



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been another busy and positive week at school as pupils continue to settle into their new classes and routines. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children are becoming familiar with their new learning environments and I have been particularly impressed by the excellent learning behaviours they are demonstrating each day.

Our Year R children have also started visiting the school hall for lunch and they have taken this new experience completely in their stride. They have shown great confidence and independence. We are very proud of how well they are adapting to school life.

To help us keep all children safe at the start and end of the school day, we kindly ask that all children from Preschool to Year 3 are accompanied by their parent or designated adult when entering and leaving the school site. This supports our shared commitment to ensuring all children leave the school grounds safely at the end of the day.

A reminder that the school gates are open from **8:40am until 8:55am**. After this time, children should enter via the school office where parents and carers can register their child's arrival. Senior Leaders remain at the gates until **9:00am**; however, this is to allow parents and visitors to leave the site safely. If both gates are closed, please make your way to the school office where a member of staff will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and positive start to each school day.

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Year 1 Beane Museum Payment

At the moment we are currently experiencing an issue with Parent Pay. This has been raised with them and they are currently looking into it. In the meantime, if you would like to pay for the visit, please visit the school office as we have a card machine.

We hope that the issue is resolved soon and Parents/Carers can pay via the app. Thank you for your understanding.

Forest School Dates

Please see a reminder of your child's class Forest School dates:

Year 3 - Monday

Irie – 21st Sept, 5th & 19th Oct

Ohana – 14th, 28th Sept & 12th Oct

Year 4 - Tuesday

Amigo – 22nd Sept, 6th & 20th Oct

Tomodachi – 15th, 29th Sept & 13th Oct

Year 5 - Friday

Kavod – 25th Sept, 9th & 23rd Oct

Sisu – 18th Sept, 2nd & 16th Oct

Year 6 - Wednesday

Latif – 23rd Sept, 7th & 21st Oct

Timon – 16th, 30th Sept & 14th Oct

Evergreens - Thursday

17th, 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct

Safe Carparking

As we start a new academic year, we'd like to kindly remind you of the parking arrangements during drop off and pick up times.

The University of Kent very kindly allows us to use the Oaks Nursery car park during these busy periods. We ask that everyone parks courteously and:

- **Only parks in designated parking bays.**
- **Does not use Nursery reserved bays or disabled spaces, unless displaying a valid Blue Badge.**
- **Does not block other vehicles in.**

When parking on Whitstable Road, please ensure you park legally and safely, taking care not to block driveways, entrances or other vehicles.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration. It really helps us to keep drop off and pick up times safe and running smoothly.

Flu Immunisations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please ensure that the electronic consent form is completed no later than **Thursday 17th September**.

This programme is **available for children in Years R to 6**. Please [click here](#) to access the consent form. You will need the school code: **KT118356**. For more information, please see the links below.

[Parent Flu Invitation](#)

[BIMA Flu Vaccination Guide](#)

[Protecting your child against Flu leaflet](#)



Donations Needed for Our Year 1 Planter

Our new Year 1 planter is beginning to take shape, and we would be very grateful for any donations of evergreen plants to help bring it to life.

If you have any spare evergreen plants that you would be willing to donate, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support in helping us create a lovely outdoor space for our children to enjoy.

Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income.

To check eligibility or apply, please visit the Kent County Council [free school meal application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 01227 471254 or office@blean.kent.sch.uk.

New School Lunch Menu

From September, please [click here](#) to see the new Menu. We also have information for [Gluten Free](#) & [Diary Free](#) options.

Celebrating Success

If your child has participated in something or achieved something outside of school that they would like to share with their peers, please email enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk and this will be passed on to Mrs Todd or Mrs Coleman to be shared in our Key Stage assemblies.

We look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things you have been involved in.

The Big Future Survey - Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future survey.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, hopes, dreams and ideas for the future. Every child's voice matters, and the responses will help shape a picture of childhood that will be shared with Government.

We would really encourage our pupils and families to get involved and make their voices heard!

Take part in [The Big Future survey here](#).



Toby's Rope 4 Hope Challenge

A huge well done to Toby in Year 3, who has been taking part in the [Cancer Research UK Rope 4 Hope Challenge](#) since the beginning of August.

By skipping at least 100 times every day, Toby has so far completed 4,608 skips, with a personal best of 350 skips in one day, and has raised an amazing £300 so far, for Cancer Research UK.

What a fantastic achievement for a great cause. Well done, Toby!

Naavya's Tennis Success

Congratulations to Naavya, who has had a fantastic summer of tennis achievements. She qualified for her fourth national-level tournament, competing in the Lexus National Tour (9 & Under) against some of the highest-ranked players in the country.

Naavya also competed in several 10 & Under tournaments, including the Kent County Championships. A particular highlight was receiving the Good Sportsmanship Award at a tournament in Essex, where she finished in 4th place.

To top it all off, Naavya has recently been selected as one of just eight girls to train as part of the Kent County Tennis Squad (10 & Under). What a fantastic achievement! Well done, Naavya!



Cross Country

Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School.

The dates are:

Friday 18th September registration at 3:40pm first races 4:15pm approx.

Friday 2nd October registration at 3:40pm

Saturday 7th November registration from 9:15am races from 10am

Blean have been attending these events for over 20 years – we really need more runners for this season. If you enjoy running, why not give it a go? All members of Blean School are invited to attend these events. You can attend one, two or all of the events.

[Races at Kent College Junior School](#)

The event will begin with nursery (approx. 150m) then EYFS (approx. 250m), Year 1 and Year 2 (both approx. 600m) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (all approx. 1000m)

[On the day:](#)

Runners will need to wear trainers (or running shoes), and suitable sport clothing.

(Running vests will be given on the day to show you are a Blean Runner!)

All runners need to sign in at the tables when you arrive and receive a number. You can then come to me for a running top- I will be under the tree at the top of the hill near the sign-in table.

Parking can be difficult so please arrive with plenty of time. If you can walk, cycle or car share it always helps. Sign in closes **[BEFORE](#)** the first race of the event.

CUP WINNERS

Amici - Oakley for settling in nicely and making friendships.
Rafiki - Emily for collaborating in Root learning.
Amor - Whole Class for a super week of learning.
Aroha-Rugwiro for starting Year 1 with such a positive attitude!
Esperanza - Whole Class for their resilience in their learning.
Upendo - Whole Class for a wonderful start to the term.
Irie - Ellie for working consistently hard in all lessons and settling into Year 3 beautifully.
Ohana - Charlie for such a brilliant start to Year 3.
Amigo - Saskia for a fantastic start to Year 4.
Tomodachi - Freya for excellent effort and hard work.
Kavod - Maxim for amazing effort in handwriting.
Sisu - Alexander for demonstrating all 3 of our Blean Bees consistently since starting Year 5.
Latif - Jasleen for always being ready to learn and demonstrating excellent behaviour.
Timon - Matilda for being helpful and supportive to Mrs Asslanaj.
Evergreens - Rosie for a fantastic start to the new year.

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance winners are...

Year 4
99.7%

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance House winners are...

Rowan
98.9%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

[For term dates please click here.](#)

Term 1	01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	<u>P.E Days</u>
Year 1 Beaney Visit	17.09.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027 19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year R - Friday - TERM 2 ONWARDS
NHS - Flu Immunisations	22.09.2026	21.07.2027	Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
Braiswick In - Year R First Photo	28.09.2026		Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
			Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday
			Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday
			Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday
			Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

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