



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

This week, I had the opportunity to talk with pupils across the school about how they are settling into their new year groups and classes as part of our ongoing commitment to checking in on their wellbeing. I am delighted to say that the children are thoroughly enjoying their new environments and have been incredibly positive about their learning experiences so far.

As a school, our whole-school learning behaviour focus is "What does 'Be Ready' look like in different areas of the school?" I am extremely pleased with how our children are responding to this school aim. They are demonstrating positive attitudes, showing readiness to learn, and taking pride in being responsible members of our school community.

This afternoon, we took part in our Rope 4 Hope sponsored skipping challenge, and what a sight it was to see! The children showed great enthusiasm, determination, and energy as they skipped for this worthwhile cause. If you have not done so already, there is still time to donate. We are currently at £190, and it would be fantastic if we could surpass this figure and raise even more for charity.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

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.



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Rope 4 Hope

Today, Friday 25th September, the whole school took part in a charity skip for Cancer Research to "jump all over cancer!" At 2pm, pupils headed to the field and enjoyed skipping together in support of this fantastic cause.

With lots of schools taking part, we were proud to be part of what we hope will be the largest Rope 4 Hope skip yet!

If you would like to donate, you can do so by [using this link](#). Miss Irons



Well done!

Harvest Celebration

On **Friday 2nd October**, we will be celebrating harvest and supporting [Canterbury Food Bank](#) by collecting donations from our school community. Children are welcome to bring donations into their class in the morning. Every contribution, however big or small, can make a real difference to local families.

We will also be holding a special Harvest Assembly, giving our pupils the opportunity to celebrate the season and reflect on the importance of kindness, generosity and supporting others.

When choosing what to donate, you may wish to check [BanktheFood](#), which helps donors find out what items their local food bank currently needs most.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for helping us to make our harvest celebration a meaningful opportunity to support our local community.



Supporting Safe Gaming at Home

We have recently been made aware that some children are accessing games at home that are not age-appropriate, including Grand Theft Auto (18+) and Five Nights at Freddy's (PEGI 12).

We kindly ask parents and carers to regularly check the games, apps and online content their children are using. Please take some time to talk with your child about safe and appropriate gaming and ensure that parental controls are enabled on any devices they use. These settings can help you manage content, screen time and online interactions.

We have attached some helpful parent guides with further information about [Five Nights at Freddy's](#) and [Grand Theft Auto](#), associated risks and practical advice for setting controls and supporting children to make safe choices online.

Working together, we can help children enjoy technology safely and access content that is suitable for their age and stage of development. Thank you for your support.



Ordering School Meals

Further to our previous communication regarding school meal payments, we are pleased to confirm that **ParentPay is now fully operational** and can be accessed via your **Reach More Parent** account.

Nourish is currently working hard to upload all outstanding meal charges from the start of term to ensure that every child's account accurately reflects the meals that have been taken. We ask for your patience while this process is being completed.

Once all charges have been uploaded, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that their child's meal account remains in credit at all times.

School meals cost £3.00 per meal and must be paid for in advance.

Ordering School Meals

From Monday 28th September, all school meals must be ordered through ParentPay. This applies to:

- **Paid school meals**
- **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**
- **Free School Meals (FSM) for eligible pupils**

Although meals must be booked through ParentPay, **children will continue to be asked for their lunch choice by their class teacher during morning registration each day.** This helps to ensure that the correct meal is prepared and served.

It is therefore important that meals are booked in advance and, where applicable, that sufficient funds are available in your ParentPay account.

Important Information

Please note that once the system has been fully updated:

- **All school meals must be paid for in advance.**
- **Accounts will no longer be permitted to run into debt.**
- **Parents and carers should regularly check their ParentPay account to ensure that balances are correct and adequately topped up.**
- **If a child's account falls into debt, the school will contact parents and request that a packed lunch is provided until the account has been brought back into credit.**

We encourage all parents and carers to monitor their accounts over the coming weeks as outstanding charges are added and to notify the school office if they believe any information is incorrect.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support while we have worked through this transition.

If you have any questions regarding access to ParentPay, please contact the school office. For queries relating to meal charges, refunds or catering provision, we may direct you to Nourish where appropriate.



Flu Immunisation Update

If your child missed their flu vaccination this week, community clinic appointments are available through the Immunisation Service.

If you gave consent but your child was not vaccinated, you should have received an email with a booking link. If you did not provide consent, you can complete a consent form at www.kentimmunisations.co.uk using school code KT118356. For information about clinic availability and bookings, please contact 0300 123 5205 (option 1). Further information is available at family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms.

Club Payment Reminder

This is a reminder that club payments can now be made via **ParentPay**. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible, as this is a compulsory payment.

If you are unable to make payment through ParentPay, a card machine is available in the school office.

Lost Property

Our lost property is currently looking very full. If your child has misplaced an item of clothing recently, please take a few minutes to have a look through the lost property during drop-off or pick-up. It can be found on the corridor near Year 3.

We have also noticed that a large amount of the uniform in lost property is unnamed. Please can we remind all parents and carers to make sure that all items of school uniform, coats, lunchboxes and other belongings are clearly named. This makes it much easier for us to identify and return lost items to the correct child.

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**](#).



Congratulations to Penelope

At the weekend, Penelope successfully completed her Para swimming classification and is now an official Para swimmer! She will be competing in the S10 Freestyle, SM10 Medley and SB9 Breaststroke categories.

On Sunday, Penelope completed the final stage of the classification process, which included a medical assessment, an on-land assessment followed by an in-water assessment. To complete the process, she also had to be observed competing at the South West/South East Region Para Development Meet.

Penelope had a fantastic meet, achieving 5 new personal bests and securing 2 gold medals! 🏆 🏆

Well done Penelope, we are incredibly proud of your fantastic achievement.



Cross Country

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

The dates are:

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.



Forest School Newsletter

We have been busy welcoming all KS2 classes to our Forest School site over the past few weeks. The children have been amazing as they have explored the area, reminding themselves how to stay safe, and, most importantly, they have had lots of fun!

We have seen some fantastic constructions being built, with the site changing shape each time a class visits. Recent creations have included spa shops, restaurants, gyms, stick shops, homes, and many more imaginative structures. Throughout these activities, the children demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills, incredible resilience, and, of course, fantastic teamwork. We are looking forward to seeing even more creative ideas and inspiring projects come to life over the coming weeks.



With the wet weather now returning, we kindly ask that all children taking part in Forest School come with a raincoat and waterproof trousers. On colder days, please ensure they bring extra layers to help keep warm. Please don't feel that you need to buy anything new. Older clothes are perfect, as things can get very muddy! An all-in-one waterproof suit is ideal if your child has one.

If you need any help sourcing suitable clothing, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



Wildlife Calendar & Events



What's happening in nature this month?

Want to know what wildlife you could spot? Check out the [RSPB's Wildlife Calendar](#) for September and discover what to look out for this month.



Calling all bird lovers!

Fancy learning more about the birds visiting your garden and how you can help feed them? Take a look at the [RSPB's Birds of the Month](#).

CUP WINNERS

Amici - Rebecca for being a resilient squirrel.

Rafiki - Harry for showing our school values of 'responsibility'.

Amor - Ezri for using fantastic blending in our phonics lessons.

Aroha - Bailie for being a superstar writer.

Esperanza - Mathilda for her wonderful focus on her learning this week and beautiful handwriting.

Upendo - Emma for excellent letter writing in English.

Irie - Jack for demonstrating fantastic independence and creativity when writing a diary entry.

Ohana - Hazel for beautiful written work which is always well thought out and creative.

Amigo - Harry for a great piece of writing in English.

Tomodachi - Jack for always being ready to learn, quick to transition between tasks and show he is ready.

Kavod - James for his amazing poetry coaching.

Sisu - Daisy-Mae for always coming into class smiling and ready to learn.

Latif - Rose & Mariah for great collaboration creating a dichotomous key in Science.

Timon - Leela & Nell for always being ready to learn

Evergreens - Eddison for ongoing resilience with his phonics.

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

Year 1
99%

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

Beech
97.3%

We are pleased to inform you the Walk once a Week winners are...

Year 6 Latif Class
17 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1 01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026

Braiswick In -	28.09.2026
Year R First Photo	
Bikeability - Year 6	28.09.2026 & 29.09.2026
Harvest Food Bank	02.10.2026
Kent Test Results	15.10.2026

Inset Days 2026/27

01.09.2026	22.02.2027
19.07.2027	20.07.2027
21.07.2027	

P.E Days

Year R - Friday - **TERM 2 ONWARDS**
Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday
Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday
Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Forest School Dates

Year 3

Irie - 5th & 19th Oct
Ohana - 28th Sept & 12th Oct

Year 4

Amigo - 6th & 20th Oct
Tomodachi - 29th Sept & 13th Oct

Year 5

Kavod - 9th & 23rd Oct
Sisu - 2nd & 16th Oct

Year 6

Latif - 7th & 21st Oct
Timon - 30th Sept & 14th Oct

Evergreens

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct