



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Many classes have taken advantage of the sunny weather and moved their learning to outside.

Year R have been busy in their outside area learning about recycling and writing all about it. Their writing really is coming on! Our resident poet, Tom Delahunt, spent the day in Packham Class and explored our new meadow for writing inspiration.

The whole school are now enjoying playing on our school field during recreation times. We have been working hard to provide fun activities at lunchtimes such as den making equipment, tennis, tyres and construction.

This Mother's Day, we celebrate and appreciate all the incredible people who nurture, support and care for children in so many different ways – whether you are a mum, carer, grandparent, or a special role model in a child's life, your love and guidance make a world of difference.

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**.

Can we please remind you that due to it being a Bank Holiday the school will be closed on Monday 21st April. We look forward to welcoming the children back for Term 5 on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**.

Sports Kits

As the winter season is over, please can you check for any school sports kit and return it to school before the Easter holiday? We have a number of Rugby/Hockey tops, Football kits, sport socks and running tops missing. Thank you, Miss Irons

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Braiswick School Photo Orders

Can we please remind you that orders and payments for your child/ren's Braiswick school photos are due by **Monday 31st March**.

No Clubs

Please be aware there will be no clubs running next week, week commencing **31st March 2025**. This includes RockSteady, as they will be performing their concert.

Year R Beach Trip

Can we please remind you that the payment for the Year 5 Whitstable Beach Trip is due on **1st April 2025**. This can be paid via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Year 6 Activities Week

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2025**. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. If you are having any difficulties paying, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Sickness

We have a number of sickness bug cases and illnesses in school at the moment. To limit the spread please may we remind you not to send children to school if they display any of the following: feeling sick (nausea), diarrhoea, being sick (vomiting), a high temperature.

Can we also remind you that children must stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

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](#).



School Meals

Our lunch provider Pabulum has unfortunately, due to rising costs, had to adjust the price of our school meals to ensure we continue providing nutritious and balanced meals to our pupils. Starting from **28th April 2025**, the new price for a school meal will be **£2.90**. We understand that any increase can be challenging, and we want to assure you that this decision was made by the provider with careful consideration.

We have noticed an increase in the number of outstanding balances for school meals. We kindly ask parents to check their current balance on [BlueRunner](#) and settle any outstanding amounts at your earliest convenience. If you have any queries regarding your account, please contact nicolawright@pabulum-catering.co.uk.

Easter Treats Menu

Next week, we'll be offering a special Easter Treats Dessert Menu during lunch at school. Our catering team has prepared a selection of treats to enjoy. Fresh fruit, yogurt and jelly is also available each day.

Monday

Bunny's Delight Carrot Cake with Cream Frosting
(G, E, MK)

Tuesday

White Chocolate & Goopy Marshmallow Rice
Krispie Cake (Vegan alternative available)
(G, MK, SO)

Wednesday

Sugar Dusted Shortbread Cookie
(G, MK, SO)

Thursday

Chocolate Chick Brownie
(G, E)

Friday

Springy Squidgy Lemon & Orange Sponge
(G, E)

G - Gluten MK - Milk
SO - Soya E - Egg

Athletics Event

With the summer approaching, here are the dates of the athletics events at Kent College JUNIOR School next term:

Friday 2nd May - 4:15pm start

Saturday 17th May - 10am start

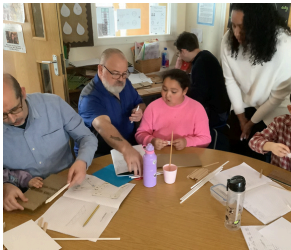
Saturday 7th June - tbc start

All Blean School pupils (and their younger siblings) are welcome to attend. Please arrive in plenty of time, sign in for a number then meet Miss Irons near the tables to get a Blean top. There will be a number of running events and field events that each child can choose to participate in. Looking forward to seeing you there, Miss Irons.



Our Poet in Residence Returns

Last Friday, Year 3 became engineers, as we invited our parents in to help us to create a bridge that would hold a car so that people could cross the River Nile. The children carefully chose their designs based on the strongest shapes we had tested previously. With our parents help we created 64 completely unique bridge designs! The children had such a lovely time sharing all of their learning with their adults and I think a lot of the adults enjoyed the challenge as well. The Year 3 Team.



Our Poet in Residence Returns

This week, the children in Packham Class enjoyed another visit from Tom Delahunt - our Poet in Residence. The theme of the day was 'Change' which gave the children the opportunity to think about the impending changes within the butterfly farms in their classroom. At the moment, the caterpillars are growing bigger and it won't be long before the process of metamorphosis begins and they take on the form of a chrysalis.



Tom's visit also took the children outside into the sunshine to take their first look at our Butterfly Garden. As the Spring sunshine begins to work its magic, so this space will start to change and hopefully become a place for the children to see the butterflies flourish. Being outside enabled them to take inspiration from their surroundings and so allow creative ideas to begin to develop.

Seeing the children enjoying our wonderful outside environment, while thinking about the changes going on around them, was so lovely to observe. Thank you to Tom for facilitating this open space for the children to explore both physically and emotionally.

Blean Spring Concert

On Wednesday, we had our first ever Blean Spring Concert. The children who performed were incredibly brave and resilient. It was amazing to hear their pieces; they had worked so hard to practise them. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the parents who came to watch too. Mrs Coleman.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Liam for fantastic retelling of a story.

Yassin - George for always settling down to his work/activities well.

Peake - Aona for demonstrating our Blean value of Resilience during her learning.

Singh - Toby for always putting so much effort into his home learning.

Imafidon - Lochlan for his determination in Art.

West - Ivy for always demonstrating the Blean Bees.

Kariko - Rupert for an amazing, detailed setting description, filled with expanded noun phrases.

Amos - Evie for her amazing determination in her swimming and for really pushing herself. She has been so brave.

Agrawal - Theo for consistently following the Blean Bees.

Marhaver - Henry for a brilliant mosaic of a Roman Centurion.

Johnson - Darwisy for excellent printing work.

Packham - Sammy for his outstanding effort in presenting his work beautifully in his book and demonstrating resilience in all his tasks.

Mace - The Whole Class for an amazing charity day: Walk for Water and Comic Relief.

Seagull - The Whole Class for their amazing effort in both the Walk for Water and Comic Relief fun-fair and **Ariella** for always making the right choices in her behaviour and learning. She is an excellent role model.

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

Year 1
98.1%

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

Beech
98.6%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 4	24.02.2025 - 04.04.2025	Inset Days 2024/25	Inset Days 2025/26
Last Day for Braiswick Photo Orders	31.03.2025	21.07.2025	01.09.2025
Tea & Topics - Nurture	31.03.2025	22.07.2025	19.12.2025
Parent Consultations	01.04.2025		23.02.2026
EYFS Whitstable Beach Trip	03.04.2025		20.07.2026
Parent Consultations	03.04.2025		21.07.2026
Year 2 Parent Share	04.04.2025		
Last Day of Term - Early Finish	04.04.2025	Forest School Dates	
Bank Holiday - School Closed	21.04.2025	Yassin: 01.04.2025	
First Day of Term 5	22.04.2025	Singh: 02.04.2025	
		Imafidon: 03.04.2025	