



Cleves School
Learning Together

30th January 2026

Welcome

This week has been an exciting week with a visit from Zack George, known as "Steel" on the BBC One Gladiators reboot. He led a fantastic assembly, talking about the importance of confidence and perseverance. He spoke about the challenges he faced and how he overcame these challenges. The children were inspired and delighted in meeting him when he went into each classroom!

We also had a visit from Surrey Wildlife Trust who discussed who they were and the great work they do. They spoke about what we can do to help. This was then followed by our fabulous eco mufti day today! It was great to see everyone in their green.

It's been a great few weeks with the range of special visitors we've had. Have a lovely weekend.





4th February	Y6 Lion King
6th February	Class Assembly - 5K
9th February	Class Assembly - 6T
13th February	Class Assembly - 4M
13th February	Children's Mental Health Week - 'True Colours' Mufti Day
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
27th March	Last day of term

Year 3

Year 3 have had another very exciting week, full of engaging learning and memorable experiences!

In Literacy, the children finished writing their set of instructions on how to mummify a body, applying all they have learnt about imperative verbs, sequencing and clear language.

In Maths, we started a new unit on length and perimeter, where the children have been learning about different units of measurement and putting their measuring skills to the test.

In Science, we continued our work on shadows, developing our understanding of how shadows can change in size.

To top it all off, Year 3 were thrilled to meet a gladiator! The children absolutely loved meeting Steel and enjoyed an exciting assembly about health and fitness, followed by a very special classroom visit.

We look forward to another fun and busy week ahead!

Year 4

This week has definitely been a memorable one for Year 4 - we can't believe we got to meet a real gladiator! It was like seeing Theseus in the flesh! What perfect timing to begin our Theseus & Minotaur hot task?!

Alongside doing some questionable things with lemons in Science, we have also almost conquered perimeter.

With a new found love for Abstract Architecture, there's some beautiful paintings being created across Y4 classrooms that we cannot wait to share with you!



Year 5

It's been a great week in Year 5 with all sorts going on! We continue with our Space unit and have been learning about the first British astronaut in space - Helen Sharman; she certainly paved the way for future missions.

In Literacy, the children have continued with the space theme and have now successfully described an alien 'thing' and the planet that it calls home.

Within art, we have continued to explore various Pop Artists and the corridor is being decorated with our installations inspired by Andy Warhol.

Year 6

We have had a busy week in Year 6. We have continued our Literacy unit of Spooky Stories, where we have been looking at using different techniques to build suspense and mystery. We have also learnt all about Greta Thunberg this week and her amazing passion for the environment in our Whole Class Reading sessions. This has linked nicely with our plastic pollution unit that we have started studying in Geography.

Filming Notification

We have been notified of some upcoming filming which will be taking place at St Mary's Church directly opposite the school on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February. Filming will include both inside and outside of the church so please be aware that there will be NO access to the church car park on these two days and it is likely that there may be further disruption with other vehicles around the site. Please allow extra time to find suitable parking at drop off and pick up times.



Family Voice/ PINS Project

Come along to a meeting to promote inclusion at Cleves. There will be an update from the SENCO's regarding inclusion work in school, including the work undertaken from the PINS project and a brief discussion about how parent and carer forums could work in the future in school. Please see the attached Terms of Reference on the front email.

Everyone is welcome, however it would be most useful to parents whose children have additional needs. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Jacoby on sjacoby@cleves.co.uk to let the school know so that we have an idea of numbers attending.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th February at 9.15am and will last approximately one hour.

Parent EDI Questionnaire

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking all families to take part in our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) questionnaire. Please find the link to the questionnaire [here](#). Your thoughts and experiences are very important to us and will help continue to make our school a welcoming, fair and inclusive place for every child.

By completing the questionnaire, you will help us understand what we do well and where we can improve. Your feedback will be used to guide school planning, develop staff training and create initiatives that celebrate diversity and support all children in reaching their potential. Every voice matters and your honest answers will help shape a positive learning environment for everyone.

The questionnaire should take 10-15 minutes to complete. If you would like it translated or need help to complete it, please contact Mr Jacoby (mjacoby@cleves.co.uk) who will be happy to support you.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mr Jacoby

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.

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*)
- **School staff** will also take part in a dedicated after-school session.

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

We believe this is an extremely important topic, and that using experienced professionals with up-to-date knowledge of online practices is essential. However, the cost of providing these sessions is significant, and we would be grateful for any voluntary donations to help offset the expense.

If you feel able to contribute, donations can be made via **Scopay** under **Products**.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



Eco News

We have had a busy eco week this week!

We had a visitor from the Surrey Wildlife Trust who talked to us about species found in Surrey and which ones are sadly declining. They discussed what they are doing as a charity to help and how we can help.

Following on nicely, we had our eco mufti day on Friday where we all wore green. All money raised has been split for two local charities -

- **The elmbridge eco hub** - they reduce waste and hold many beneficial initiatives such as the Library of Things, Community Fridge, Hygiene Bank, Refill Point, Skill Share, Small item recycling, Community Garden, Seed Bank, Jigsaw swap, Book Swap and many more. <https://elmbridgeecohub.org.uk/>

- **Walton charity** - they fund local projects that support healthy eating, exercise and mental health, and make allotments and green spaces available for local people and community groups to enjoy.

<https://www.waltoncharity.org.uk/health-wellbeing>

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Start two conversations with a friend/family about plastic. Spread the message and encourage others to reduce their avoidable plastic waste.



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 £12,664!** 

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.

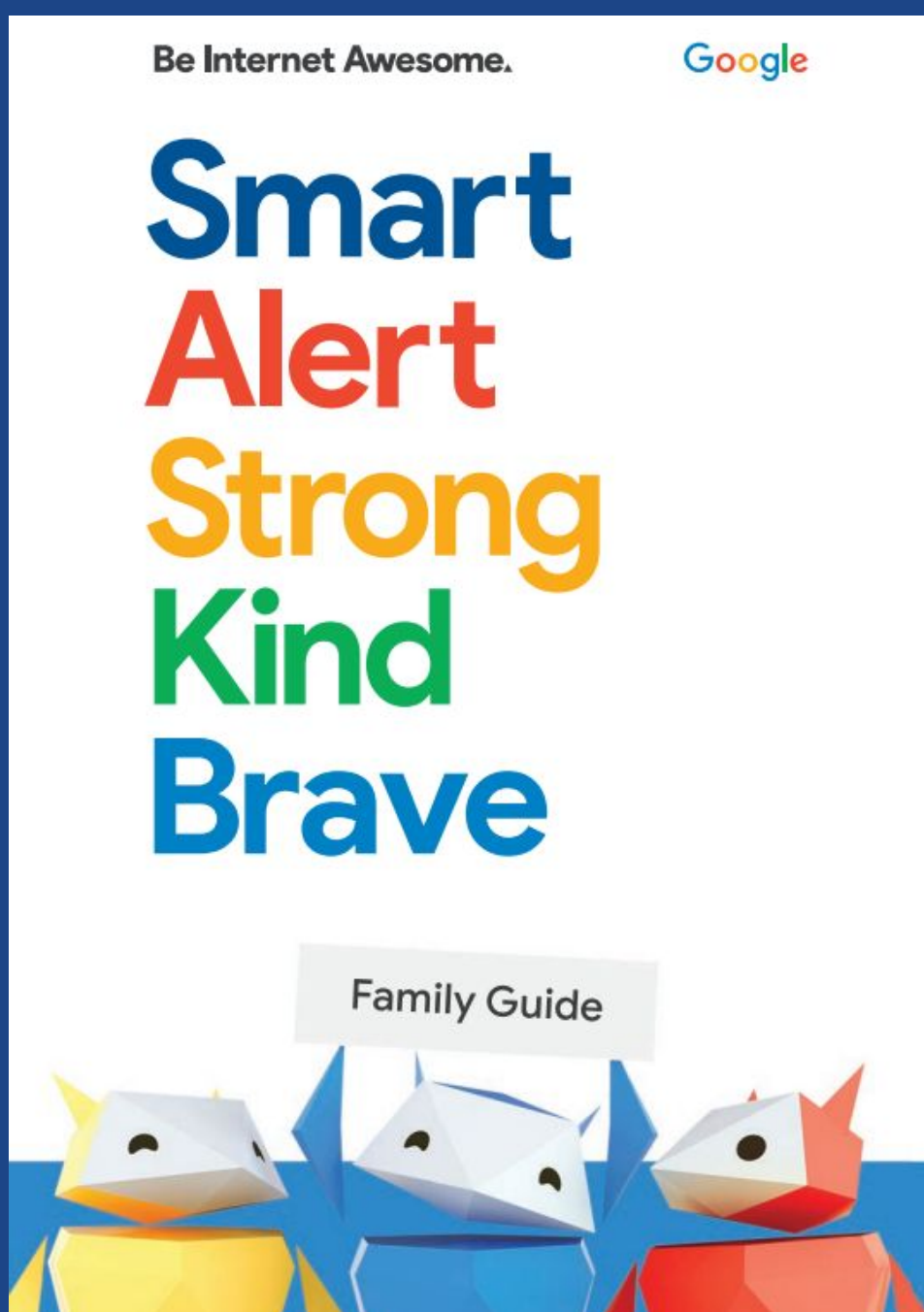
Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

Internet Safety Guide

The Be Internet Awesome Family Guide gives families the tools and resources to learn about online safety and citizenship at home. We've created this guide for families to make it easier to incorporate and practice good digital habits in your everyday lives. Packed with good stuff, this guide will help you and your kids discuss, learn, and think about online safety together.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



House Points

Please see below for this Term’s House Points.

Windsor	Arundel
4,712	5,121
York	Warwick
5,371	6,346

Sports News

It's been another busy and highly successful week of sport at Cleves, with pupils representing the school brilliantly across a range of competitions.

District Girls Dodgeball Champions

Last Friday, Cleves proudly hosted the first ever District Year 5/6 Girls Dodgeball competition, welcoming six teams for an action-packed afternoon. From the opening matches, the standard of play was extremely high, with fast reactions, accurate throws and excellent teamwork on display throughout.

The Cleves girls showed excellent focus and determination across all their games. Despite a narrow loss in the final match against Cardinal Newman, their dominant performances and comprehensive victories earlier in the competition ensured they finished top overall and were crowned District Champions — a thoroughly deserved achievement.

Huge congratulations to Emily, Amaia, Angela, Amelia, Chloe, Shiwon, Connie and Ruby for their fantastic effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. Champions!

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Football Round Up

On Monday afterschool, the Year 5 Boys' A Team were back in action again. This time out, it was a league fixture at home against a strong Burhill team. During the opening 5 minutes, Cleves pressed high up and retained possession well. The boys moved the ball round the pitch with a high tempo and created several chances. Soon after the second half started, Cleves took the lead from a well worked finish over the keepers head. The boys then continued to challenge them for the ball and looked for another goal. Burhill continued to keep a deep defensive line and were hard to break down for a second goal. Holding out, the game finished with a 1-0 win to Cleves. A huge 3 points from the boys and a win to keep them challenging for the title! Well done to all those involved in the fixture!

Wednesday saw both the Year 5/6 girls and the Year 6 boys in Surrey Cup action. The boys faced a tough tie against Banstead Community School, a side who had scored an impressive 14 goals in the previous round. Cleves started the match brightly and dominated much of the

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first half, with goals from Kaan and Oscar giving them a deserved two-goal lead. There were further chances to extend the advantage, but just before half time Banstead pulled one back.

Unfortunately, the second half proved far more challenging, with Banstead scoring four further goals to win the tie 5–2 and progress to the next round. While disappointing, it was a well-earned victory for Banstead and one the Cleves boys should quickly move on from in what is turning out to be a really successful and enjoyable season.

In contrast, the girls enjoyed a much more comfortable victory in the Surrey Cup fixture away against Manor Park. Despite a challenging first half, where the opposition proved tough to break down, the girls moved the ball much quicker in the second half with some one and two touch football and came out 5-0 winners. They now advance to the quarter finals of the Surrey County Cup. Well done to all the girls who took part in what were very cold conditions!

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That same evening, the Year 6 B team were in league action against Grovelands. For many pupils, this was their first opportunity to represent the school, and they rose to the occasion superbly. A determined and attacking performance, combined with excellent teamwork, saw goals in each half secure a deserved 2–0 victory. The scoreline could have been even higher were it not for some heroic defending from Grovelands. Well done to all involved.

Finally, on Thursday afternoon, a group of Year 4 boys took part in the WWHSP indoor football festival, hosted by Cleves. Five teams — Cleves, St James, Cardinal Newman, Ashley and Grovelands — enjoyed an afternoon of fast-paced 5-a-side football. As a festival event, there were no overall winners, but the quality, intensity and enthusiasm on show highlighted just how bright the future of football is at the school.

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The standout moment was a superb 8–0 win against Cardinal Newman. Well done to Rory, Rowan, Brody, Henry, Freddie, Jenson, Rex and Finlay for representing Cleves so well.



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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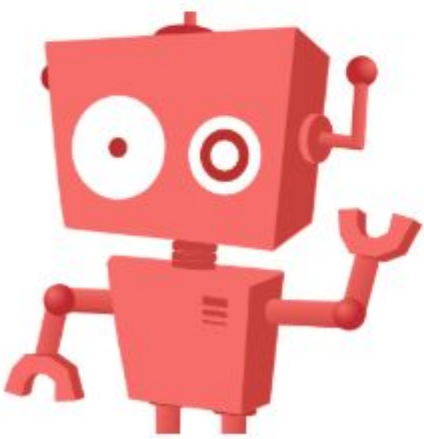
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Absence Penalties

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.

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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>