

Welcome to the Year 6 Information Evening 2024-25



Mr Usher - Headteacher

Mrs Green - Deputy Headteacher



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.

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



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



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Introductions

Year Leader and 6B - Miss Bye

6F - Miss Forbes

6A - Mrs Arpesella

6P - Miss Pisano

6C - Miss Christian

6TS - Mr Thomas & Mr Skinner

Higher Learning Teaching Assistant - Mrs Holland

Literacy Teachers - Mrs Duncan & Miss Pugh

Teaching Assistant - Mrs Mitchell

Jess

Year 6

Curriculum



Victorian



Oceans



Britain in WW2

**Literacy - Reading, Writing, Spelling and
PAG**

Maths - Arithmetic and Reasoning

History

Geography

Science

Computing

PE and Games

Art

Design and

Technology

French

Music

PSHE



Learning Together

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Autumn Term - Some Key Dates

Mon 23rd Sept	School Photographs	Monday 4th Nov	INSET
Fri 20th Sept	6F Class Assembly	Fri 22nd Nov	6C Class Assembly
Fri 27th Sept	6B Class Assembly	Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Concert
Fri 4th Oct	6P, 6TS, 6F - Victorian Day 6A, 6C, 6B - Outdoor Learning Day	Friday 20th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Fri 11th October	6P Class Assembly		
Wed 23rd & Thu 24th Oct	Parents Consultations		
Fri 18th Oct	6A, 6C, 6B - Victorian Day 6P, 6TS, 6F - Outdoor Learning Day		
Fri 25th Oct	6A Class Assembly		
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Half term		



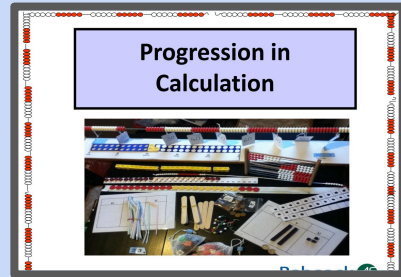
Children are taught in groups that reflect their confidence, attainment and ability.

All groups follow the same sequence of lessons.

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

Children are given the support they need to achieve.

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



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

Jess

Whole school focus.



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

Is your body a fist width away from the desk?

Are your feet flat on the floor?

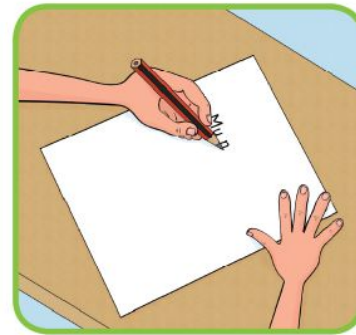
Are all chair legs touching the ground?



Is there a circle gap between your thumb and finger?



Is your paper tilted at a slight angle?



Is there a circle gap between your thumb and finger?

Is your paper tilted at a slight angle?

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 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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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 2015.
- Writing is teacher assessed.
- SATs info evening in March.

SATS week starting - Monday **12th May 2025**

If your child is attending any external exams (11+ etc) please can you ensure that you email absence@cleves.co.uk 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.

Alice

Residential and Immersion Days

- The Lion King - TBC
- Residential - 15th to 18th June
- Outdoor Learning - Fri 4th Oct or Fri 18th Oct
- Immersion Days - Fri 4th Oct or Fri 18th Oct



4th October

Outdoor Learning Day - 6A 6C 6B
Victorian Day- 6TS. 6P. 6F

18th October

Outdoor Learning Day- 6TS. 6P. 6F
Victorian Day- 6A 6C 6B



Clubs & Sporting Activities

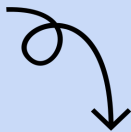
- Many weekly clubs to choose from: Drama, Music, Languages, Sports, Computing.
- Support their health and mental wellbeing so encourage children to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Outside organisations - small charge
- Bikeability - **information to follow**, October half term

You will find contact details, website addresses etc here.

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

Olivia

Our school uniform...

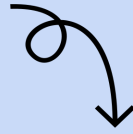


The items marked with an * can be ordered from our uniform supplier AlleyCatz.

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

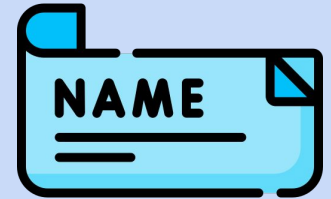
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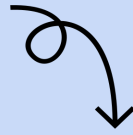
Uniform:

- 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.



Our school uniform...



Unacceptable uniform

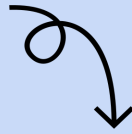


- Trainers (except for sport)
- Ankle or other boots
- Sports / trainer socks
- Any jewellery except watches. (Smartwatches need to be in a setting where they are not receiving notifications / messages in class - this avoids disruption / distraction)
- **Earrings must not be worn at any times, including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

Water containers like this are unsuitable for school.



Our PE kit...



P.E kit:



- Navy PE Shorts
- Cleves blue PE Polo Shirt *
- Cleves Sweatshirt *
- Indoor Plimsolls/indoor trainers (Non-Marking)
- Outdoor trainers (for outdoor games)

Optional:

- Navy Games Skirt
- Football Boots
- Plain Navy Jogging Bottoms

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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.

jpyott@cleves.co.uk



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

Hugh

Phones and Social media



- Students may bring phones into school - these should be turned off at the gate before entering the premises.
- Smartwatches need to be in a setting where they are not receiving notifications / messages in class - this avoids disruption / distraction.
- (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.**





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.

sbye@cleves.co.uk Year Group Leader (Miss Bye)

ngreen@cleves.co.uk Deputy Head (Mrs Green)

Getting involved - Boards of Trustees

Message from the Chair of Trustees:

I hope you have all had an excellent summer and a really positive start to this new school year. As your Board of Trustees we are looking forward to getting to know our new headteacher better and to working with him as effectively and productively as possible, and to that end I am looking for your assistance...

We have unexpectedly suffered a loss of financial expertise on the Board and so we are looking for one, or even two people with a financial background who would be interested in joining us. Being a Board member does involve a commitment of time and energy as well as an understanding of finance, so if you think you have these qualities I would love to hear from you and can tell you more. Please do email me at chair@cleves.co.uk

With many thanks,
Susan Foster

Getting involved - PTA

The PTA run a number of events over the course of the year and raise a substantial amount of money to support the activities of the school.

These events can only be run through the efforts of volunteers and with the ongoing support of parents.

PTA Committee:

Every parent at Cleves is automatically a member of the PTA and you are all very welcome to be involved. In fact, we need you!

If you would like to take a bigger / more active role please come along to the meeting, or get in touch via email pta@cleves.co.uk

or your class rep. We currently have vacancies for the following roles:

- Co-chair / Vice-chair
- Co-secretary

Getting involved - PTA

Volunteers:

If you don't fancy joining the PTA, or don't feel you have the time, we would still love you to be involved. To make our events successful we need parent volunteers to form specific committees (e.g. Fireworks, Ball, Discos, Fairs), but also to provide much needed help, running stalls etc.

If you would like any more information about the PTA, or would be happy to volunteer for an event, we would love to hear from you. Please email pta@cleves.co.uk

Class Reps:

Each class has 1-2 parent reps and they are a vital link for communication between the school.

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