



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Today is Comic Relief and it was lovely to see all the children and staff dressed in red to mark this special charity event. You can make your donation by clicking on the following [link](#). Please only donate what you can afford. Thank you in advance.

As part of Comic Relief, Year 6 designed and created fun activities for our pupils to experience this afternoon. This is part of their PSHE 'authentic outcome' this term, which helps pupils become global citizens and supports their understanding of world issues. Children from each year group enjoyed taking part and had an amazing time!

In addition to it being Comic Relief Day, our Year 6 pupils also have been raising money for Walk for Water. They all took part in our annual 6km walk to raise money for The Water Project. Thank you to all those who took part and donated to the charity.

## Last Day of Term - Early Finish

On the last day of term, Friday 4th April 2025, the children will finish at 2:30pm.

If your child(ren) will be attending Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from **2:30pm until 5:00pm**.

## Roblox

There has been some new guidance to help support families with [Roblox](#). Please take your time to read and discuss with your children.



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## *Staff Development Dates*

We are pleased to be able to confirm the Staff Development Days for 2025-2026. They are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

For more information regarding Term dates for this academic year or next please check [here](#).

## *Teacher Training*

Each year we have potential teacher training places available via a non-salaried school direct route. We are in partnership with KMT and recruitment is open now for September 2025 admissions. Please click on the following links for more information.

1. [How to apply guidance](#).
2. [For eligibility criteria](#).
3. [To register interest with KMT](#).

## *Sickness*

We have a number of sickness bug cases and illnesses in school at the moment. To limit the spread please may we remind you not to send children to school if they display any of the following:

- feeling sick (nausea)
- diarrhoea
- being sick (vomiting)
- a high temperature

Can we also remind you that children must stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhea for at least 48 hours.

## *ParentPay*

We are pleased to confirm that we have now transitioned to our new payment provider, ParentPay. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

## *Tea & Topics - Nurture*

On **Monday 31st March**, Miss Llewellyn will be hosting a Tea and Topics to share more information about the nurture offer we are developing at school and our progress towards achieving the National Nurturing Schools Award. The session will be from 2:30-3:20 and will cover:

- The Six Principles of Nurture and how we interpret and embrace these in school.
- Updates on our Nurture Offer including our new nurture space – Evergreens
- Opportunity for discussion on how we can further develop our offer by working with parents and gathering your views.

Please complete [this form](#) if you are able to attend.





## Poetry Book

Our Year 6 Poetry Collection is almost here! The children have written an inspiring collection of wonderful poems based on different aspects of their learning during Terms 2 and 3. They have chosen to donate the profits to the Canterbury4Ukraine – a local charity who support families from the Ukraine who are living in and around Canterbury. You can find out more about them [here](#).

The book is available for the amazing price of just £2.99. If you would like to pre-order a book or two, please complete **the form via your WeDuc account** by **Wednesday 26th March**. They would undoubtedly make perfect gifts for friends and family too. We will let you know when the books arrive and you can make your payments. Happy Reading! The Year 6 Team

## SEND Support Groups

Please see the following information advertising different support groups dedicated to assisting parents, carers, and siblings of children with complex medical needs or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

**Maypole Art sessions**

Our new and exciting Maypole Art groups for siblings of children with complex medical need or SEND from Whitstable area.

When: Mondays after school.

Age 5-11 years: 4pm to 4.45pm

Age 11-15 years: 5.05pm to 6.00pm

Where: The Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre, CT5 9AF

The sessions are designed for siblings to engage in art, in a fun and friendly environment also for children to socialise and make friendships and create peer support in an informal setting.

For more info on the art sessions and to sign your child up, please let us know you will be attending or for more information for the ongoing siblings' art sessions/refer your child or children please email: [philippice@thmaypoleproject.co.uk](mailto:philippice@thmaypoleproject.co.uk)

helpline@thmaypoleproject.co.uk  
01689 851 596

**THE MAYPOLE PROJECT**  
[thmaypoleproject.co.uk](http://thmaypoleproject.co.uk)

Registered Charity No. 102063

**The Parenting Harbour Community**

Monthly peer support group for parents of autistic or ADHD children

Tuesday 18th March  
Tuesday 29th April  
Tuesday 3rd June

10am-11:30am  
Canterbury

Email [jo@ndharbour.org.uk](mailto:jo@ndharbour.org.uk) to book



## Dance Competition

Congratulations to Emily in Year 6, Erin in Year 5, Natalia in Year 3 and Lochlann in Year R who entered the virtual dance competition. You are all Blean Winners and your dances have been entered into the Canterbury Competition. Good luck and thank you for representing the school. Miss Irons

**WELL DONE!**



## CUP WINNERS

### This week's Cup Winners are...

**Jemison - Alice** for her amazing number bonds to 10.

**Yassin - Sarya** for settling in well to her new class in Blean school.

**Peake - Ellie** for demonstrating amazing resilience throughout her learning.

**Singh - Dot** for excellent ideas for her story in English.

**Imafidon - Zunairah** for her incredible biography about Millie Knight's life.

**West - Gabby** for working tremendously hard to improve her handwriting.

**Kariko - Reuben** for showing her determination and resilience when practising the back stroke in swimming.

**Amos - Violet** for her amazing swimming and her resilience in all her learning.

**Agrawal - Henry** for progress and improvements in quality and presentation of work in English.

**Marhaver - Tia** for a brilliant letter written from a character, full of description and feelings.

**Johnson - Jenson** for his amazing work in English.

**Packham - Amber** for showing great engagement in our Geography unit, demonstrating creativity and enthusiasm.

**Mace - Alethea** for always challenging herself to do her best.

**Seagull - Harrison** for fantastic collaboration and effort in his Science learning.

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

**Year 1**  
**99.7%**

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

**Rowan**  
**97%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

### Term 4 24.02.2025 - 04.04.2025

Year 1 Parent Share	28.03.2025
Last Day for Braiswick Photo Orders	31.03.2025
Tea & Topics - Nurture	31.03.2025
Parent Consultation's	01.04.2025
EYFS Whitstable Beach Trip	03.04.2025
Parent Consultation's	03.04.2025
Year 2 Parent Share	03.04.2025
<b>Last Day of Term - Early Finish</b>	<b>04.04.2025</b>

### Inset Days 2024/25

21.07.2025
22.07.2025

### Inset Days 2025/26

01.09.2025
19.12.2025
23.02.2026
20.07.2026
21.07.2026

### Forest School Dates

<b>Jemison:</b> 25.03.2025
<b>Yassin:</b> 01.04.2025
<b>Peake:</b> 26.03.2025
<b>Singh:</b> 02.04.2025
<b>West:</b> 27.03.2025
<b>Imafidon:</b> 03.04.2025