



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

I hope you all enjoyed our Cultural and Open Evening held last night. Although it had to be moved into the hall due to the weather, it was still a fantastic event.

A huge thank you to all the families who took part and shared their cultures with us. It was our best turnout yet, with over 14 cultures represented, making it a truly special celebration of our diverse community.

We hope you also had the opportunity to visit your child’s current classroom and take a look at their future year group. Thank you to everyone for your support in making this one of our favourite events of the year.

Looking ahead to next week, the weather is forecast to be extremely hot. Please ensure your children come to school with hats and water bottles, and that sunscreen is applied before school and, where possible, brought in for reapplication.

We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Day on Wednesday next week. Hopefully it will have cooled down a little by then!

Summer Fair

Thank you for all the non-bottle donations for our Summer Fair tombola! If you didn’t make a donation today and would like to, there is still plenty of time to donate next week. Please hand any donations to the school office or your child’s class teacher.

Don’t forget, we have a bottle collection next Friday!

Club Closures on Friday 3rd July

Please be aware that on Friday 3rd July, there will be no Golf or Football Club due to the Summer Fair. Extended School Club will also not be running on this day.



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Year 1 - Walk to Blean Museum

On **Wednesday 8th July** the children in Year 1 will be walking up to Blean Village Hall to visit the Blean Museum. We will be leaving school around 1.00pm and returning for the end of the school day. If you are able to help with this walk, please [click here](#) to confirm your attendance. The more the merrier!

Year 4 - Go Ape Trip

Year 4 will be visiting Go Ape on **Wednesday 1st July 2026** to take part in the Treetop Adventure and Gorilla Games team-building activities. As this is an outdoor activity, please dress appropriately: old clothes, secure closed-toe shoes (trainers recommended), long hair must be tied back, waists covered and ear piercings removed or taped. Please also provide sun cream, a sun hat and a large water bottle.

The cost is £35, payable via ParentPay or at the school office by **Monday 22nd June**. The trip may be cancelled if insufficient funds are received.

We are also seeking DBS-checked parent volunteers - please speak to your child's teacher or email office@blean.kent.sch.uk if you can help.

Year 5 - Kent Test Registration

Please [view here](#) the information previously sent about the Kent Test. If you wish your child to sit the Kent Test, please remember to [register them online here](#). The registration period **closes on Wednesday 1st July**. If you have any further questions about the Kent Test process, please contact your child's class teacher via the school office.

RHE Information Session

Further to the letter recently sent regarding our Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum, we understand that you may wish to find out more about the content being taught. We would therefore like to invite you to an informal drop-in session on **Tuesday 23rd June**, after school in the school hall.

During the session, you will have the opportunity to view the teaching materials and resources, gain a clearer understanding of the lesson content and discuss any questions you may have with Miss Satterley.

To confirm your attendance, [please click here](#).

Parent Governor Election

There is still time if you wish to nominate yourself or another parent for the Parent Governor vacancies.

Please [read our letter](#) from Mr Rowden and Mr Samuelson, Chair of Governors, which provides full details about the role of a parent governor, how to nominate and what happens next in the election process. If you have any question about the role or the election process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

The closing date is **Tuesday 23rd June**.



Summer Fair

We would like to invite all parents, carers, pupils and their families to our Summer Fair after school on **Friday 3rd July**. The fair will begin at 3.30pm and finish at 6.00pm.

There will be plenty of fun activities to take part in, delicious food to enjoy and music throughout the afternoon. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic community event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Day

Our Sports Day this year is **Wednesday, 24th June**. The plan for the day is as follows:

EYFS & KS1 sports carousel: 9:00am - 10.30am

Picnic: 12:00 - 1:00pm

KS2 sports carousel: 10:45am - 12:00pm

KS2 races: 1:15pm - 3:20pm

On the day children should come to school in their P.E kit with a House-coloured T-shirt, no vest tops please. (Chestnut – blue; Maple – red; Rowan – yellow (PE t-shirt is fine) or white; Beech-green) Every child will need to have a named water bottle, named sun hat and have had sun cream applied before they come to school.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy with their child on the day. Parents of children in EYFS and KS1 are invited to return from 12:00pm to join the picnic, please enter via the school office.

As we are a nut-free school, please ensure all food is free from nuts. Attendance is optional and children whose parents are unable to attend will be supervised by staff. For children having a school dinner, the lunch option will be baguette with a choice of three fillings, mixed salad, an apple and a biscuit.

We ask that if your child would normally attend Extended School on Wednesday, 24th June but is not attending due to Sports Days, please email both extendedschool@blean.kent.sch.uk and the school office.



New Catering Provider

We would like to inform you of an upcoming change to our school catering provision. From September, we will be moving from our current provider, Pabulum, to a new supplier, Nourish.

This decision has been made following a careful review process to ensure we continue to provide high-quality, nutritious meals that appeal to our pupils and support their health and wellbeing. We are confident that Nourish shares our commitment to fresh ingredients, balanced menus and excellent service.

Over the coming weeks, we will share further information about menus, pricing and how to order meals. We will also work closely with Nourish to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pabulum for their service and support to the school community.

As part of this transition, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that all outstanding meal balances are **cleared before the end of term**. If you have any queries regarding any debt showing on your account, please contact Stephen Milton at stephenmilton@pabulum-catering.co.uk.

Future Careers Day

We're delighted to share that our annual Future Careers Day will take place on **Friday 10th July!**

Children are invited to come dressed as a career they would love to pursue in the future or as an inspirational person they admire. Future Careers Day is always a fantastic opportunity for children to share their ambitions, explore different career pathways and challenge stereotypes about future jobs. In the afternoon, pupils in Years 4–6 will also have the opportunity to visit our Careers Fair, where they can explore a variety of stalls and learn more about different careers.

We would love for members of our school community to get involved. If you are available and would be interested in hosting a table at our Careers Fair, please contact us at enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk

We look forward to another inspiring day together!

Early Years and Childcare Service Survey

Kent County Council recognises that many families rely on childcare before and after school, as well as during school holidays. To help plan future provision, The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is carrying out a survey on behalf of Kent County Council for parents and carers of children aged 0–14 (and up to 18 for children with disabilities). Parents and carers are invited to complete the survey by **17 July 2026** using [this link](#) or using the QR code. Thank you for your support.





Could You be a Parent Buddy?

The Parent Forum would like to set up a parent buddying system to support new parents that are joining our Blean community. We know that starting a new school can be very daunting for children, especially if they are joining mid-year, but recognise that parents need to get to know the school too. We would like to create a bank of contacts which we could draw upon when someone joins our school. Your role would be to meet up with the new parent and share with them your top tips!

We are also looking for two new members to join our group – we currently don't have any parents representing EYFS or Yr2, Yr3 or Yr5.

If you would like to join this group (or find out more), please come and speak to me or email the school office. Thank you, Mrs Todd.

PTFA Volunteer Form

We'd 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. We have a PTFA volunteers WhatsApp group that we use to communicate and make arrangements for upcoming events. Once you've registered your interest, we'll add you to the group so you can stay informed. Please [click here](#) to complete the form. Thank you for your support.

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting all schools to take part in The Big Future, a national survey capturing the views, experiences and aspirations of children and young people across the country. We are encouraged to take part so our pupils' voices are included in this national picture. You can complete the form [here](#).

There is also the option for students to act as student champions to help promote the survey. Schools with high participation may be recognised by the Children's Commissioner's office and will be invited to the Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices of children and young people from across England.



A Special Visitor for Year 2

On Wednesday morning, we were lucky enough to have Ben Walker come to speak to Year 2. He is a food factory designer who told us all about COOK which is based in Sittingbourne. We learned that COOK source most of their food locally and still have people doing most of the jobs in the factory instead of machines. We asked lots of questions and were able to see how COOK has some of the same values as Blean school. Thank you so much to Mr. Walker for giving up his time to speak to us. We can't wait to show you our factory designs!



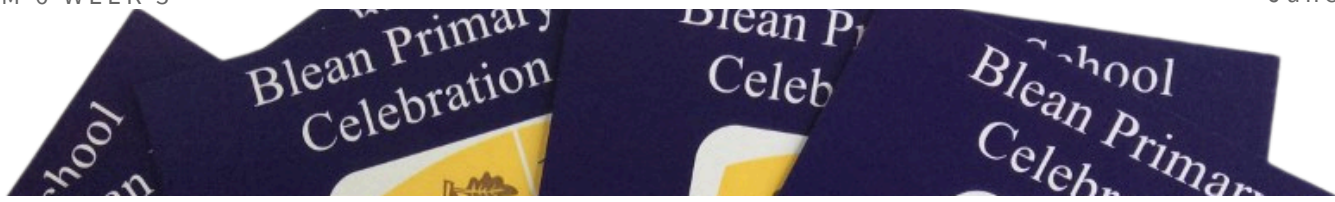
Year 3 Poetry Workshop

This week, Year 3 were delighted to welcome Amanda and Charlotte from Canterbury Arts Festival for an exciting poetry workshop in preparation for this year's poetry competition. The theme, *Eerie*, inspired the children to explore mysterious and unsettling ideas through discussion and creative activities. Amanda and Charlotte brought along a selection of eerie artefacts from a museum, which the children found fascinating and were eager to investigate. The unusual objects sparked lots of imagination and provided excellent inspiration for their poetry writing. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful poems Year 3 create for the competition.

Cultural & Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to our Cultural & Open Evening. We hope you all enjoyed the event and loved seeing your child's new classroom. There was lots of delicious food to taste, along with many interesting items to look at, touch, and smell. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, learn from one another, and celebrate the diversity that makes our school so special. Thank you again for your support.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Evie-Jean** for great multiskills in P.E.
- Pettman - Anayza** for excellent writing to retell part of a story.
- Dore - Whole Class** for all demonstrating great curiosity in Art lessons when learning about weaving.
- King - Neko** for making super effort in her learning.
- Bailey - Hazel** for her resilience in her learning.
- Cooper - Albie** for amazing colour mixing in Art.
- Moses - Alexia** for a great start to her time at Blean. We're so lucky to have you as part of our class.
- Russo - Alice** for being a lovely friend to everyone and always following the Blean Bees.
- Barnes - Eleanor** for collaborating in Rounders.
- Delahunt - Jaxon** for excellent enthusiasm and a great attitude to learning.
- Denly - Edward** for consistently producing work of an excellent standard and always striving to improve.
- Gurnah - Hattie** for becoming, through hard work, an amazing mathematician.
- Shariff - Josh** for contributions towards props.
- Thomas - Zachariah** for helpful and knowledgeable contributions to our R.E lessons.

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

Year 1
99.2%

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

Chestnut
98%

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

Year 6 - Shariff Class
24 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 6	01/06/2026 - 21/07/2026	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Gurnah Class Kent College Visit	22.06.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Saplings - Tuesday 23 rd , 30 th June, 7 th , 14 th July.
EYFS September 2026 Information Evening	23.06.2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u> 01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Year R - Monday Catman - 29 th June Pettman - 22 nd June, 6 th July
Sports Day	24.06.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year 1 - Thursday King - 2 nd , 16 th July Dore - 25 th June, 9 th July
Year 4 Go Ape Trip	01.07.2026	21.07.2027	Year 2 - Friday Cooper - Mon 13 th July Bailey - 26 th June, 10 th July
EYFS September 2026 New Roots	01.07.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	Evergreens - Wednesday 1 st , 8 th & 15 th July.
Summer Fair	03.07.2026	Year R - Thursday	
Year 1 Walk to Blean Museum	08.07.2026	Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday	
Year 6 Production	08.07.2026	Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday	
Pre-School Parent Share	08.07.2026	Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday	
Year 3 Parent Share	09.07.2026	Year 4 - Wednesday & Thursday	
Year 6 Production	09.07.2026	Year 5 - Wednesday & Thursday	
Careers Fair	10.07.2026	Year 6 - Monday & Friday	
Year 6 Prom	16.07.2026	<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>	
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	17.07.2026	Tuesday 23 rd June - Year R & Year 1	
Last Day of Term 6 - 2:30pm Finish	17.07.2026		