



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

It's been a busy and exciting week at Blean!

Year R learned all about fire safety with a visit from Firefighter Robert and enjoyed a magical Forest School session, sipping hot chocolate around the fire. Year 6 proudly shared their Crime and Punishment learning with parents and Year 5 had an exciting morning using VR headsets as part of their space topic. Across the school, children have been creating beautiful poppy wreaths to commemorate Remembrance Day - take a look at the school gates to see their creative work.

Looking ahead to next week, we're celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, Positive Noticing Day led by our School Council in assembly on Wednesday and Children in Need on Friday. We're looking forward to another week full of kindness, creativity and community spirit!

Join Our Parent Partnership Forum

We are looking for parent volunteers to support us by joining a small forum made up of staff, parents and governors to help us make positive changes for both pupils and parents in our school community.

Part of the role of this group will also be to ensure that we are still meeting the criteria for the LPPA Award (Leading Parent Partnership Award) which is due for reaccreditation this year.

If you would like to join this group, please complete [this short form](#) to share your contact details or pop in to see Mrs Todd in Year 6.



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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.

Year 3 Dover Museum Trip

As part of Year 3's History learning this term, they will be visiting Dover Museum to explore artefacts from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The visit will take place on **Wednesday 3rd December**. The cost of the trip is £17.00 per child, which covers the cost of transport and entry to the museum. The payment will be made available on WEDUC and is due by **Monday 1st December**.

We will require a number of parent helpers to accompany us on the day. If you hold a current Blean DBS and are available to help, we would be very grateful for your support. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

Children in Need

Next **Friday, 14th November**, is Children in Need. Children can come to school in their own clothes on this day – you can wear spots like Pudsey if you would like to. We will be visited by the Dance Dash from Herne Bay High again – the children are always amazed by their brilliant dance moves. Please send in a donation to **Children in Need** if you can.



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**.

All our tour dates are now full, to be added to our waiting list, 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.



REMINDERS

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



Our Poet in Residence Returns

We were thrilled to welcome **Tom Delahunt** back to Blean last week. He spent the day with our two Year 4 classes and was particularly humbled to spend time in Delahunt Class. The children spent the time thinking about the season of Autumn as one of change. Through some wonderful leaf rubbings, they were asked to share their thoughts and feelings about this season in their own creative way. Tom has captured his visit, and visits into other local schools, through his substack which you can read by [clicking here](#).



Pupil Achievement

Well done to Alec who finished 12th in the Gymnastic National Setwork Championship, competing for the Southeast regional squad out of 36. The team managed 2nd place overall and picked up a silver medal. He competed on 7 different pieces, Floor, Pommel, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar and PPP. This is competing the very best gymnasts in the Nation so all his hard work paid off and made us all very proud.



BLEAN PRIMARY FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School Newsletter - Term 2



What an amazing start to the term it's been! Our KS2 children have been braving the weather and thoroughly enjoying their time at Forest School.

With that in mind, please could we ask that all children come prepared with waterproof coats, wellies or waterproof boots, gloves and hats on colder days. It would also be helpful if children could bring a spare plastic bag to put their muddy belongings in afterwards. Our sessions will continue whatever the weather - rain or snow - so appropriate clothing is essential to help us all stay warm and dry.



A little apology in advance to our grown-ups: we will be getting muddy! But it's so worth it to see the huge smiles after each Forest School session - the muddier we are, the more fun we've had! Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.



We're also excited to share that our site has had a small revamp. The mud kitchen area has been transformed into a potion-making workshop, and our slack line has been moved to create even more space for balancing and walking. We've also been improving existing areas with lots of help and ideas from the children themselves.

This term, our focus is on looking after wildlife. We've been busy making bird feeders and building shelters, and the children have quickly picked up some wonderfully simple ways to help feed and care for birds.



Wildlife Calendar & Events

Check this link for wildlife calendar this months:

[Autumn Nature & Wildlife Highlights.](#)

[October Nature's Calendar](#)

For all the bird lovers follow this link to learn more and how to feed them: [Bird Food for Garden Birds - RSPB High Quality Wild Bird Food](#)



11 NOVEMBER 2025
NATURE CONNECTION MOMENTS FOR FAMILIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Shadow play Get to know your shadow	3 Autumn Rainbow Use leaves and fall flowers	4 Slug Hunt What do they like to eat?	5 Beaver Super Moon	6 Leaf Pressing Collect and press leaves	7 In November, by Cynthia Rylant	8 Fall Textures Find five different ones
9 Bark Rubbings Use paper and a crayon	10 Mushroom Hunt Search and admire	11 Feel the Breeze Enjoy the cool fall weather	12 Bare Tree Spot life on a bare tree	13 Become a Rockhound Find a neat rock	14 Fall Sounds Listen to rustling leaves	15 Warm Drink Enjoy a warm drink outside
16 Nature Journaling Sketch a leaf	17 Leonid meteor shower peak	18 Apple Chips Make a healthy apple snack	19 Fall Poem Write or read a poem	20 Micro New Moon	21 Fall Tree Buds Look for buds on trees	22 Raindrop Race Race raindrops down a window
23 Screen Free Unplug for the day	24 Pinecone Pickup Collect pinecones for crafts	25 Pinecone Pals Add faces, arms and feet	26 Fall Scents What do you smell?	27 Feather find Search for a pretty feather	28 Mossy Moment Touch and feel moss	29 Leaf Prints Paint a leaf and press it on paper
30 Fall Picnic Enjoy the last of fall's colors						

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CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Reya for being a responsible role model.

Pettman - Oscar for progress across the curriculum.

Dore - Eva for demonstrating amazing enthusiasm and great teamwork in our P.E lessons.

King - Gwen for being a kind member of King class.

Bailey - Maya for working hard on her focus and being ready.

Cooper - Flossy for improvement and effort in reading.

Moses - Saskia for a brilliant diary entry, making great use of description and time adverbials.

Russo - George for writing a beautifully presented and thoughtful diary entry.

Barnes - Daisy for resilience.

Delahunt - Oliver for showing resilience and collaboration in class with his learning.

Denly - Erik for showing kindness to others in need and perfectly following the Year 5 'I can' statement.

Gurnah - Mattheus for working so hard on handwriting.

Shariff - Malaika & Corinna for a great 'Holes' cover and blurb.

Thomas - Rachel for her respectful behaviour towards everyone.

Evergreens - Everyone in Evergreens for a great start to Term 2.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Year 3
99%

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

Maple
98.5%

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

Year 5 Gurnah
22

Term 2

27.10.2025 - 18.10.2025

Inset Days 2025/26

Odd Socks Day	10.11.2025
New Entrant Tour	12.11.2025
New Entrant Tour	13.11.2025
Children In Need	14.11.2025
New Entrant Tour	18.11.2025
Second Hand Uniform Sale	19.11.2025
New Entrant Tour	20.11.2025
Pre-School Parent Share	26.11.2025

01.09.2025	19.12.2025
23.02.2026	20.07.2026
21.07.2026	

Additional P.E. Days

11th November -
Years 1 & 2

Forest School Dates

Year 3

Moses - 10th Nov, 24th Nov, 8th Dec
Russo - 17th Nov, 1st Dec, 15th Dec

Year 4

Barnes - 11th Nov, 25th Nov, 9th Dec
Delahunt - 18th Nov, 2nd Dec, 16th Dec

Year 5

Denly - 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec
Gurnah - 21st Nov, 5th Dec, Thurs 18th Dec (Change of Date)

Year 6

Shariff - 12th Nov, 26th Nov, 10th Dec
Thomas - 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec

Christmas Dates

Christmas Fair	05.12.2025
EYFS Christmas Songs	09.12.2025
Y1 Christmas Songs	10.12.2025
Pre-School Christmas	11.12.2025
Performance	
Y6 Christmas Songs	12.12.2025
Y2 Christmas Play	16.12.2025
Christmas Dinner	17.12.2025