



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you managed to have some quality family time whilst you were off.

It's lovely to see the children so eager to get into school buzzing with energy as the new term starts. As you may be aware, Term 2 is always a busy term full of quality learning experiences as well as exciting performances as we lead up to the festive period.

This term, our whole school focus is kindness. I began the week leading an assembly and talking about the wonderful acts of kindness I see around the school. I have also been going into classes to seek out acts of kindness; it has been lovely to see!

Speed Stacking Club

We still have some spaces available for **Year 4** in our Speed Stacking club that runs on **Wednesdays**, from 3:25pm - 4:15pm. Please contact the school office if your child would like to join.

KS1 Tennis Club

We still have some spaces available for **Years 1 & 2** in our Tennis club that runs on Friday mornings, 7:45am - 8:30am. Please find more information [here](#) and email qualified tennis coach, Danny Wynne directly [here](#).

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EYFS Special Forest School Session

On **Monday 3rd November** EYFS will be having a special Bonfire Night Forest School session, including having a small cup of (vegan) hot chocolate led by Mrs M. Firefighter Robert will also be joining us to help us understand ways to be safe at this time of year. Children are to wear their usual school uniform but please ensure they bring a warm waterproof coat and wellies to school on this day.

Year 5 Space Workshop Payment

We have arranged for Year 5 to have a special VR Space Workshop to engage and excite the pupils with their Science learning about 'The Earth in Space' this term. The VR Space Workshop will be on **Friday 7th November 2025**. The cost of the workshop will be £9.50 and payments can be made via your Parent Pay account or via the card machine at the school office.

Odd Socks Day 2025

On **Monday 10th November**, we'll be joining thousands of schools for **Odd Socks Day** to kick off Anti-Bullying Week 2025.

Why odd socks? Because wearing mismatched socks is an easy, fun way to celebrate difference and remind everyone that being ourselves is better than blending in. We're asking all pupils and staff to come in odd socks on the day. It's a simple act, but it sends a clear message: bullying has no place here, and kindness and individuality matter.

Term 2 - Forest School

In Term 2, Key Stage 2 will continue their Forest School sessions. Children will change into their Forest School clothes before the session begins. Please pack Forest School clothes in a separate bag, ensuring all items are named and are suitable for outdoor play in any weather conditions.

Your child will need to wear:

- A long-sleeved top
- Full-length trousers
- Wellies, sturdy shoes, or boots

Other recommended items:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Hat, scarf, gloves for colder days
- Extra layers in case of cold or wet weather

Year 3

Moses – 10th Nov, 24th Nov, 8th Dec

Russo – 3rd Nov, 17th Nov, 1st Dec, 15th Dec

Year 4

Barnes – 11th Nov, 25th Nov, 9th Dec

Delahunt – 4th Nov, 18th Nov, 2nd Dec, 16th Dec

Year 5

Denly – 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec

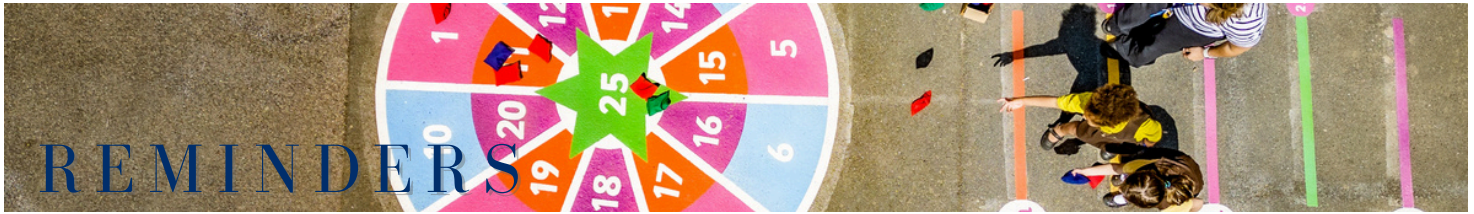
Gurnah – 7th Nov, 21st Nov, 5th Dec, *18th Dec

***Change of date**

Year 6

Shariff – 12th Nov, 26th Nov, 10th Dec

Thomas – 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our Blean PTFA will be holding second-hand uniform sales after school on the following dates:

- **Friday 7th November**
- **Wednesday 19th November**
- **Tuesday 9th December**

It's a great chance to pick up good-quality uniform items at low prices and support our school community, as well as reduce waste by reusing and recycling school uniform.

Prices:

- Cardigans, Jumpers & Fleeces – £2 each
- Other Uniform – £1 each
- School Water Bottles – £2.50 each



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE




SALE DATES:
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER & TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

PTFA Volunteers

Blean PTFA would love your help! Our PTFA organises events throughout the year to support our school community and raise funds. There are many different ways you can get involved: from running stalls and helping with second-hand uniform sales, to folding raffle tickets or assisting with after-school ice cream sales. Every bit of help makes a real difference!

If you're interested in volunteering, please [click here](#) to complete the **PTFA Volunteer form**.

Reception Intake September 2026

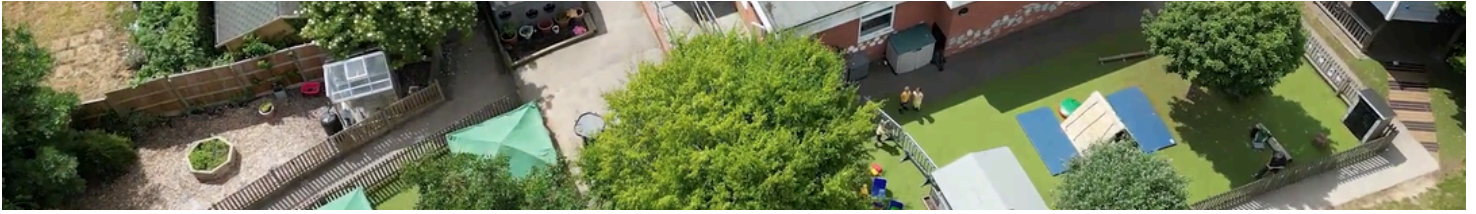
If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will be due to start school next September. Please go to [Kent Primary Admissions](#) for further information or email:

primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412 121. The online application process opens on **Friday 7th November 2025** and closes on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

We are pleased to announce will be holding tours on the following dates:

FULL Thursday 6th November	1:30pm	FULL Thursday 20th November	1:30pm
FULL Wednesday 12th November	9.15am	FULL Tuesday 2nd December	1:30pm
FULL Thursday 13th November	1:30pm	Friday 9th January	9.15am
FULL Tuesday 18th November	9.15am		

To book a place on one of our tours, please contact the school office on **01227 471254**, Option 5 or email 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.



Year 2 Parent Share

At the end of last term, Year 2 put their DT skills to use creating carts to carry Ginger Beer for Little Red - the main character in our English text.

We shared the knowledge we had gathered about axles and wheels with our parents and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of making. After our parents had left, we tested the carts to see if they held the Ginger Beer. They were a roaring success. Thank you so much to all the adults who attended. The children were so excited to be able to show their skills and knowledge. The Year 2 Team

Inspiring Assembly with Dr Rajan-Rankin

Thank you to Dr Rajan-Rankin, a reader of Sociology and Social Work and the University of Kent, (and part of our Blean parent community), for sharing with our Year 5 and 6 children her fascinating research – ably assisted by former Blean pupil Dylan.

As part of Black History Month, Year 5 and 6 attended a special assembly where Dr Rajan-Rankin shared some of her findings linked to her research into Black hair, belonging and schools. She talked about the importance of us finding out about Black History in our multi-cultural Britain and how school pupils had been involved in her research project.



The children were engaged and interested and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

Pupil Achievement

Emma, in Year 5, took part in a rhythmic gymnastics competition in Szamotuły, Poland. Out of more than 40 talented gymnasts, she was chosen for the Top Judge's Prize — a special honour awarded for exceptional skill, artistry, and performance. We're so proud of Emma's dedication and achievement!





Cross Country Meets at Kent College Junior School

All pupils are welcome to take part in the upcoming cross country races. Distances vary by year group:

EYFS: 100m **Year 1:** 200m **Year 2:** 400m **Years 3-6:** 1km

Event Date: **Saturday 22nd November** – Sign up from 9:15am, races from 10:00am.

Please note: sign-up will close once the races begin. Parking is limited so we recommend arriving early. Children should wear suitable PE clothing. Be prepared for mud and slopes on the course!

Once you've signed up for a race number, please find Miss Irons under the tree to collect a Blean Running Top. I hope to see lots of you there, Miss Irons

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

Year 2
97.8%

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

Beech
97.2%

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

Year 6 Thomas Class
18

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 2

27.10.2025 - 18.10.2025

Inset Days 2025/26

01.09.2025 19.12.2025
23.02.2026 20.07.2026
21.07.2026

Forest School Dates

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Year 6

Shariff - 12th Nov, 26th Nov, 10th Dec
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Year 6 Parent Share
New Entrant Tour
Bailey Class Parent Consultations

03.11.2025

06.11.2025

06.11.2025

Odd Socks Day

10.11.2025

New Entrant Tour

12.11.2025

Children In Need

14.11.2025

New Entrant Tour

18.11.2025

New Entrant Tour

20.11.2025

Christmas Dates

Christmas Fair

05.12.2025

Pre-School & EYFS

09.12.2025

Christmas Songs

Y1 Christmas Songs

10.12.2025

Y6 Christmas Songs

12.12.2025

Y2 Christmas Play

16.12.2025

Christmas Dinner

17.12.2025