



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

We're thrilled to share that playtimes at school have undergone an exciting revamp! The children are now enjoying a wide range of activities that encourage creativity, teamwork, and physical activity. From building imaginative dens, constructing giant Lego masterpieces, to exploring new ways to play with tyres and even joining in on dance sessions – it's wonderful to see how engaged and excited the children are during their break times. The changes have been met with great enthusiasm, and we're delighted to see how much fun the children are having, while also developing important skills through play.

On a different note, we'd like to kindly remind all parents to please not use the staff car park at the end of the school day when collecting children from extended schools or after-school clubs. This is for the safety of all children and staff, as the car park can get quite busy and is not designed for public use at these times.

Additionally, if you are parking in the University car park, please ensure you are not using the disabled bays unless you are a badge holder. These spaces are vital for those who truly need them.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in keeping our school safe and accessible for all.

Second Hand Uniform

We now have a second hand uniform donation box in the school lobby for any donations you would like to make.



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REMINDERS

Mastering Numbers at Home Workshops

This is a reminder that the Mastering Number Workshops for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are taking place on the following dates:

EYFS: Yassin Class - 22.01.2025, 09:10am - 10:00am

Year 1: 24.01.2025, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Jemison Class - 22.01.2025, 10:10am - 11:00am

Year 2: 21.01.2025, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

It is not too late to book your slot, please do so by using your Reach More Parents App under Payments and Bookings.

Last year, lots of parents, who participated in the workshop chose to buy double-sided counters to use at home rather than using the cardboard ones provided. As this proved popular, this year we will again have sets of counters available to buy in groups of 10 - £1 (for EYFS), 15 - £1.50 (for Year 1) or 20 - £2 (for Year 2). We are only able to accept cash payments for these.

These will be available at the workshops or you can send in the money into school in a named envelope ahead of the workshop and we will have your counters ready for you on the day. You do not need to buy these; the cardboard counters will work adequately for the home activities.

Year 2 trip to Quex Park

This term, Year 2 are learning about Invaders and Explorers in History. Therefore, they will be going to Quex Park for a workshop and to look around the Percy Powell Cotton museum on **Thursday, 13th February**. The total cost of the trip is £16 per child; including the coach, entry to the museum and the workshops. This can be paid for via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming

The Year 3 swimming payments are now live; you can access this payment via your Reach More Parents app. Alternatively, you can pay via the card machine at the school office. If you have a current Blean DBS and are able to help with swimming, please contact either your child's class teacher or the school office.

Year 6 Activities Week

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2025**. This can be paid in installments. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Cross Country

Kent College JUNIOR school will be running Cross Country events again for all year groups and younger siblings.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday 8th February – Register before 10am

Friday 28th February – Registration at 4pm

Friday 14th March - Registration at 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. I look forward to seeing my regular runners and some new faces. It would be great to have more runners! Miss Irons.



Year 1 & 2 - Author Visit

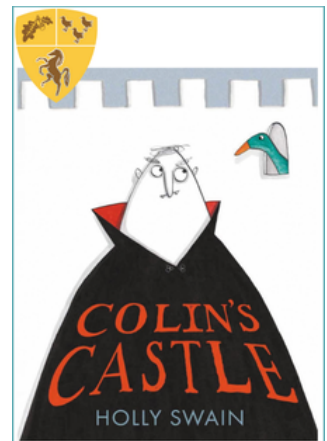
We are excited to inform you that we will be hosting an author event for Year 1 and 2 students on **Thursday, 6th February!** Holly Swain, author of *Colin's Castle*, will be reading the book, leading a 'draw-along' session, and then hosting a fun "true or false" quiz about ducks and vampires.

We've partnered with Tales on Moon Lane bookshop in Whitstable, who have created a dedicated sales page for you to purchase the book in advance. They are offering the book at a discounted price—cheaper than Amazon! Holly Swain will also sign all books purchased on the day alongside the children.

We encourage you to buy the book prior to the event if you'd like your child to receive a signed copy from Holly. You can purchase the book using [this link](#).

Please note that all book orders must be placed by Sunday, 2nd February. Be sure to include your child's name and class in the 'info to seller' box.

We hope your child is as excited about this author event as we are, and we look forward to sharing photos from the day with you!



Solihull Approach Group

We will be running another Solihull Approach Group from 3rd February 2025. This popular 10 week course looks at child development and behaviour. If you would like to attend, please contact Miss Llewellyn on 01227 471254 or senco@blean.kent.sch.uk

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

'Understanding your Child'
A Solihull Group for Parents, Carers
and Grandparents
facilitated by
Miss Llewellyn and Mrs Gibbens

A 10 week course which reflects on child development, behaviour and building family relationships.

Course dates: 03/02, 10/02, 25/02, 03/03, 11/03, 17/03, 24/03, 31/03, 21/04, 28/04
Session time: 1.30-3:25pm
Please note 25/02 and 11/03 are Tuesdays, all other dates are Mondays.

Please contact Miss Llewellyn for more information or to book your place: 01227 471254 senco@blean.kent.sch.uk

For the course to be the most successful for you and your child we ask that all sessions are attended. Maximum of 2 places per family. Refreshments provided.

Pupil Premium Funding

Have you considered whether your family may qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? This funding is used to support your child, provide extra opportunities for them to access a wider curriculum and resources to support and enhance their learning. This would make a drastic difference to our budget. If this extra funding went unclaimed, it could result in a missed opportunity for your child to receive the very best experiences at school that we can offer. Your child might be eligible if they have been registered for free school meals any time in the last 6 years or if you have access to: Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400). Please click [here](#) to see further information on the criteria. You are able to register yourself or check to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and therefore Pupil Premium, by following this link. It takes roughly 2 minutes to apply and you just need your National Insurance number. If your application is successful, the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. If you have any further questions, or you would like the school to confidentially apply on your behalf, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



Art Club

We are now hosting a brand-new Dot Kids Art Inspiration Club. Dot Kids focuses on self-expression, creative freedom, and learning through exploration. Children will discover inspirational artists, experiment with a variety of artistic techniques, and create their own masterpieces to proudly share at home. For more information and to book please [click here](#).



Year 3 Egyptian Escape Room

To introduce the new topic of Egyptians, Year 3 children took part in an exciting escape room style experience. They started in the classroom where they solved puzzles to obtain a three-digit code which unlocked another puzzle. They then rearranged pieces of an ancient map showing the location of pyramid. Once they had found the location, they were given a key and journeyed to Forest School where they discovered a locked chest inside the pyramid. The children were in shock and awe as they opened the chest and found ancient artefacts belonging to the Egyptian ruler, Hatshepsut.



Kent Young Carers Assembly



On Wednesday, we had a visit from Tina who works for Kent Young Carers. She came and did an assembly to tell us about the important role our Young Carers play in their families lives and how the Kent Young Carers charity help support them.

We learned that Young Carers are children and young people aged 5-18 who live with family members who are unwell with a long-term illness or have special education needs or a disability. Kent Young Carers support children both in the home and the community with events such as trips and workshops.

Tina left us some books to explain more about Young Carers which we are sharing with the classes. If you would like to know more about Young Carers or think your child may qualify and would like us to make a referral, please contact Miss Llewellyn on her email address senco@blean.kent.uk



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Nathaniel** for fantastic enthusiasm to write.
- Yassin - Mariah** for trying hard in phonics.
- Peake - Isla** for always being a kind friend to her class and always helping those around her.
- Singh - Serene** for working hard to include adjectives in her writing.
- Imafidon - Amelie** for her super independent writing.
- West - Oliver** for confident work with money in maths.
- Kariko - Edee** for excellent focus in lessons and fantastic improvements in her handwriting.
- Amos - Faith** for her resilient attitude to her learning and her amazing character descriptions.
- Agrawal - Erik** for starting the new year with a positive learning attitude and following the Blean Bees.
- Marhaver - Joel** for amazing leadership skills in our drama lessons about 'Escape from Pompeii'.
- Johnson - Ailsa** for excellent work in English.
- Packham - Sebbie** for showing outstanding responsibility to his own learning. We are very proud of the progress she is making.
- Mace - Elvin** for a great 1940s day.
- Seagull - Emily** for great enthusiasm and participation in our big band and swing music lesson and the **whole class** for fantastic engagement and participation during our 1940s day.

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

Year R
98%

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

Rowan
97.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 3	06.01.2025 - 14.02.2025	Inset Days 2024/25
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - Year 2	21.01.2025	24.02.2025 21.07.2025
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - EYFS	22.01.2025	22.07.2025
Year 3 Swimming Lessons	24.01.2025	Forest School Dates
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - Year 1	24.01.2025	Amos Class: 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025 Kariko Class: 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025
Year R Parent Share	29.01.2025	Marhaver Class: 21.01.2025, 04.02.2025 Agrawal Class: 28.01.2025, 11.02.2025
Year 1 & 2 Author Visit	06.02.2025	Packham Class: 23.01.2025, 06.02.2025 Johnson Class: 30.01.2025, 13.02.2025
Year R Hearing Screener	11.02.2025	Mace Class: 22.01.2025, 05.02.2025 Seagull Class: 29.01.2025, 12.02.2025
Year 2 Quex Park Trip	13.02.2025	