



Cleves School
Learning Together

7th November 2025

Welcome

This week began with the outstanding Cleves Fireworks. Watching the incredibly timed performance to a flurry of spectacular fireworks, I felt incredibly proud to be a part of the Cleves community. This huge event welcomed over 5000 people into our school to enjoy the celebrations and support our pupils' opportunities through the hard work of the PTA. I wish to say a thank you to everyone that gave up their time to bring together our community in such an impressive event, especially Charlotte Dury (PTA Chair) and Pete Forsey (Site Manager). These events are only possible through the hard work and dedication of the PTA and the greater the participation, the easier the job. If you, like me, were left feeling inspired and proud to be a part of this community, please [contact the PTA](#) to see how you can support future events.

We also had an extremely successful Prospective Parents evening. Thank you to the teachers and pupils who gave up their evening to promote the school. These events really show how fantastic our Cleves community is!



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.

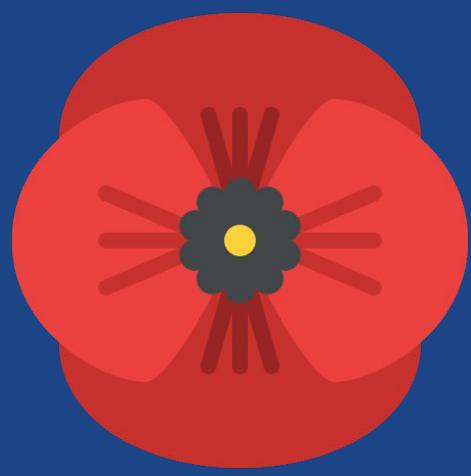
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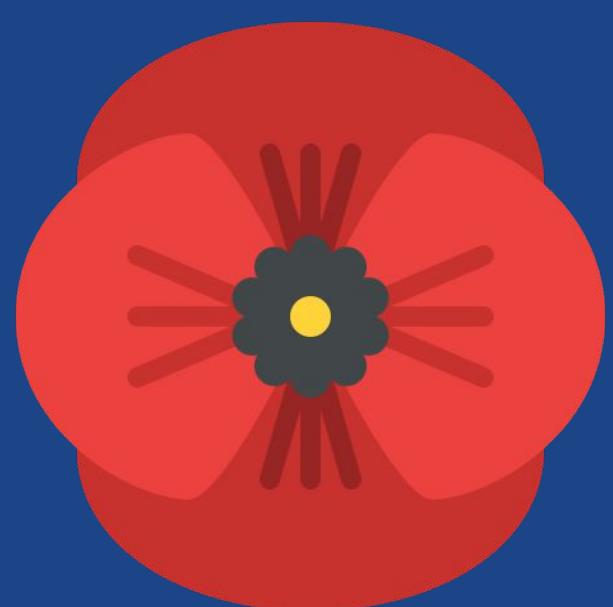
10th November	Odd Socks Day
10th November	Y5 Tudor Day
12th November	Y5 Hampton Court Palace Trip - 5D & 5N
14th November	Y4 Science Day - 4H, 4J & 4L
14th November	6S Class Assembly 1:30, 2:45
14th November	Y4 Outdoor Learning (4E, 4M & 4R), Science Day (4H, 4J & 4L)
21st November	Author Visit - Steve Williams
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



6th December	PTA Christmas Fair
9th December	Y3 Nativity
10th December	Christmas Dinner
11th December	Y4 Nativity
16th December	Christmas Concert
17th December	Christmas Concert
19th December	End of Term 1:45



We will also be representing Cleves at the remembrance service on Sunday at 10am in St Mary Oatlands if anyone wishes to join us. We will also be marking Remembrance day on Monday in school with an assembly and Tuesday with a radio show.



Notices

Over the next few weeks, there may be some increased congestion and limited parking around school due to the work on the roads around the school. Therefore, please allow a little extra time for drop-off and pick-up.

We're also noticing more PE kits being forgotten lately. Please remember to send your child's PE kit with them in the morning, as the office is unable to deliver multiple kits to classrooms.

Thank you for your help and understanding!

Odd Socks Day

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2025 is taking place next week.

As part of this special week, we are asking the children to come to school in odd socks on **Monday 10th November**. It's a chance for the children to express themselves and show what makes us all unique. We are not asking for any kind of donation as it is an event to raise awareness. Children should come dressed in their usual uniform please.

Author Visit

We are very excited to let you know that on Friday 21st November, we will be welcoming the fantastic author Steve Williams to Cleves!

Steve will be running both a Lower School and an Upper School assembly, where he'll be talking about his brand-new book *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Kids!* It promises to be a fun and inspiring event for all our pupils, giving them a wonderful insight into storytelling, creativity and the life of an author.

If your child would like to purchase a copy of *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Kids!*, or his other book *Teachers vs Aliens vs the Nativity!* Both books are available to pre-order for £7.99 under products. Orders should be made through the school Scopay account by Friday 14th November. Please note that books will not be available to buy on the day so all purchases must be made in advance.

All pre-ordered books will be personally signed by Steve Williams and given to the children on the day of his visit.

We're really looking forward to this exciting opportunity to celebrate reading and creativity with our pupils.

Mrs Gemma Smith
Literacy Lead



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!

Thank you!

Over the past month, we have 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.

Since last reported, thanks to your donations, we have raised an additional £803. Thank you to all year groups, the donations are truly appreciated. Please keep the contributions flowing!

Thank you!

[Request for Contributions](#)

Year 3

It has been a busy start to the second half of the Autumn term. Year 3 have settled back in very well. In Literacy we are continuing our focus on *Fantastic Mr Fox*, this unit we are creating play scripts which we will be filming. We started with identifying features of playscripts and then discussed the different types of sentences - statement, command, question and exclamation. We are carrying our Maths unit on Addition and Subtraction. We started this week looking at visual representations for number bonds to 100, followed by estimating answers and learning how to use the inverse operation. In Computing we have taught the children how to send appropriate emails using their gmail accounts. They have enjoyed emailing their teachers with interesting facts about themselves.

Year 4

We've had another exciting and busy week in Year 4, and the children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of learning! Here's a look at what we've been up to and what's coming up next week.

This week in Literacy, the children have been continuing to explore how to write a non-chronological report. We've focused our writing on the River Thames, learning about important landmarks and leisure activities. The children have enjoyed using fascinating facts and putting them into paragraphs. You might like to ask them to share one of their favourite facts about the Thames at home!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of finding the area. The children have been counting squares to find the area of different rectilinear shapes.

Despite the wet weather one half of Year 4 were outside for Outdoor Learning. The children have enjoyed creating imaginative stories inspired by their story sticks, painting stones and using tools to whittle wood into Robin Hood inspired arrows. The other half were enjoying Science day.

Year 4 (cont'd)

We were very lucky to have some parents come in to show the children some fascinating demonstrations, an external team showed the children a variety of skulls and teeths and our teachers showed the children a live demonstration of the digestive system!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and our theme this year is “The Power for Good.” We’ll be discussing what kindness looks like, how to be a good friend, and the importance of speaking up if we see unkind behaviour. Monday will be Odd Socks Day, so children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and difference. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We’re looking forward to another wonderful week of learning ahead!

Year 5

Year 5 have jumped straight back into our termly topic with some classes visiting Hampton Court Palace (see photo below) - a fun and interesting trip that really brings the Tudors to life. In Literacy, we have started our new unit where we put ourselves into the shoes of a Tudor spy, trying to save the Queen's jewels from being stolen. Maths lessons have involved practicing our skills by multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We are also continuing to investigate different materials and their properties by separating solids in Science. In Whole Class Reading, we have started our new book - The Runner by Keith Gray.



Year 6

This week in Year 6 it has been full of exciting learning and creativity! In Literacy we have started our new unit on narrative writing, inspired by a short film about a robot. The children have enjoyed exploring characters, settings and emotions to begin planning their own narrative writing. All six classes had a fantastic time visiting the local Synagogue where they learned more about Jewish traditions and worship. The visit helped deepen our understanding of different faiths and cultures. Back in school some classes have continued their art projects, carefully crafting and decorating their beautiful clay tiles.

Eco News



Shampoo

Try a shampoo bar to avoid a single-use plastic shampoo bottle.

A recent poll suggested if everyone made this change it would add up to 260 million bottles saved each year in the UK.

Sports News

Year 5 Boys A Team Football County Cup Fixture

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 5 boys A team were back in action with a tough fixture in the first round of the County cup against Lingfield School. Cleves tried to find an early breakthrough but found themselves 1 down from a well worked free kick early into the game. The boys kicked on and forced an equaliser just before the half time whistle after some quicker play as a team. Going out in the second half, Cleves had finally switched on and moved the ball better across the pitch. The boys quickly took the lead and pushed on to score further goals to see out the game. Cleves finished the game 5-1 winners. A second half performance that was exceptional from all the team. A huge well done and onto Round 2!

Internet Safety Guide

Last week's guide explored social media and how to talk with your child about their usage. This week's explores screen time and includes a discussion on how to support young people to have a healthy amount of time on screens.

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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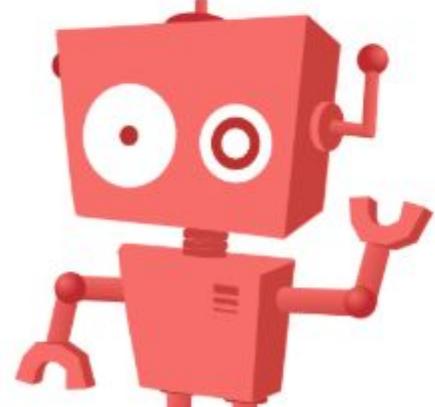
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PUPILS' ROOM



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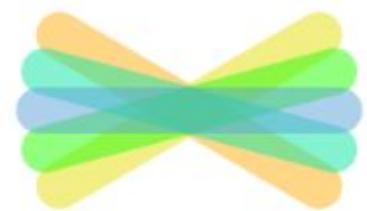


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CLASS

TYPING WEB

SEESAW

House Points

Windsor	Arundel
12,377	14,479
York	Warwick
11,055	13,328

Celebration Awards

Best Uniform



5N



Best Lunchtime Behaviour



3A



Best Values and Learning Behaviours



3D, 4H, 5D
& 6B



This week's



Class of the Week

is

3D

Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas Church!
We're delighted to share that Thomas has
passed his very first piano exam with Distinction.
His hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to
his lessons with LTP Music have really paid off.
Well done, Thomas — a fantastic achievement!
For more information on piano lessons at
Cleves, please email 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/1FAIpQLSfP_rvlzFARXff-ZCD60nzsAVpSxknSh-qbgtTrrCPu2qgD8YQ/viewform?usp=header

This Week in Photos...

Y6 - William Morris - Lino Tiles

