



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been an extremely busy term! I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful things going on across the school. It has been an incredibly positive start, filled with learning and growth. Our pupils have settled into their new classes and year groups with such enthusiasm and resilience. Our Reception children have done an amazing job at getting to know our rules and routines. Well done!

The effort and engagement in classes have been wonderful to see. It has been especially exciting to see their curiosity with their learning. I am proud of the pupils' kindness they display towards each other, especially our Year 5 children meeting and playing with their new buddies in Year R. Year 6 have chosen their ambassadors for the year. They will be supporting me with lots of jobs, including taking visitors around our wonderful school. There is so much to celebrate but I don't have the space!

Wishing you all a safe half term and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.



## Christmas Performance Events

EYFS Christmas Songs - 10.12.2024 - AM

Year 1 Christmas Songs - 09.12.2024 - PM

Year 2 Nativity - 16.12.2024 - PM  
& 17.12.2024 - AM

Year 6 Christmas Songs - 19.12.2024 - PM

## Extended School

The Extended School Team would like to wish you all a good break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Breakfast Club and After School Club in the main school hall.

## Lost Friend

We have had a little mermaid visit us in the office. If she is yours, please pop to the office to collect her.



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## REMINDERS

### *Reception Intake September 2025*

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they will be due to start school next September. Please go to [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) for further information or email: [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 412121. **The online application process opens on 5th November 2024 and closes on 15th January 2025.**

All of our New Entrant tours are now full. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please contact the school office on **01227 471254, Option 5**, or email [office@blean.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@blean.kent.sch.uk). If you have a sibling due to start school next September, please could you email the school office if you intend to apply for a place at Blean, even if you do not intend to join one of our tours.

### *End of Term & Inset Day*

Please may we remind you that today is last day of term, **Thursday 24th October**. Friday 25th October is an inset day, therefore the **school will be closed**. We will welcome the children back to school, after the half term, on **Monday 4th November**.

### *New Lunch Menu*

Dear Parents/Carers, please note that we will have a new lunch menu from Term 2. We would like to make you aware that **Jacket Potatoes will not be on offer everyday**, instead an alternative to the main meal option will be **either Jacket Potato or Pasta**. To see the new lunch menu on our website please [click here](#).

Please may we remind you that if your child is in Year 3 or above, you will need to log in and pay for your school meals, through CH & CO. If you have any problems, please email [schoolmealordering@pabulum-catering.co.uk](mailto:schoolmealordering@pabulum-catering.co.uk). Thank you

### *Year 5 VR Workshop Payment*

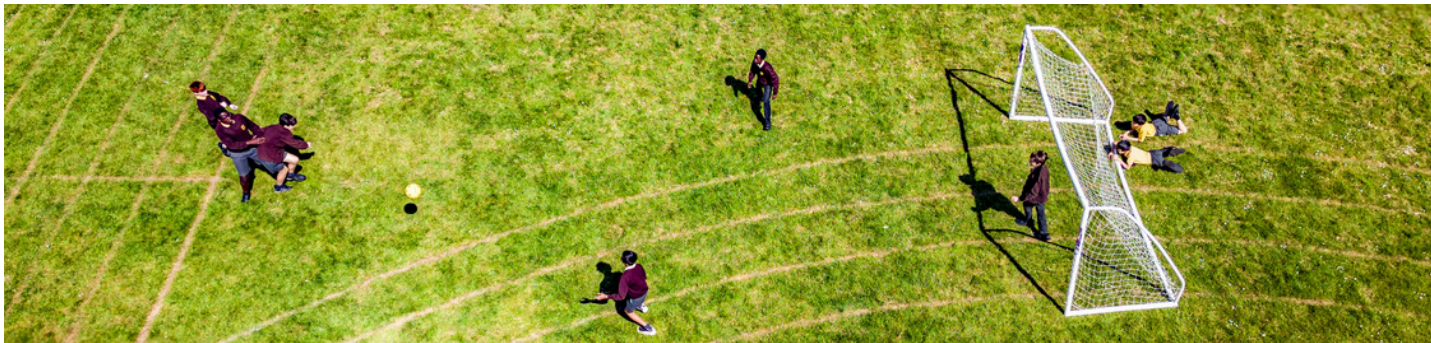
Next term, Year 5's Science learning will be about 'The Earth in Space'. We are pleased to let you know that we have booked a Virtual Reality session for each Year 5 class on Friday 8th November 2024.

Please may we remind you that the payment of £9.50 is due on **Tuesday 5th November**. The payment will be available on your Reach More Parents App. The payment will appear in 'offers', once you have clicked payments.

### *Cross Country*

Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School. The upcoming event is: **Saturday 23rd November**. All members of Blean School are invited to attend these events. You can sign up on the day and refreshments are served throughout the afternoon. All Runners need to sign in at the tables when you arrive and receive a number.





## Forest School

As we come to the end of term one and approach another exciting term of outdoor learning and exploration at our Forest School, we want to ensure that all our young learners are well-prepared for this enriching experience. Our priority is the safety and well-being of our students, and this includes dressing appropriately for our outdoor adventures.

Your child must have a long-sleeved top, full-length trousers and suitable footwear - this is to help minimise the risk of accidental injury whilst children are in forest school. Children without forest school kit will be unable to take part in the full range of experiences we provide.

### Year 3

**Amos:** 04.11.2024, 18.11.2024, 02.12.2024

**Kariko:** 11.11.2024, 25.11.2024, 09.12.2024

### Year 5

**Packham:** 07.11.2024, 21.11.2024, 05.12.2024

**Johnson:** 14.11.2024, 28.11.2024, 12.12.2024

### Year 4

**Marhaver:** 05.11.2024, 19.11.2024, 03.12.2024

**Agrawal:** 12.11.2024, 26.11.2024, 10.12.2024

### Year 6

**Mace:** 06.11.2024, 20.11.2024, 04.12.2024

**Seagull:** 13.11.2024, 27.11.2024, 11.12.2024

## Half Term Rugby Camp

Canterbury Rugby Club are running two-day training camps for various age groups during the Half Term break. Most activities will be game based using Rugby and multi sports to develop Rugby skills. They are always excited to welcome children who are new to the game and want to experience rugby for the first time as well inviting players of all abilities.

For more information please contact

[nathan.morris@canrugby.co.uk](mailto:nathan.morris@canrugby.co.uk) or [follow this link](#).

## Tennis Centre Open Day

University of Kent Indoor Tennis Centre are hosting a **FREE** open day on **Saturday 26th October** 09:00am-13:00pm. This will include Cardio Tennis, Adult Coaching, Mini Tennis (4-8 years and 8-12 years) and Junior Tennis (12-18 years). For more information and to register please [follow this link](#).

## Year 6 Outdoor Learning

This week, Year 6 took their Science learning out into the school grounds. As well as identifying trees around the school, and measuring them to find their age, we also spent some time looking for mini-beasts in Forest School. We used dichotomous keys to identify what the different mini beasts were. It was a bit wet but thankfully the bugs like that – so did we!





# CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Immi** for outstanding effort.
- Yassin - Matéo** for super reading to his friends and adults.
- Peake - Hazel** for always following our Blean Bees and being a super role model.
- Singh - Flossy** for super effort with her writing.
- Imafidon - Amelia** for such a good week.
- West - Petra** for putting so much effort in to her handwriting.
- Kariko - Tommy** for demonstrating enthusiasm and independence in Maths.
- Amos - Faith** for her fantastic attitude to her learning and all the effort she puts in to her learning.
- Agrawal - Vasiliki** for a fantastic non-chronological report on the life of Walter Tull.
- Marhaver - Riley** for working hard across all subjects and always following the Blean Bees.
- Johnson - Ben** for excellent effort in writing a newspaper report about Windrush
- Packham - Orlando** for his exceptional talent in writing and performing poetry during Tom Delahunt's visit.
- Mace - Elijah** for great drama skills in History.
- Seagull - Alexander** for involving himself in all his learning, especially class discussions.

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

**Year 2**  
**99%**

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

**Maple**  
**93.6%**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	02.09.2024 - 25.10.2024	Inset Days 2024/25
Inset Day - School Closed	25.10.2024	25.10.2024 21.07.2025
Half Term - School Closed	28.10.2024 - 03.11.2024	22.07.2025 24.02.2025
Closing Date for Secondary School Applications	31.10.2024	Forest School Dates
First Day of Term 2	04.11.2024	Amos: 04.11.2024, 18.11.2024, 02.12.2024
Year 6 Parent Share	04.11.2024	Kariko: 11.11.2024, 25.11.2024, 09.12.2024
Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum	05.11.2024	Marhaver: 05.11.2024, 19.11.2024, 03.12.2024
New Entrant Tour	07.11.2024	Agrawal: 12.11.2024, 26.11.2024, 10.12.2024
Y5 VR Workshop	08.11.2024	Packham: 07.11.2024, 21.11.2024, 05.12.2024
		Johnson: 14.11.2024, 28.11.2024, 12.12.2024
		Mace: 06.11.2024, 20.11.2024, 04.12.2024
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