



Cleves School
Learning Together

23rd January 2026

Welcome

Another busy week at Cleves as we move ever closer to half term and the prospect of lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather.

On Tuesday, our young singers performed in front of a packed O2 Arena. They showed our value of high aspiration with incredible energy and enthusiasm and were excellent ambassadors for Cleves School. We were so proud of their achievement, especially their confidence and learning of so much music! Thank you also to all our amazing staff and parents involved in making this a success, especially Mr Kilhams and Mrs Tao.

Have a restful weekend.





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
3rd March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4M & 4R
10th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4E & 4L
12th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4H & 4J



17th March	Class photos
20th March	Parent Consultation Day - School closed

Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week, full of fun and engaging learning activities! We have continued to learn about Ancient Egypt across the curriculum, covering it in our History, PE, and even Literacy lessons!

From instructing teachers on how to make sandwiches to following the steps of mummification to “mummify” each other, we’ve got off to a fun start with our new Literacy unit on instruction writing. The children have also been exploring the structure and key language features of instructions, putting those imperative verbs to good use!

In Maths, we have been building on our multiplication and division skills, focusing on dividing two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. In Science, we investigated how shadows are formed and explored the difference between opaque, translucent, and transparent materials.

We ended the week with a star work assembly, celebrating the fantastic effort and achievements of the children.

We look forward to another fun week ahead!

Year 4

Another week of expanding our knowledge in Year 4!

If you ask about Maths, we're now more confident in dividing large numbers and can find equivalent kilometres and metres.

If you ask us about Ancient Greece, we can tell you how different life in Athens and Sparta was. We can also tell you all about what democracy means - thanks to the Greeks!

We'll also be able to enchant you with a spine-tingling tale about a brave hero, Theseus, and the oh-so-menacing Minotaur.

If you ask us about Electricity, we'll recall the key components of an electrical circuit and what is needed to make a lightbulb light up!

What will we learn next week?!

Year 5

It's been a great week! In Literacy, the children have planned, drawn and described their alien 'thing'. We have a creative bunch that's for sure! In our topic lessons, we moved onto learning about the Apollo 11 mission. This Topic has coincided nicely with the upcoming Artemis II mission, which has been great for us.

In Science, we explored why we have seasons on Earth. In Computing, some classes began their lessons on Lego with these continuing next week. The other classes will have their time in a couple of weeks.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a creative, hands on and fun week! We have been looking at pizza instructions in DT, analysing the features of a recipe and then followed these instructions to cook our very own yummy pizzas in DT. We have also started our Spooky Story unit in Literacy, exploring tension and suspense. We have also begun our new unit in Science which is on light; this week we have looked at how light reflects.

Thank you!

Last year, we asked for contributions to support us in maintaining the excellent provision that we provide to the children at Cleves.

Our IT provision:

- Chromebooks 1 between 2 children
- Ipads
- Radio station
- Green screen
- Lego programming
- Sports screen for modelling
- And lots, lots more!

Links for this contribution, or whatever you can afford, is on your Scopay account. Please look carefully at whether you are able to Gift Aid your contribution so that we can benefit from more, without cost to you.

 **We've now raised an incredible £12,514!** 

Thank you to all the year groups for the donations received. We have purchased 20 chromebooks with another 30 on the way! This is a truly amazing achievement and would not have been possible without the support of our Cleves community.

Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

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 see attached 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.

PTA - Game Donations

Cleves PTA would like to support the new lunchtime games clubs by organising a collection of games from the school community. If you have any great condition, child-friendly games at home that are no longer played with, please consider donating them to the school.

Games should be easy enough to play without much adult support, see the photo for suggestions. A table will be placed outside reception next week to receive donations. If you have any questions, please contact: jwilliams@cleves.co.uk. Thank you for your support.



Eco News

Identify one refill opportunity in your home. Refilling uses existing packaging thereby reducing use of resources.



Innovative Glue Stick Refill System!

Unlike the glue sticks currently used in schools - which are not recyclable due to residue and their small size - these glue stick refills can be joined together to meet recycling criteria and are returned for **full recycling and reuse**, creating a **true circular economy**. No more single-use plastic waste ending up in landfill!

The glue sticks have a higher PVA-to-water content, so are a high-quality product, while also being a more environmentally friendly option and supporting the school's sustainability goals.

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<https://learnplaynexus.com/u-fill-reuse-refill-rethink/>

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We are looking to see if this is something we can run at school but if not, parents are welcome to purchase off the website independently.



Internet Safety Guide

Last week's guide was on Generative AI tools - such a ChatGPT - which are now commonly used by children. This week's guide is on AI virtual friends.

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



House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
3,655	3,786
York	Warwick
4,117	4,375

Sports News

It's been another really busy and successful week of sport at Cleves. Here is a round up of all the action

Year 6 Netball

On Monday, Y6 played their first league match against Cobham Free School on the school playground. The match was a scrappy affair with Cleves going ahead inside the first quarter. The team played fantastically considering they hadn't played since before Christmas. They were unlucky to come away without a win, with the final result being 4- 6 and a win for CFS. Well done to Lucas, Leah, Ellis, Iya, Betsy, Chloe, Eloise and Nhanda.

Girls Football

On Monday, the girls football team took part in the regional finals of the Premier League competition towards representing Fulham. The girls were playing 7 other teams from across London and the South. They played some fantastic football and were extremely impressive in every game they played. Unfortunately, luck wasn't always on their side and despite outplaying nearly every team, they

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ended up finishing second in the group which means that they did not progress to the national finals. They ended the day with 4 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. It was a very impressive display of teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the girls who participated.



Year 5 A Team Boys County Cup Quarter Final vs St George's Junior School

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 5 A Team were back in action in the County Cup vs St George's Junior School. The Quarter Final fixture kicked off heavily contested and the ball moved end to end. After some quick passing, Cleves were caught out twice with balls in behind the defence and lost the foot

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in the game. Just before half time, Cleves scored a penalty to make it 2-1. Soon into the second half, St George's scored a third to take a greater lead. After relentless attacks, they held onto the lead and Cleves bow out of the County Cup on this occasion.

Y6 Boys - Football 'A' Team

The Year 6 A team have been in excellent form over the past week, playing twice and scoring an impressive nine goals without conceding.

Last Friday, the team faced a determined St James side in a league fixture. A strong work ethic and disciplined performance saw the boys secure a well-deserved 4–0 victory.

They followed this up on Wednesday with a League Cup match against Grovelands, played at Walton Xcel. The boys were once again in outstanding form, producing patient, high-quality passing football to ease to a convincing 5–0 win. They now play St Cuthberts in the quarter finals.

Well done to all the boys who played - a fantastic team effort and a great week of football.

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Cross Country

Athletes from Cleves School produced an impressive set of performances at the Surrey Schools Primary Cross Country Championships, held in Reigate on Saturday 17th January.

There were many standout performances. In the Year 6 Boys' race Jack secured 1st place followed closely by Sebbi in 2nd, giving Cleves an excellent one–two finish. Strong supporting runs from Edward, Bert, Leo, Joe and Oscar rounded off a superb team performance with them all finishing in the top 25. The Year 5 boys also performed with great determination in a large and competitive field, with Joseph and Osian leading the Cleves runners home and several others finishing strongly to complete a solid team effort.

In the Year 5 Girls' race, Chloe ran a brilliant race finishing in an impressive 4th place. The Year 6 Girls were well represented too, with Erin, Omnia and Blaise all showing resilience and commitment on a challenging course.

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Well done to all Cleves athletes who took part:
Chloe, Joseph, Osian, Ralph, Emil, Henry,
George, Erin, Omnia, Blaise, Jack, Sebbi,
Edward, Bert, Leo, Joe, Oscar and Jacob.



Young Voices

Cleves YV Choir perform at The O2

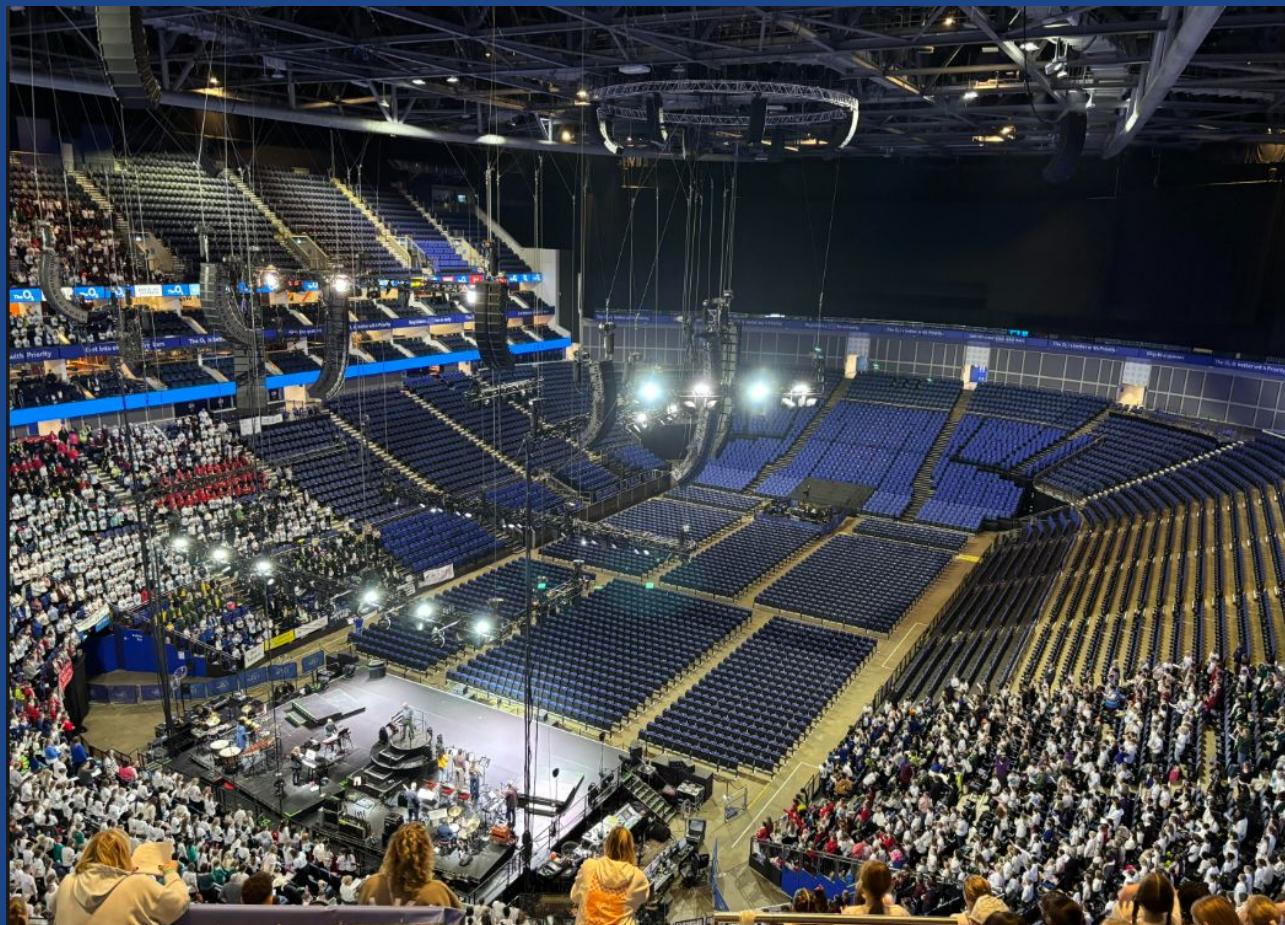
On Tuesday morning, 85 excited Cleves Young Voices travelled to the O2 Arena to join over 8,000 other Young Voices.

After months of preparation we were finally at the O2 Arena for the YV concert.



But first there was the challenge of climbing many, many steps before arriving to a spectacular view. We were in 'The Gods' - at the Top Tier of the O2 Arena. Our lucky Young Voices were sat high above the musicians, dancers, singers and music director. Looking directly onto the stage this was a thrilling moment. Breathtaking!

Young Voices



With tummies rumbling they frantically grabbed a bite to eat then gradually all 85 of our YVs joined in with 3 hours of rehearsals.

It was wonderful to hear our YVs adding their beautiful voices to those of others. Through the afternoon, it was heartwarming to see even our shy Young Voicers glow with joy as their confidence grew with each song they sang. The happiness and energy was so infectious, our YVs had all the volunteers joining in too. Amongst the throng of children from other schools, it was easy to see and hear our YVs were well versed with the lyrics and dance moves.

Gradually, the music director had them performing with thousands of others in split sections; then along with, and sometimes as the

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backing singers, the artists on stage. At other points the YVs were the thrilled audience, as Urban Stride and Andy dazzled us all with their dance moves. Then there was the silence and stillness as the beautiful voice of famous singers gradually filled the arena with their songs.

Through the rehearsals we saw how the months of learning helped create an amazing, ginormous choir and the songs knitted in with various performers to create a beautiful show.

With rehearsals over, the YVs enthusiastically chomped through their tea and had fun chatting with friends. This was a time to rest before performing to over 15,000 people.

By six o'clock the audience started to arrive and the excitement level began to rise. Keen eyes searched for parents. Impossible to see with the naked eye, torches were waved and binoculars pulled out in the desperate hope of making contact.

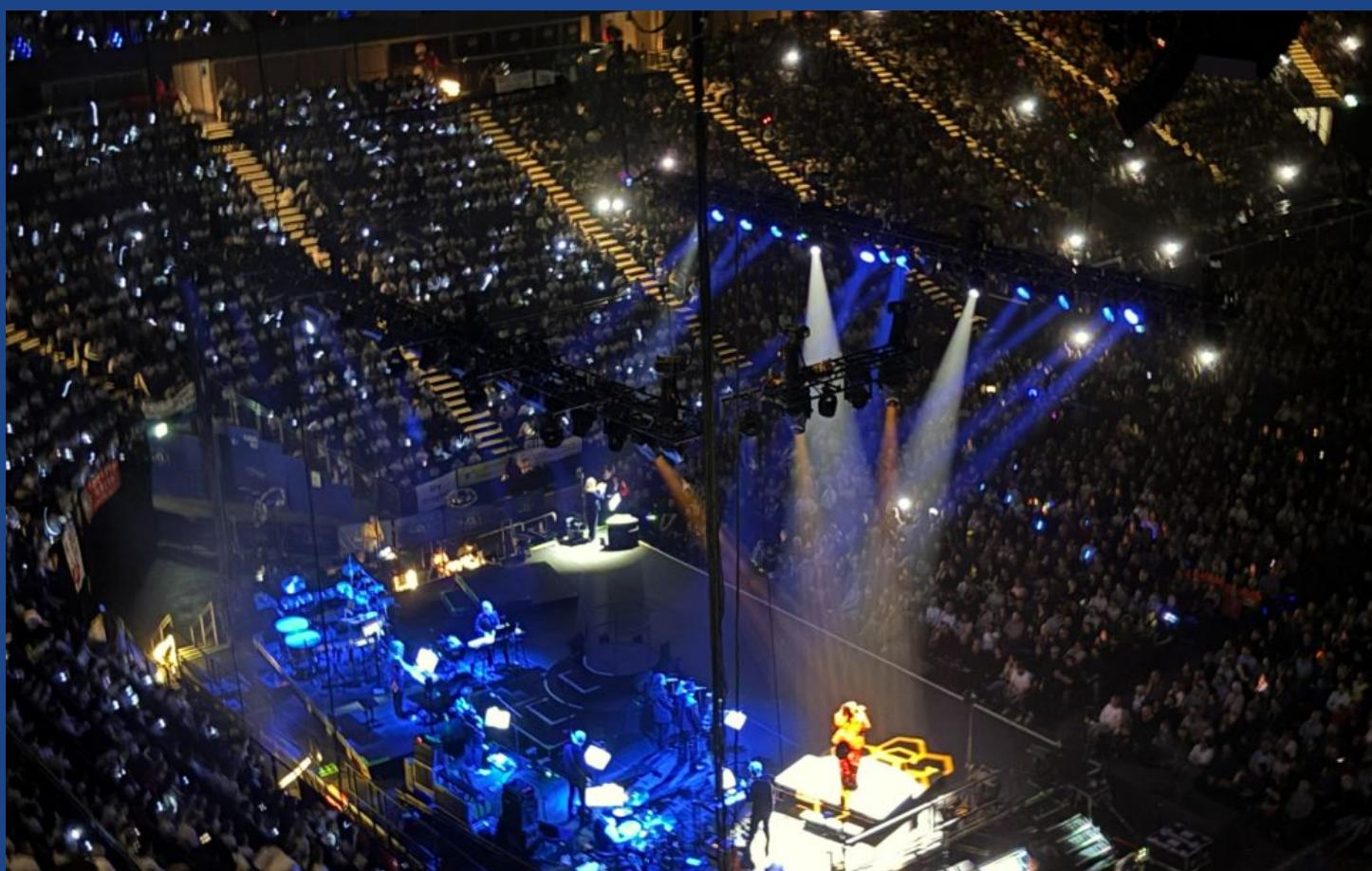
Soon the Arena was full and the buzz of excitement and the flashing of lights was electric.

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Our Young Voicers will soon be able to say they performed live at the O2 Arena. A place famous for international stars and now them too!



At seven the lights dimmed and the stage shone brightly. With the rising sound of instruments warming up this was a sign. Suddenly the arena was filled with a cacophony of delighted cheers, whistling, clapping and whooping. Months of practising in the car, dancing and singing along with YV Music room and waiting was over. The show began!



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Supporting families and friends were rewarded with the beautiful sound of thousands of YVs. Some with binoculars, very good eyes, and luck even saw their child performing. Later on Andy had the audience join in and more happy memories were made. As this was YV's 30th year we enjoyed singing from famous performers who had previously been YVs. So inspiring but as per a parent, '*The real stars were our YVs*'.

At 8:50 the performance closed and then the long wait to get back to coaches and Cleves began.

For our Year 6s there was a tinge of sadness as this was their last YV. For Year 5s there was excitement with the hope of another year. For one of our adults there was the joy of knowing they were a Young Voicer for **EVERY** year they had been at Cleves so this was their 5th visit but now as a volunteer! Unique as now lower school has Mr Kilhams ESCF and YV is for upper school.

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Unfortunately, Mr Kilhams couldn't make the trip but he was ever present in the brilliant performance of our lovely YVs

Throughout the day our YVs were supported by 18 generous volunteers including 6 Cleves staff. Thousands of steps were climbed; hundreds of bottles refilled and lots of kindness. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped on the day but also to all our YV families and all the other Cleves staff who helped make this event such a success.

Although, we finally poured out of the Arena into heavy rain and cold, the day ended for our YVs, warm. Warm with happy memories and the joy of performing, with friends, at the O2 Arena. For some YVs there was also triumph as another challenge was met and resilience and strength grown.

We hope lots of happy memories were made. We are so very proud of our YVs who were outstanding in their performance and also in their kindness to each other throughout the day.

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We may have missed seeing Elphaba but in Mrs Green's sentiments, '*We don't need a celebrity because we had the stars - our own Young Voices.*' Well done!

Language of the Month

Our language of the month is...Turkish!



DAYS OF THE WEEK HAFTANIN GÜNLERİ

SUNDAY	PAZAR
MONDAY	PAZARTESİ
TUESDAY	SALI
WEDNESDAY	ÇARŞAMBA
THURSDAY	PERŞEMBE
FRIDAY	CUMA
SATURDAY	CUMARTESİ

Do you have English as an additional language?

Thank you so much to all those families who have completed the questionnaire, we have had over 50 responses so far!

We have already started to action some of the feedback you have given us.

This is the final weekend to complete the questionnaire if you haven't already done so.

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



A note for parents who would like to make an adhoc booking at our after school club.

If your child already attends GAP club, a telephone or email request is sufficient and we will endeavour to accommodate you subject to availability and staff levels. You will be notified asap if we cannot help out. The extra session charge will be £17.

If your child DOES NOT attend GAP, we must have a minimum of 3 working days notice that cover is required. We will then ask you to complete one of our booking forms, and to make payment of £20 per session. The form and payment must be received before we can confirm that your request has been accepted.

Please contact the GAP club manager if you have any further questions:
mtaylor@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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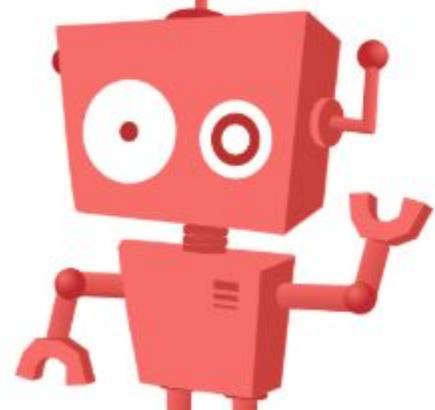
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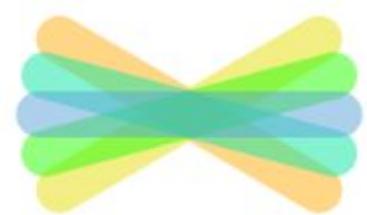


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Congratulations

Congratulations to Larissa, 4E, who has been playing the role of Moss in her first stage show 'Frozen'. Well done Larissa.



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/1FAIpQLSfP_rvlzFARXff-ZCD60nzsAVpSxknSh-qbgtTrrCPu2qgD8YQ/viewform?usp=header