



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

This week, I'd like to take the opportunity to share our Golden Threads with you. We are incredibly proud of our curriculum at Blean Primary School and how it connects to real-life experiences. Our Golden Threads are designed to develop more engaging and meaningful "Real Experiences with Authentic Learning." By seeing the same themes reappear throughout their learning, pupils can better grasp and understand complex ideas.

These threads are explored across all areas of the curriculum and subjects. Our five Golden Threads are:

1. **Conservation and Sustainability**
2. **Innovation and Invention**
3. **Leadership and Significance**
4. **Migration and Change**
5. **Social Justice and Diversity**

Through inquiry questions, critical thinking, and curiosity, our curriculum equips pupils with the knowledge, skills, values, and agency to support and prepare them for the future.



Last Day of Term - Early Finish

On the last day of term, Friday 4th April 2025, the children will finish at 2:30pm.

If your child(ren) will be attending Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from **2:30pm until 5:00pm**.

Comic Relief Day - Friday 21st March

Next Friday, 21st March 2025, we will be celebrating Comic Relief! The children can come to school wearing something red. If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief please click [here](#).

Goodbye & Good Luck!

Today, we are saying our goodbyes to the wonderful Mrs Diamond, who is sadly leaving today. Thank you for all of your hard work and we wish you all the very best in your new role!

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Poetry Book

Dear Parents and Carers, Our long-awaited Year 6 Poetry Collection is almost here!

The children have written an inspiring collection of wonderful poems based on different aspects of their learning during Terms 2 and 3. They have chosen to donate the profits to the Canterbury4Ukraine – a local charity who support families from the Ukraine who are living in and around Canterbury. You can find out more about them [here](#).

The book is available for the amazing price of just £2.99. If you would like to pre-order a book or two, please complete **the form via your WeDuc account** by **Wednesday 26th March**. They would undoubtedly make perfect gifts for friends and family too. We will let you know when the books arrive and you can make your payments. Happy Reading! The Year 6 Team

Teacher Training

Each year we have potential teacher training places available via a non-salaried school direct route. We are in partnership with KMT and recruitment is open now for September 2025 admissions. Please click on the following links for more information.

1. [How to apply guidance](#).
2. [For eligibility criteria](#).
3. [To register interest with KMT](#).

Year 6 Swimming Survey

As part of swimming teaching, we will be offering catch-up swimming lessons for pupils in Year 6 who have not achieved the end of key stage expectations. This will be funded by our Sport Premium money. Please complete the form relating to your child's current swimming ability, so that we can assess which pupils have need of these catch-up sessions. The form can be found on the Reach More Parents app and needs to be completed before **Friday 14th March**. Thank you

ParentPay

Dear Parents/Carers as you know, we are in the process of changing our payments provider within the Weduc-Reach More Parents App. This is a forced change due to our existing payment provider ceasing operations as of today.

We are pleased to confirm that our new payment provider will be ParentPay, the leading provider of school payment solutions in the UK. Once we have a confirmed go-live date, we will share further details and helpful resources for guidance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Tennis Competition

If you can play match level Tennis, we would like to enter some pairs into a Tennis Doubles Competition in May. Please let Miss Irons know if you would like to take part: email enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk with your child's name, year group and coloured ball level (red, orange or green).



Butterfly Garden

Following the letter sent on Wednesday 4th March, you may have read all about our exciting plans to develop a butterfly garden within our wildflower meadow. The plan is supporting Year 5 Packham Class's project with Poet in Residence, Tom Delahunt, as they raise Painted Lady butterflies. This initiative supports local wildlife, provides educational opportunities on biodiversity, and enhances our school's natural beauty. We invite you and your children to get involved by sowing seeds at home, providing 'ready to go' plants, or taking cuttings from your garden. Your contributions will help create a thriving habitat for butterflies and pollinators. For more plant ideas, visit urbanbutterflygarden.co.uk. Please send in any plants as soon as possible so we can start establishing our butterfly garden together. Thank you



Girls Football

Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team travelled to Kent College Junior School on Wednesday for their annual match. The team played together really well and came away with a 3-1 win! A very impressive performance - well done girls!



Straw Rockets

During our whole school STEM week, Singh Class participated in a straw rocket launch activity. The students engaged with concepts in aerodynamics and engineering, designing and launching their own straw rockets. The activity provided a hands-on learning experience, and the students worked well together. Take a look at the collage showcasing their efforts.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Sianna for being resourceful.

Yassin - Toby for fantastic Maths when explaining number bonds.

Peake - Isabelle for always demonstrating our Blean Bee 'Being Ready'.

Singh - Joshua for writing a super 'Panda Post' story.

Imafidon - Scarlett for her super letter to Millie Knight.

West - Jack for improvements in his handwriting.

Kariko - Jacob for incredible hand-eye coordination and movement in Badminton lessons.

Amos - Skyla for her amazing progress in her swimming and her super resilience.

Agrawal - Alec for being respectful and thoughtful to everyone.

Marhaver - Isabelle for a wonderfully creative story based on a picture.

Johnson - Holly for working hard in Maths.

Packham - Ava for producing a beautifully presented piece of work during Once Upon a Picture.

Mace - Ellis & Emilia for always being fully engaged in learning.

Seagull - Blake for a fantastic effort writing a settling description.

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

Year 4
98.6%

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

Chestnut
97.7%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 4	24.02.2025 - 04.04.2025
Year 5 Mosque Trip	17.03.2025
Comic Relief	21.03.2025
Year 3 Parent Share	21.03.2025
Year 6 Walk for Water	21.03.2025
Year 3 Swimming	21.03.2025
Year 1 Parent Share	28.03.2025
Last Day of Term - Early Finish	04.04.2025

Inset Days 2024/25

21.07.2025
22.07.2025

Forest School Dates

Jemison: 25.03.2025
Yassin: 18.03.2025, 01.04.2025
Peake: 26.03.2025
Singh: 19.03.2025, 02.04.2025
West: 27.03.2025
Imafidon: 20.03.2025, 03.04.2025