

Welcome to the Year 6 Information Evening 2026-27



Mr Skehan - Headteacher

Mrs Green - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Flaherty - Assistant Headteacher

Introductions

Year Leader and 6S - Mrs Smith

6F - Miss Forbes

6P - Mr Pollard

6B - Mrs Flaherty

6N - Mr Nelson

6E - Miss Earl

Higher Learning Teaching Assistant - Mrs Bennett

Literacy Teacher - Mrs Jobe

Additional Teacher - Mrs Duncan



Vision

Our vision is that all pupils leave Cleves inspired and equipped with the skills, knowledge and emotional wellbeing they need to take on the challenges of a changing and ever more competitive world.

Values

To accompany these learning behaviours, we focus on what we consider five fundamental values which are taught and encouraged in all aspects of school life.

These are:

- Respect
- High Aspirations
- Kindness
- Perseverance
- Inclusiveness



Learning Behaviours

In order to prepare children as learners, we focus on the development of four learning behaviours and encourage our pupils to be:

- Resilient
- Reflective
- Responsible
- Collaborative



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Year 6 Curriculum

Literacy - Reading, Writing, Spelling and PAG

Maths - Arithmetic and Reasoning

History

Geography

Science

Computing

PE and Games

Art

Design and Technology

French

Music

PSHE



Victorians



Oceans



Britain in WW2

Maths



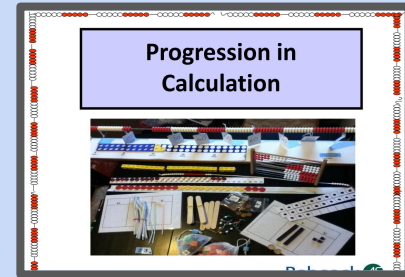
Children are taught in groups and classes which best reflect their confidence, attainment and ability. We review this regularly.

All groups follow the same sequence of lessons.

A child's progress is not limited by the group they are taught in.

We use concrete and visual resources to ensure a deep understanding of concepts for all children.

The Calculation Policy is available on the Cleves website [link](#)



Handwriting - why do we focus on it?



The National Curriculum

Statutory requirements

Handwriting

Pupils should be taught to:

- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.

Legible writing that can be produced comfortably at speed and with little conscious effort allows a child to attend to the higher-level aspects of writing composition and content.

Handwriting - what are the expectations?



- We follow a scheme called PenPals.
- Year 3 will be doing frequent handwriting lessons throughout the week, covering all letters and joins.
- Year 4 will continue this practise in handwriting books with the reward of a pen passport.
- **Upper school will recap areas where the children have gaps using PenPals. These sessions will be a maximum of 5 minutes up to 3x a week.**
- **All year groups will have high aspirations for their children's handwriting.**

Preparing for great handwriting...

Are you ready for handwriting? Relax!

Are your elbows
off the desk?

Sit up and lean
slightly forward

Are your
feet flat on
the floor?

Is your body a
fist width away
from the desk?

Are all chair
legs touching
the ground?



Is there a circle
gap between your
thumb and finger?

Is your paper tilted
at a slight angle?



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A consistent approach to letter formation...

abc

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Library of Joins

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Computing

- Build on the skills and knowledge from previous Years.
Independence with use of apps and programs
- 3D - Printing / Looking at AI / Coding with Mindstorms
- Digital Safety - Social Media - (Parents should be aware)
- AUP agreement - seen, signed and returned (Should be done)

Assessment & SATs



- Ongoing teacher assessment.
- Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Reading, Maths.
- SATS papers - kept to a minimum (a couple a term).
- Please don't use past papers after 2018.
- Writing is teacher assessed.
- SATs info evening in March.

SATS week starting - Monday 10th May 2027

If your child is attending any external exams (11+ etc) please can you ensure that you complete the absence request form on the website with the full details, including a copy of the school invite/letter/email. **This absence will then be authorised.**

Homework Expectations

- Maths Homework (Given Tuesday - due in Friday)
- Weekend Homework (Given Friday - due in Tuesday)

We aim for a variety of weekend homeworks covering literacy, science, art and DT, history, geography, computing and even PE!

We thank you for your support in ensuring homework is completed to a good standard and handed in on time.

Reading

Reading Records (Due in on class library day)

Weekly reading expectations.

Children to read at least 4 times a week and at least once to an adult who must then sign their Reading Record.

When reading with your child, please ask them questions to check and secure their understanding of the text.

To support children and families in choosing books that are both appropriate and engaging, we have created a Recommended Reading List for each year group. These lists are displayed in classrooms and are also available on the school website. To encourage children to explore these recommended books, we have introduced certificates that children can work towards as they read their way through the lists. Copies of all the recommended books are available in our school library for children to borrow and enjoy.



Residential and Immersion Days

- Spring Term - The Lion King - **Wednesday 3rd February 2027**
- Summer Term - Residential - **Sun 13th June - Wed 16th June 2027**

Immersion and Outdoor Learning days

Victorian Immersion Day - Friday 2nd October 2026

Outdoor Learning Day - Friday 16th October 2026



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Some Y6 Key Dates

Mon 21st Sept	School Photographs	Fri 13th Nov	6P Class Assembly
Fri 18th Sept	6N Class Assembly	Friday 18th Dec	End of Autumn Term 1.45
Fri 25th Sept	6F Class Assembly	Friday 8th Jan	6E Class Assembly
2nd Oct	Victorian Immersion day	Friday 15th Jan	6B Class Assembly
Fri 9th October	6S Class Assembly	Wed 3rd Feb	Lion King trip
Wed 14th & Thu 15th Oct	Parents Consultations	Mon 10th May - Thurs 13th May	SATs Week
Fri 16th Oct	Outdoor Learning day	Sun 13th June - Wed 16th June	Y6 residential
Mon 19th Oct - Fri 30th Oct	Half term		

Clubs & Sporting Activities

- Many weekly clubs to choose from: Drama, Music, Languages, Sports, Computing - please check website for external clubs
- Support their health and mental wellbeing so encourage children to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Bikeability - **information to follow**, October half term

You will find contact details, website addresses etc here.

<https://www.cleves.co.uk/our-school/clubs/>

Uniform:

Our school uniform...



- White Shirt with Collar
- **Blue & Gold Striped Tie ***
- Grey Skirt (not jersey)
- Trousers - plain grey (no zips, no leggings)
- Grey Shorts
- **Cleves Jumper/Cardigan**
- Blue Checked Dress/Playsuit (light or dark blue - can be worn from start of Summer term up until October half-term)
- Grey/Navy/White Socks (no sports socks or trainer socks)
- Navy/Grey plain tights
- Suitable black shoes (no boots)
- Suitable Coat - any colour

The items marked with an * can be ordered from our uniform supplier AlleyCatz.

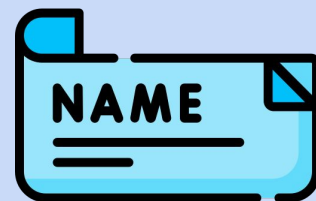
Our school uniform...



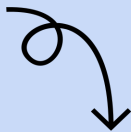
Uniform:

- Hair should be neat and tidy and tied away from the face using a plain navy hairband or Cleves scrunchie.
- If it is long enough to be tied back, it must be in a hairband.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED.



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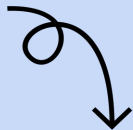
Unacceptable uniform

- Trainers (except for sport)
- Ankle or other boots
- Sports / trainer socks
- Any jewellery except watches. (Smartwatches need to be in a setting where they are not receiving notifications / messages in class - this avoids disruption / distraction)
- **Earrings must not be worn at any times, including the clear plastic holders.**

Water containers like this are unsuitable for school.



Our PE kit...



P.E kit:



- Navy PE Shorts - Cycling shorts must be mid thigh and not branded
- **Cleves blue PE polo Shirt ***
- Cleves sweatshirt or generic plain navy blue sweatshirt (not hoodie)
- Indoor plimsolls/indoor trainers (Non-Marking)
- Outdoor trainers (for outdoor games)

Optional:

- Navy Games Skirt
- Plain Navy Jogging Bottoms

Phones and Social media



- Students may bring phones into school - these must be turned off at the gate before entering the premises.
- Smartwatches need to be not linked to messages - there is no need. If you need to contact your child use the School Reception.
- (The school accepts no responsibility for the loss of watches and we strongly recommend that expensive items are not worn to school.)



Phones and Social media



- If your child has a smartphone you should know what is on it - it shouldn't come as a surprise if they have Snapchat / Instagram / Whatsapp (**all of which have an age restriction of 13 years in the UK**)
- Recommended advice is that parents should be part of their children's digital life. Monitor regularly the way children are using devices to communicate with one another. Be aware of who your child is talking to and the nature of the conversations they are having.



THIS IS NOT AN INVASION OF PRIVACY BUT ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR ONLINE SAFETY.

Pastoral

Please keep us informed and share any pastoral concerns with your class teacher.

Medical or pastoral issues can also be shared with our Welfare Officer, Mrs Pyott.

She can be reached via email or phone, through the school switchboard.



Please make sure all medicines held by the welfare office are in date.

jpyott@cleves.co.uk



Communication

You may use class emails to communicate information with your child's class teacher.

They may not be able to respond during the school day. Please allow 2 working days for a response. If it is urgent, please contact the office.

gsmith@cleves.co.uk Year Group Leader (Mrs Smith)

dskehan@cleves.co.uk Headteacher (Mr Skehan)

