



Cleves School
Learning Together

**25th September
2026**



Welcome



It's been great to see the wider curriculum and cross-curricular activities coming to the fore this week. Our Y5 and Y4 pupils have enjoyed trips to Hampton Court Palace and a Thames river walk respectively, and it was great to hear from pupils themselves about how these trips have brought their learning to life.

Some of our sports teams have got off to the perfect start this term, with both our Y5 and Y6 football teams enjoying convincing wins in pre-season friendlies. In Quad Kids athletics, Cleves finished first place overall out of the eight schools competing - a fantastic result! A special shoutout to Osian (6E) who finished first place overall in the boys event and Chloe (6P), who finished first overall for the girls. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who make these opportunities possible for our pupils.

Thanks to all of the parents & carers who filled in our survey last week. It was lovely to see that the response was overwhelmingly positive, and we have identified through your feedback a small number of areas where we can continue to improve - more news on that in the coming weeks.

Attendance continues to be a key strength of the school with attendance for the year to date running at a very impressive 97.6% - let's keep it up!

Thanks to everyone who has donated good quality 2nd hand uniform, which is a great way of reducing waste and saving money.

Finally, a reminder that we have our harvest food collection next Friday - please give generously if you can to support the growing number of families in our local community who depend on food banks. Thanks & have a lovely weekend.

Diarmuid Skehan



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	World Mental Health Day - Wear 'Yellow'
9th October	Y3 Outdoor Learning
9th October	Class Assembly - 6S
14th October	Parent Consultation - after school



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 has been another busy and exciting week of learning in our classrooms. In Literacy, we completed our first Hot Task, using Pixar's *Piper* as inspiration. The children worked hard to write sentences linked to the film, developing their ideas and focusing on creating clear and interesting sentences.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of numbers up to 1,000. We have been practising how to compare numbers and identify which numbers are greater than, less than or equal to each other.

During PE, we have continued to develop our balancing skills using a range of equipment. The children have been working on their coordination, control and confidence as they practise different balances.

In Geography, we have been learning about the human and physical features found in our local area. The children have been developing their understanding of the difference between features created by people and those that occur naturally.

Year 3 (cont'd)

In Science, we have been exploring magnetism and investigating how magnets behave. The children have enjoyed making discoveries and developing their understanding of which materials are magnetic.

In Art, we have been experimenting with colour washes as we prepare for our final piece inspired by Surrealism. The children have been exploring different colours and techniques, thinking carefully about how they can use these to create interesting effects in their artwork.

It has been a fantastic week and we are very proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown across all of their learning.

Year 4

What another lovely sunny week we have had this week!

The children are now nearing the end of their current Literacy unit and they have thoroughly enjoyed crafting their own playscripts based on *The Twits*. They came up with some truly hilarious scenes that had everyone laughing!

In Maths, the children have worked hard on mastering place value by rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000. Over in Science, we expanded our understanding of the states of matter by exploring the fascinating properties of gases, learning about the distinct characteristics and practical uses of various common gases.

In Art, creativity was in full bloom as pupils began planning their own lily tile designs, taking inspiration from the famous works of Claude Monet.

We also made the most of the great weather during our Topic lessons, where the children took their learning outdoors to practise field sketching techniques.

Year 4 (cont'd)

Meanwhile in PE, we stayed active by exploring how agility plays a vital role across a variety of competitive sports.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the wonderful parents and guardians who volunteered to accompany us on our River Walk trips this week. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and the children had a fantastic time exploring the different features of a river. We simply could not run these enriching trips without your help and support, so thank you again.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

Year 5

We have had another exciting and busy week in Year 5, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum!

In Mathematics, we have begun our new unit on addition and subtraction. The children have been developing their mental calculation strategies when working with larger numbers.

In Literacy, we have continued our work on the Battle of Bosworth, delving deeper into the historical recount genre. The children are writing their own first-person recounts from the perspective of a soldier fighting for Henry Tudor, using historical detail and descriptive language to bring their experiences to life.

In History, we have taken a closer look at the Tudor family tree, identifying the different monarchs and key dates from this fascinating period of British history.

In Science, our focus on the properties of materials has continued, with particular attention on stretchiness. The children have carried out a range of experiments to investigate how different materials behave when placed under tension.

Year 5 (cont'd)

In PE, the children have continued to refine their basketball skills, developing their dribbling and practising a range of throwing and passing techniques. It has been fantastic to see their confidence and teamwork developing.

Finally, four of our six classes have enjoyed a brilliant trip to Hampton Court Palace, where the children had the opportunity to bring their Tudor learning to life. Exploring the palace and learning about its fascinating history made for a memorable and exciting day!

Well done, Year 5, on another fantastic week of learning. Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

Year 6

Another busy week of learning!

In literacy, the children have started a new topic. They will be writing a short narrative based upon our focus text - 'Street Child'. This week, the children have started to gather descriptive and action vocabulary to use in their writing.

In Maths, we have started our new topic - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. So far this week, the children have practised addition and subtraction, factors and multiples.

In History. The children have explored the changes that happened in Britain during Queen Victoria's reign. They have produced some lovely pieces of work in their topic books to show off their learning.

In Computing, the children have started to learn about using a green screen. They are very excited by this topic and will make their own films using it.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

MONDAY WEEK 2

Please note that the Vegan sausages on the Monday Week 2 menu are being replaced with Vegan goujons. Please note this will be from next Monday onwards. This is due to supply issues. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.



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):**

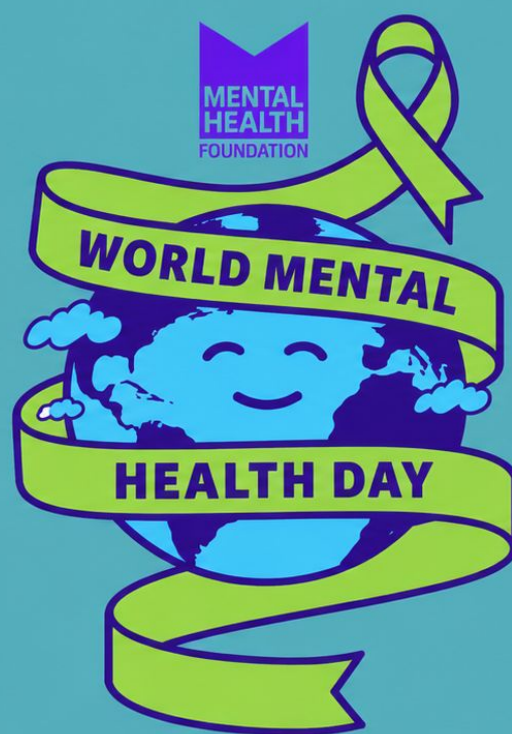
- Tinned meat and fish
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Coffee and hot chocolate
- Milk (UHT)
- Biscuits and chocolate
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet roll

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

World Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on the 9th October in school. We invite children to wear yellow accessories alongside their school uniform. This could be socks, hair accessories or a hat.

This day is an opportunity to talk about mental health, what it means, how we can support each other and also look after ourselves. We encourage our staff and parents to talk to children about their emotions as well as modelling our own. Our zones of regulations tool is a great place to start and echos what we do in school.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

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.

If you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, however if you do not have an existing account with Van Cols you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.



Do you have any free time to support reading at Cleves?

We would love to invite parents and carers to come into school and support us with hearing the children read. Reading regularly with an adult is a wonderful way to build confidence, fluency and a love of reading and your support would make a real difference to the children.

If you are able to spare some time during the school day to come in and listen to the children read, please let us know. You do not need to be a reading expert – simply sharing a book and encouraging the children as they read is hugely valuable. Thank you for helping us to continue to develop a strong love of reading in our classroom.

All volunteers will need a DBS check. If you are a Y3 or Y4 parent please contact your class teacher. If you are a Y5 or Y6 parent please email Mrs Glennon - kglennon@cleves.co.uk



SUMMER BALL - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We're starting to plan this year's Cleves Summer Ball and are looking for local businesses, companies or parents within our school community who might be interested in sponsoring the event.

The Summer Ball is a fantastic evening that brings together Cleves parents for a night of great food, drinks, entertainment and fundraising — and we'd love to work with some of our wonderful school community businesses and contacts.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available, from smaller contributions to headline sponsorship, with opportunities to promote your business to our Cleves community.

If you, your company, or someone you know might be interested in getting involved, please drop a message to Clevesball@gmail.com and we would be very happy to send over our sponsorship pack and chat through the options.



Fair Trade Fortnight – Monday 21st September to Sunday 4th October 2026

Fair Trade Fortnight celebrates the farmers and workers who grow the world's food and promotes fair trade. For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and grow the cotton in our clothes. This helps to raise awareness of the people in our supply chains that are often exploited and underpaid and helps to raise awareness of the importance of choosing Fair Trade.

Sports News

A busy week of sport at Cleves saw more than 70 pupils represent the school across a number of competitions and festivals. It also brought our first silverware of the academic year!

Year 6 Quad Kids Champions

Yesterday, the annual Year 6 Quad Kids competition took place at Walton Xcel Sports Hub. The event was originally scheduled for the summer term but had to be postponed due to the hot weather.

Eight schools entered teams of five boys and five girls, with every athlete completing a 75m sprint, 600m run, vortex howler throw and standing long jump. Points were awarded for each performance and combined to produce an overall team score.

It was a fantastic afternoon of athletics, with the Cleves athletes impressing throughout. At the end of the competition, Cleves were crowned overall champions by more than 100 points! There was further success as Chloe and Osian were named the competition's highest-scoring girl and boy respectively. A clean sweep for Cleves!

Sports News (cont'd)

Congratulations to the whole team on an outstanding all-round performance and a thoroughly deserved victory!



Year 6 Boys A Team Football

The Year 6 A team had their first fixture of the year on Wednesday. Our season kicked off with a friendly fixture against Hurst Park, preparing the boys for a congested upcoming schedule of various tournaments and league games.

The fixture against Hurst Park started with positive attacking football and the boys dominated the ball across the pitch. The teamwork on display was fantastic, along with the movement for the attacking play. Goals came quick and fast with Cleves scoring 10. A very impressive performance from the whole squad and a promising first display. Well done to those involved and bring on the next one!

Sports News (cont'd)

Year 5 Boys A Team Football

The Year 5 boys' team played Hurst Park on Wednesday evening in their first match together. The boys had trained hard over the previous two weeks, but this was their first opportunity to put what they had learned into practice in a competitive game.

Hurst Park provided an excellent first test, with both teams battling to cope with a very hard playing surface. From the first whistle, the Cleves boys looked to move the ball confidently, create space and work hard for one another. This resulted in several excellent chances, but the finishing touch initially eluded them due to a lack of composure at key moments and some fine goalkeeping from the Hurst Park goalkeeper.

During the second quarter, Cleves began to match the physicality of their opponents and the breakthrough soon arrived through an outstanding long-range strike from Henry. A second goal followed from Agastya after some excellent build-up play, before Rowan completed the scoring with a neat finish into the bottom corner.

Sports News (cont'd)

It was an excellent first outing for the team, with plenty of reasons to be excited about the season ahead. Well done, boys!



Laser Run Festival

Following the success of the Swim, Run and Shoot Festival in July, Notre Dame and Cleves joined forces once again on Tuesday for a Laser Run event involving 40 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Hosted by Notre Dame, the event provided another opportunity to strengthen the excellent sporting partnership between our two schools. Pupils took part in a series of individual and relay races, with each race requiring them to run 200 metres, hit five green lights on the laser targets within 50 seconds, and then repeat both disciplines.

Sports News (cont'd)

Laser Run provides a unique test of physical and mental ability. Competitors must demonstrate speed and determination while running before quickly regaining their composure and control for the shooting element.

Our pupils were excellent throughout, producing some incredibly close and keenly contested races alongside some very impressive shooting. Many successfully hit all five green lights well within the 50-second limit.

We hope to provide further opportunities for pupils to experience Laser Run throughout the year, introducing a range of different formats and styles of competition.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Sports News (cont'd)



House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
4,688	5,584
York	Warwick
5,156	5,929

Internet Safety

This week features a publication from
[Internetmatters.org](https://internetmatters.org)

The document gives some helpful tips for
parents on how to keep children safe online.

[Link here](#)

Digital safety at a glance

Guidance for parents of 8-10-year-olds

*Use this quick tips guide to stay on top
of your child's online safety needs.*



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leo in 5B who recently passed his Trinity Rock & Pop Electric Guitar Grade 1 exam, after studying with Mr Cunningham at Cleves School

Vacancies

We are seeking to recruit a new member of the Cleves team to join us as Pupil Welfare and Attendance Officer (sadly, Mrs Pyott will be leaving us at October half-term). If you, or anyone you know is interested in the role and would like to find out more, please [click here](#) to take you to take Eteach.

Informal visits to the school to find out more about the role are warmly encouraged. Please call the school office to find out more or book a visit.

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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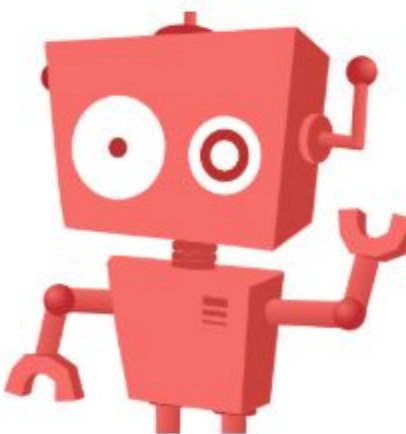
DRIVE



PUPILS' ROOM



CALENDAR



KIDDLE



CLASSROOM



TYPING WEB



CLASS

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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 & 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>