



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been a lovely week in school, especially with the children finally able to enjoy the school field for the first time this year.

It was wonderful to see them playing cricket, enjoying ball games and really making the most of the space. Years 3 and 4 were also very excited to explore the new sand and digging pit.

There has been lots of creativity and teamwork on display!

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter break. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 20th April.

Active Life - Half Term Guide

If you are looking for some half term inspiration, then take a look at [Active Life's Half Term Guide](#). It has lots of information about the sports centres and swimming pools in the local area and exciting activities that are happening during half term.



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REMINDERS

Term 5 - P.E Days

Please see below the new timetable for P.E lessons in Term 5, starting **Monday, 20th April 2026**.

Year R - Thursday

Year 3 - Monday & Thursday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Friday

Year 6 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

Term 5 - Forest School Sessions

Please see below the new timetable for Forest School sessions in Term 5, starting **Monday, 20th April 2026**.

Saplings - Wednesday

22nd, 29th April, 6th, 13th & 20th May

EYFS - Monday

Catman - 20th April & 11th May

Pettman - 27th April & 18th May

Evergreens - Tuesday

21st, 28th April, 5th, 12th & 19th May

Year 1 - Thursday

Dore - 23rd April, 7th May & 21st May

King - 30th April & 14th May

(Term 6 – King have 4 sessions & Dore have 3)

Year 2 - Friday

Bailey - 24th April, 8th & 22nd May

Cooper - 1st & 15th May

(Term 6 – Cooper have 4 sessions & Bailey have 3)

Tennis Doubles Competition

Thank you to the pupils who have entered the Tennis Doubles competition. **We have have 1 space remaining for either a Year 3 or Year 4 Boy** - if your son would be interested, please contact the school office.

The competition will take place on **4th June at Polo Farm** (timings to be confirmed). It would be great to have some parents who can help to score and umpire the matches so if you have the opportunity to attend this event, please add this to your diary. More information will be sent when we have the timings. Miss Irons

School Lunch Update

Our school lunch provider has made us aware that from 1st May 2026 it has been necessary to increase the price of our school meals by 10p per meal. This change has become necessary due to the rise in the national minimum wage and ongoing increases in food costs. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Year 6 - Leavers' Hoodie

Each year, the Year 6 children have the option to purchase a leavers' hoodie. Further details about the hoodies will be shared with you in due course. There is no obligation to purchase a hoodie.

If your child is known by a different name from the one registered (e.g. Lottie for Charlotte, Tom for Thomas), this may be used. Please note that nicknames should not be used. **Please ensure the form is completed no later than Wednesday 1st April.** A form must be completed for every child, even if you do not wish to purchase a hoodie.

Please [click here](#) to complete the consent form.

Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for Year 6 Activities Week is now available on ParentPay. You can pay in instalments or use the card machine in the school office.

The deadline for payment is **Friday 1st May 2026**. If you are having difficulty with the cost but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss support.

Saplings Preschool - Now Taking Registrations for September 2026!

Is your child ready to start their learning journey?

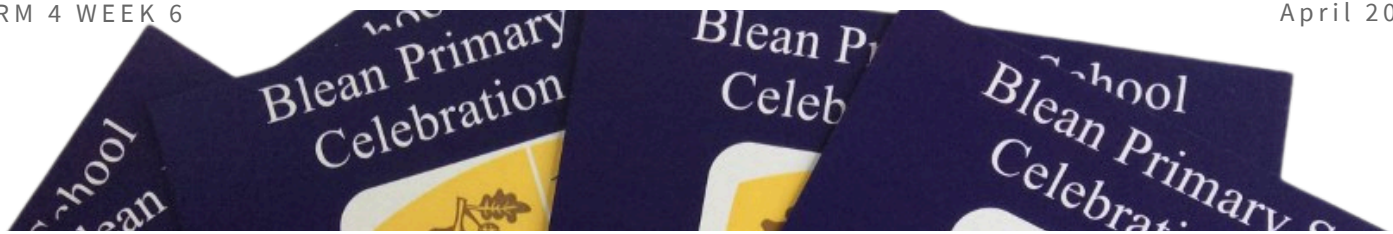
We're now accepting registrations for preschool places at **Saplings Preschool starting in September 2026!**

At Saplings Preschool, your child will:

- Benefit from teacher-led learning with qualified, experienced staff
- Learn through play in a warm, nurturing environment
- Build confidence and independence with expert support
- Develop key skills in communication, creativity and problem-solving
- Make friends and become part of our wonderful school community
- Enjoy a smooth transition into Reception

Our teacher-led preschool provides the perfect foundation for your child's education, helping them to grow, explore and thrive in a safe and stimulating setting.

Don't miss out! Visit our school website to find out more about [Saplings Preschool](#) and to complete your [registration form](#).



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Malcolm** for a fantastic school trip.
- Pettman - Elsie** for using finger spaces when writing.
- Dore - Whole Class** for an amazing term of learning.
- King - George** for being a resilient learner in English.
- Bailey - Aona** for her great attitude towards her learning and working so hard in her writing.
- Cooper - Polly** for effort in writing across the curriculum.
- Moses - Delilah** for always demonstrating a wonderful attitude to her learning and showing great resilience when things didn't quite go to plan in Art.
- Russo - Mason** for an incredible, creative poem using similes to describe the battle between the river Nile and the Aswan Dam.
- Barnes - Amore** for going the extra mile in English.
- Delahunt - Jaxon** for super effort, enthusiasm and engagement in his learning.
- Denly - Aoife** for her incredible persuasive writing.
- Gurnah - Billy** for a great start to his life at Blean.
- Shariff - Lilyella** for great progress and confidence.
- Thomas - Ben W** for meticulous care and detail when constructing his balanced argument in English.
- Evergreens - Fabian** for amazing progress in phonics and writing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Year 4
98%

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

Rowan
96.8%

We are pleased to inform you that this week's Walk once a Week winners are...

Year 5 - Denly Class
17 children

Term 4 24/02/2026 - 02/04/2026

End of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish 02.04.2026

First day of Term 5 20.04.2026

Year 2 - Crab & Winkle Walk 24.04.2026

School Photos 29.04.2026

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Bank Holiday - School Closed 04.05.2026

Saplings Parent Share 06.05.2026

Additional P.E. Days

Tuesday 21st April -
Years 3

Inset Days 2025/26

20.07.2026 21.07.2026

Inset Days 2026/27

01.09.2026 22.02.2027

19.07.2027 20.07.2027

21.07.2027

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