



**Cleves School**  
Learning Together

**27th February 2026**

# Welcome

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half term. It's been wonderful welcoming the children back this week — and what a busy week it has been! The classrooms have been full of energy, enthusiasm and some fantastic learning already.

A quick reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day and we're very much looking forward to celebrating our love of reading together.

We'd also like to remind you to book school lunches in advance. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, please could you check that your child has a fully restocked pencil case ready for the new half term — including pencils, pens, ruler and glue stick. Being prepared helps everyone to make the most of their learning time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to another exciting and productive half term ahead!





3rd March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4M & 4R
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Class Assembly - 4J
9th March	Y3 Residential Drop-in Session for parents - held in 3A & 3D
10th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4E & 4L
12th March	Y3 Residential Drop-in Session for parents - held in 3A & 3D
12th March	Y4 Butser Farm Trip - 4H & 4J
13th March	Class Assembly - 3GR
16th March	Y4 Tuning Up Concert



17th March	Class photos
17th March	Y6 Tuning Up Concert
18th March	Y3 Tuning Up Concert
19th March	Y5 Tuning Up Concert
19th March	Y6 SATS Information Evening - Performance Hall
20th March	Parent Consultation Day - School closed
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

# Year 3

It has been a busy start to the half term but the children have arrived refreshed and ready to learn.

Year 3 have started an exciting new Literacy unit creating non chronological reports on a dragon the children have created. They are thinking about how to describe their dragon, thinking about the appearance, habitat, diet and any interesting facts.

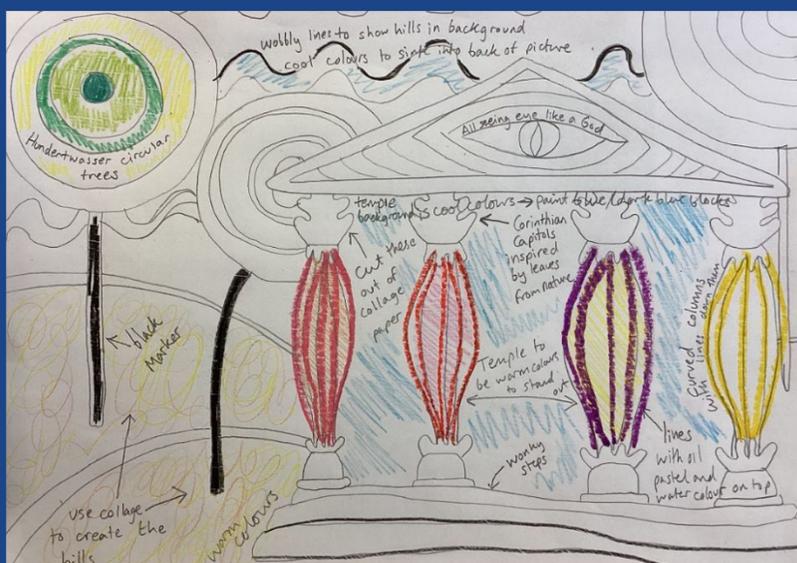
We are continuing our Maths unit on fractions and the children have been comparing and ordering fractions as well as identifying fractions of measurements.

Year 3 have started a new Science unit on Plants and in their first lesson they recapped their previous learning from infant school and went on a nature walk to identify different types of plants on the school premises. We have also started a new Art unit, making Egyptian cartouches. The children started the unit by practicing sketching skills ready to start studying and designing their own cartouche.

# Year 4

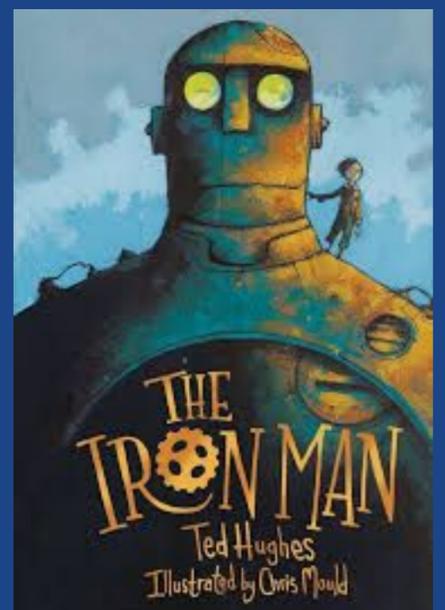
It's been a very busy and exciting first week back in Year 4!

We have started our new topic of Sound in Science and have been experimenting with a range of instruments to understand how sound is made and how volume can be controlled. In Maths we have been continuing on with our topic of fractions and have begun converting and finding equivalent fractions. In PE we have begun our unit on dance and we have had a fantastic time at our Inter House Games competition. We have been learning about Greek Artwork and pottery and designing our own Greek vases in Topic.



In Art we have been creating Greek temples inspired by the styles of Hundertwasser, Hockney and other exciting artists

Finally, in Literacy we have been working hard writing our Iron Man Diary recounts. The children have been using informal speech and considering how to effectively portray the thoughts of the Iron Man during his adventures.



# Year 5

It's been a busy first week back! In Maths, we've been learning more about decimals and in Literacy, started an exciting new unit on the Firework Maker's Daughter book by Michael Morpurgo. The children are exploring the adventures of Lila and will soon be writing their own jungle quest story. They have also been practising using embedded clauses to add extra detail in their writing. In Science, we have begun our 'Forces' topic by learning about gravity and how scientific ideas have changed over time. Our Space topic has focused on space stations and how astronauts live and work in space. In Computing, children enjoyed using iMovie to edit videos. In PE, we've started a completely new unit on dodgeball and children competed in our inter-house competition. In PSHE, we are exploring the important topic of digital resilience and how to stay safe online. Finally, a special thank you to the parents who came in to teach us more about Chinese New Year - we loved the visit and the crafts!

# Year 6

We had a great first week back in Year 6. In Literacy, we continued our *Lion King* theatre review, which we began before half term. However, the *Lion King* fun didn't stop there! In PE, we used the show and its brilliant choreography to inspire and guide our new dance unit. We also started our new Science unit this week on reversible and irreversible changes. We are really looking forward to this topic, as we will be becoming scientists and taking part in a range of fun and exciting experiments.

# Language of the Month

As we near the end of the month, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have learnt to speak in Urdu. We also introduced the new 'Experts get together', where on a weekly basis children can come and meet other Urdu speakers and draw and colour. They brought friends along to the get together and it was lovely to see children across different year groups playing and chatting together and sharing their language and culture.

## International Bookshelf

Thank you so much for the book donations from families so far! The PTA have also funded the purchase of a selection of books. Once all the books are in, they will be added to the library and available to check out to read at home.

# Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment

A consultation has been launched for the road outside the front entrance of Cleves, which is designed to create a safer environment for children and parents on their journey to and from school. The proposal includes the following three elements:

- **Removal of existing layby** - The Road Safety Outside Schools Assessment recommended removing the layby due to congestion and poor sightlines caused by parked vehicles. Its removal will allow the pavement to be widened, improving space for those walking, cycling, scooting, or waiting outside the school gates.
- **The relocation of the wider zebra crossing** – Observations showed many parents and carers cross Oatlands Avenue directly outside the school gate to reach the church car park, rather than using the current crossing. Installing a wider zebra crossing on a raised table at this desired line will provide a safer, more convenient controlled crossing point.

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- **Traffic Calming** – the installation of two sets of speed cushions to reduce vehicle speeds on the approaches to the new zebra crossing.

## Why relocate the zebra crossing?

A refurbishment option was considered to retain the zebra crossing in its current location, including widening the crossing, adding LED lighting, and installing a raised table. However, the cost of these improvements was comparable to relocating the crossing to the proposed new site which aligns with the desire line currently used by children and families crossing Oatlands Avenue.

There is a public consultation between **30<sup>th</sup> Jan and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. The consultation is online using our Commonplace web portal.

The link to this portal is: [Have Your Say Today - Cleves Primary School - Proposal Of Measures To Improve Road Safety - Commonplace.](#)

# 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](mailto:jpyott@cleves.co.uk))

Please [click here](#) to take you to the Free School Meal application form.

# Breck Foundation Visit – Online Safety Sessions

We are pleased to inform you that on **Wednesday 4th March**, our school will be welcoming a speaker from the **Breck Foundation**, a charity that specialises in educating children and adults about online safety.

The sessions will be delivered as follows:

- **Year 3 and Year 4: Online Safety**
- **Year 5 and Year 6: Separate sessions covering Online Safety and Grooming (*Breck's Story*)**

In addition, parents and carers are invited to attend an on-line talk session, via Zoom, scheduled on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6-7pm** led by the Breck Foundation. This session will help you understand the issues discussed with the children on the 4th March and provide guidance on how to support your child's online safety at home. The session will be attended by parents from several schools.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84085853594?pwd=gAGevslrHRQaY7BmaWaw0IFNS7ARFE.1>

Meeting ID: 840 8585 3594

Passcode: 045774

# 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.



# Smart Watches

We would like to remind families that smart watches are not permitted in school. If a child is seen wearing a smart watch, they will be asked to remove it and place it in their bag for the remainder of the day.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that smart watches are left at home to avoid any disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



# Eco News

## Use a Reusable Cup

It's estimated that two billion single-use coffee cups are used each year in the UK, and this figure is expected to grow to 3.75 billion by 2026.



The Eco Council were fortunate to welcome a special visitor this week — Mrs Forster, who works for a climate change organisation. She delivered an engaging and thought-provoking workshop that explored the key causes and effects of climate change.

The session sparked insightful discussions about the actions we can take both as a school and as individuals to reduce our environmental impact. We also examined some powerful and eye-opening statistics, which prompted lively debates and encouraged us to reflect critically on our own choices and responsibilities.

It was an inspiring and informative experience that has motivated the Eco Council to continue leading positive environmental change within our school.

# 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 £13,022!** 

Thank you to all the year groups for the donations received. We have purchased in total 50 chromebooks! This is a truly amazing achievement and would not have been possible without the support of our Cleves community.

Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

# Internet Safety Guide

Check out *Highlights Magazine Be Internet Awesome* special edition issue and content for kids, families, and educators. Here, kids can explore the Be Internet Awesome lessons through a fun, educational, and activity-packed magazine, take the online safety pledge, and practice the skills needed to be a safe, confident online explorer.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



# House Points

Please see below for this Term's House Points.

<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Arundel</b>
<b>7,091</b>	<b>8,197</b>
<b>York</b>	<b>Warwick</b>
<b>8,630</b>	<b>9,977</b>

# Sports News

A busy first week back of sporting action at Cleves and already lots to report.

## Football Round up

On Monday, the Cleves Y6 Boys B team were in action against a very strong Burhill team in the Quarter Final of the League Cup. The game started with several battles across the pitch. The boys fought hard for possession and looked to attack, playing forward when they could. Going in at half time, the score was a stalemate at 1-1. Into the second half, both teams challenged and pushed for the winner. Burhill managed to find an opening from their high press and scored what was the final goal of the game. A huge well done to all those who played in the game and for showing excellent determination in their cup run to this stage!

On Wednesday afterschool, the Year 5 A team travelled across to play Cardinal Newman in our next league fixture. The boys were keen to add the 3 points to the tally and keep the charge of the league title alive! The game started with a bang and Cleves found the net early on.

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Further attacks saw Cleves dominate the play. With some clinical finishing and fast paced attacks, Cleves hit a comfortable lead and saw out the first. Scoring more goals again, the boys pushed on and continued to move the ball well as a team. The game finished with an impressive 9-1 score line to Cleves. A very clinical and impressive victory from the team! Hopefully the momentum can be carried into our next game against Ashley on Monday! Well done to all those boys who played in the fixture!

The Year 6 Boys' A Team have also been in action this week with two exciting fixtures.

On Tuesday, they competed in the AFC Wimbledon Kids Cup Final, with a place in the South of England finals at stake. In a slightly unusual format, the group stage matches were played 5-a-side. After a loss in their opening game, the boys responded brilliantly, winning every remaining group match to progress directly to the semi-finals. The smaller pitches suited their high pressing and technical quality, and they were a pleasure to watch, playing with real intensity and confidence.

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The semi-final, however, presented a very different challenge. It was played on a much larger 7-a-side pitch with 9-a-side goals, requiring a quick tactical adjustment. Despite dominating large periods of the game, we needed a dramatic last-minute equaliser to take the tie to golden goal. Just as it looked like we might find the winner, our attack broke down and the opposition struck on the counter. A heartbreaking way to exit the competition, but the boys once again showed that they can compete with the very best in the area. Well done to all involved.

On Wednesday, the team returned to league action against Cardinal Newman. After a frustrating first half, the boys produced an excellent second-half performance, scoring four goals to secure a comprehensive victory. A tactical switch, introducing an extra player in attack, proved decisive, with our forward play flowing and chances being created consistently.

With two league fixtures remaining against Bell Farm and Ashley, the team are in a strong position as they aim to secure the league title for the second consecutive season.

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## Swimming Success

Yesterday afternoon, our swimming team competed in a gala at ACS Cobham against the hosts and fellow local school, Hawkedale. It was a fantastic occasion and a wonderful celebration of the progress both our swimmers and the squad as a whole have made.

Throughout the afternoon, there was tremendous energy poolside from Team Cleves.

The swimmers' determination and performances were an absolute joy to watch, and I was incredibly proud of every one of them. All 32 members of the squad gave their absolute best — winning races, competing fiercely in others and, above all, representing their school with pride.

The results across the year groups were extremely impressive:

- Year 3 – 3rd place
- Year 4 – 2nd place
- Year 5 – 1st place
- Year 6 – 2nd place

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A special mention must go to our Year 5 team for securing first place and, for the first time, finishing ahead of ACS Cobham — a fantastic achievement and a real milestone for the squad.

Well done, Team Cleves — we are incredibly proud of you all!



# Congratulations

We are delighted to share that two talented students from LTP Music, Alissa N (6T) and Evie G (5D), have recently passed their piano examinations. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to practising have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of their achievement. Well done to both students on this wonderful milestone — we look forward to seeing their continued musical progress!

# 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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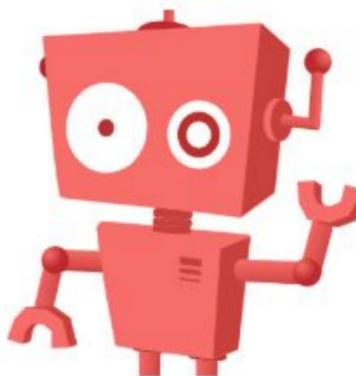
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CALENDAR



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CLASSROOM



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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

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](mailto:absence@cleves.co.uk) is no longer in use. We kindly also ask that you do not email [info@cleves.co.uk](mailto:info@cleves.co.uk) or [office@cleves.co.uk](mailto: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>