately, Hurst Park proved too strong an opponent and beat Cleves 4-0. Considering this was our first game, there was a very encouraging performance, especially in the second half. We look forward to building on this as a team moving forward.

A small group of girls also went to Walton Xcel to represent Cleves at the Chelsea Foundation tournament. They absolutely smashed the group phase and won all of their games, topping the group into the knockout round. They won their semi final against West Ashtead which secured their place in the finals which will be held at Cobham, in March. Sadly, they narrowly missed out on a trophy as they lost to South Farnham 2-1.

Sports News (cont'd)

Girls Football Teams

Nevertheless, their outstanding performance will carry them through to the next round.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 and Year 6s also played their first league game against Cobham Free School. Despite very cold and windy conditions, the girls continued their excellent form and dominated the play, resulting in a very convincing 8-1 scoreline.

Congratulations to all the girls who have recently represented Cleves. They have shown determination, resilience and great sportsmanship.



Highway Code



Get to know the Highway Code

Knowing the Highway Code is really important for school children who walk to school every day. It helps you understand how to cross roads safely, recognise traffic signs, and stay alert around cars, buses, and bikes. By following the rules, like using crossings properly and paying attention to signals, you can keep yourself and your friends safe on your journey. Learning the Highway Code isn't just about rules - it's about building good habits that help everyone get to school safely and confidently.

Find out more at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>

or

- [order a copy of The Highway Code book online](#)
- buy a copy from most high street bookshops
- [buy the app for Apple phones and tablets](#)
- [buy the app for Android phones and tablets](#)

Play this game online to learn more about how to be safe when on the roads.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

Internet Safety Guide

Screen time is the amount of time we spend on devices with screens, like phones, tablets or laptops. Sometimes, there can be concerns that young people are spending too long on their devices, and about the effect that screen time can have on health and wellbeing.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



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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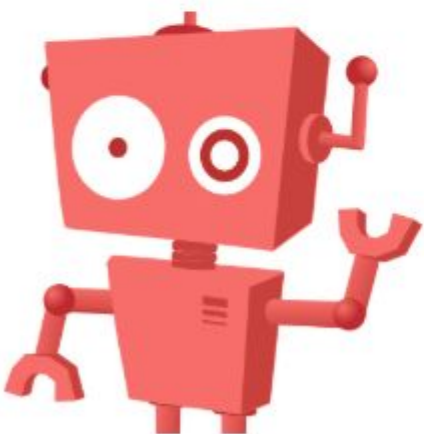
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

SEESAW

House Points

Windsor	Arundel
15,179	17,171
York	Warwick
14,211	17,131

Celebration Awards

Assembly Award



3GR



Best Lunchtime Behaviour



3W



Best Values and Learning Behaviours



3M, 4J, 5D
and 6S



This week's



Class of the Week

is

3M

Congratulations

Huge well done to Nyla (6PD), Eva (6PD), Heidi (6P), Jago (4E) & Theo (3J) - plus siblings at Oatlands, who all took part in a week long Sponsored Litter Pick for Truly Giving - trulygiving.co.uk.

Thank you so very much to everyone who sponsored them... So far they have raised an incredible £2,188!!

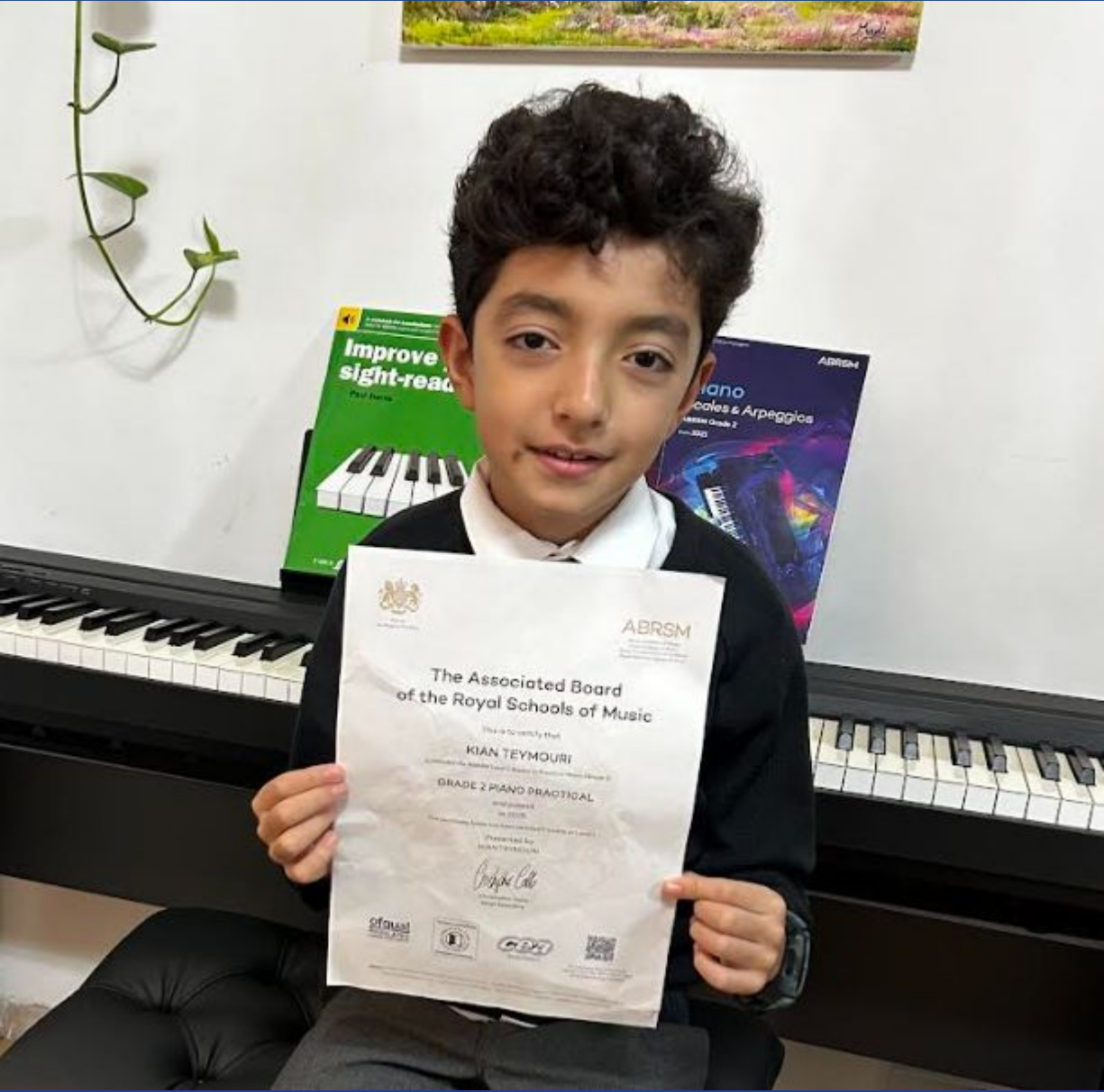
Currently, we have managed to buy 75 Christmas gifts for children, who would not normally receive one... we are so proud!

If you want to, there is still time to Sponsor - <https://pay.collectiv.com/truly-giving-sponsored-litter-pick-43653>. Thank you.



Congratulations (cont'd)

Congratulations to Kian (5D) who has successfully passed his Piano Grade 2 exam. What a fantastic achievement - well done Kian!



Congratulations (cont'd)

Well done to Toby (6F) for passing his recent piano exam! This is a fantastic achievement and very well deserved, reflecting the hard work, focus, and enthusiasm he has shown throughout the year. We are very proud of his progress and commitment.

If you are interested in piano lessons for your child, please contact LTP Music - hello@ltpmusic.co.uk

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>