



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, it has certainly been an extremely busy and exciting final week at Blean Primary School.

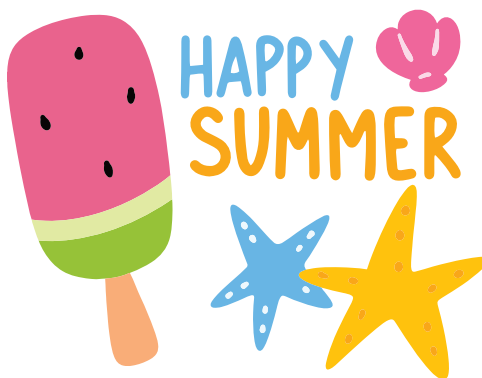
We started the week with our annual Sports Day. It was fantastic to see every child taking part so enthusiastically, including our Reception children. The determination, teamwork and sportsmanship on display were a credit to all involved. Congratulations to Maple House, who were this year's overall winners.

We also enjoyed a number of musical celebrations. Our Rocksteady bands gave fantastic performances, showcasing the progress they have made throughout the year. On Wednesday, we held our own school music concert for pupils and their families. It was a delight to see our young musicians perform so confidently and share their talents.

On Thursday, we hosted "Blean's Got Talent" and what an incredible showcase it was! We are fortunate to have so many talented pupils in our school community. From singing and dancing to comedy and magic, the acts were thoroughly entertaining and everyone had great fun watching and supporting one another.

The week concluded with our Year 6 Prom on Thursday evening. It was a lovely event and wonderful to see the children celebrating with their friends as they prepare for the next stage of their education. It hardly seems any time at all since they first joined us in Reception. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils every success and happiness as they begin their journey into secondary school. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for their continued support throughout the year. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Until then, enjoy the summer break!



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First Day of Term - September 2026

A reminder that **Tuesday 1st September 2026 is a Staff Development Day, therefore there will be no school for the children.** We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 2nd September.

P.E Days - September 2026

Please see below the days your child will have P.E. in September. May we remind you that your child should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on these days.

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Meet the Teacher Days - September 2026

To start our new term in September, we would like to invite parents/carers to meet your child's new class teacher. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about the expectations and highlights for the exciting year ahead. Please note that **you must collect your child/ren first and keep them with you; they will not be able to play outside whilst waiting.** These meetings will take place in the school hall from 3.30pm on the following dates:

Year 6 - Wednesday 2nd September

Year 5 - Thursday 3rd September

Year 4 - Friday 4th September

Year 3 - Monday 7th September

Year 2 - Tuesday 8th September

Year 1 - Wednesday 9th September

Music Lessons Available from September

At Blean Primary School, we are fortunate to have talented peripatetic music teachers who visit each week to provide private instrumental lessons during the school day.

From September, Stelios and Jonathan will have availability for new pupils. Private lessons are available in violin and guitar, offering children a wonderful opportunity to develop their musical skills and confidence. If you are interested in booking lessons for your child or would like more information, please contact the school office, and we will be happy to put you in touch with our music teachers.



Forest School Dates - Term 1

In Term 1 Key Stage 2 will take part in Forest School sessions to explore and enjoy the outdoors while building confidence, resilience, and a love of nature. Your child's class will have their Forest School session in the afternoon, so please send them to school in their regular school uniform. They will change into their Forest School clothes before the session begins. Please pack their Forest School clothes in a separate, clearly labelled bag, and ensure all items are suitable for outdoor play in all 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.

Please be aware that clothing is likely to get muddy or wet. Avoid sending anything valuable or that you wouldn't want soiled, and make sure all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Year 3 - Monday

Irie – 7th, 21st Sept, 5th & 19th Oct

Ohana – 14th, 28th Sept & 12th Oct

Year 4 - Tuesday

Amigo – 8th, 22nd Sept, 6th & 20th Oct

Tomodachi – 15th, 29th Sept & 13th Oct

Year 5 - Friday

Kavod – 11th, 25th Sept, 9th & 23rd Oct

Sisu – 18th Sept, 2nd & 16th Oct

Year 6 - Wednesday

Latif – 9th, 23rd Sept, 7th & 21st Oct

Timon – 16th, 30th Sept & 14th Oct

Rope 4 Hope

The school has signed up to participate in the Rope 4 Hope skipping challenge supporting Cancer Research UK on Friday 25th September when we will join with schools across the country for a 1 minute skip. More information will follow in September: now is the time to dust off those skipping ropes and get practising over the summer!

End of Day Permissions - September 2026

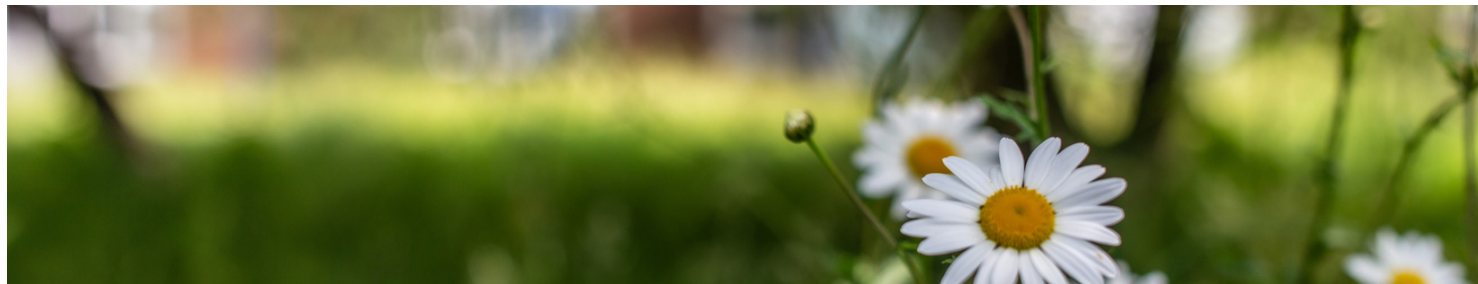
This is a reminder that we need your permission responses for the end of day, no later than Thursday 16th July. Please see the links below:

[End of the school day permission to leave classroom - Year 4 - 2026 - Fill out form](#)

[End of the school day permission to leave School grounds - Year 5 and 6 - 2026 - Fill out form](#)

Please be aware that if we do not have your form completed by Wednesday 2nd September, your child will not be able to leave the classroom. If you are unsure of your decision, please email

enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk and we can contact your nearer the time.



New Catering Provider

From September, we will be changing our school catering provider from Pabulum to Nourish. This decision follows a careful review to ensure we continue to provide pupils with nutritious, high-quality meals and excellent service.

We would like to thank Pabulum for their support and ask that any **outstanding meal balances are cleared before the end of term**. For balance queries, please contact Stephen Milton at stephenmilton@pabulum-catering.co.uk.

New School Menu

From September, please [click here](#) to see the new Menu. We also have links for:

[Gluten Free](#)

[Diary Free](#)

menu

Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income.

To check eligibility or apply, please visit the Kent County Council free school meal application form. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 01227 471254 or office@blean.kent.sch.uk.

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.



Canterbury Rugby Club

Canterbury Rugby Club are hosting lots of activities over the summer holidays with free girls rugby opportunities and summer camp days. Please see below for more information:

- [Girls Rugby](#)
- [Rugby Holiday Camp](#)

Betteshanger Holiday Camp

Betteshanger Country Park are running a fantastic Summer Holiday Camp. Please see below for more information:

[Betteshanger Holiday Club](#)
[HALF Holiday Club](#)

Great British Summer Savings

The Government has launched the Great British Summer Savings scheme to help families enjoy more for less over the summer holidays.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, families can benefit from:

- 🍽️ Reduced VAT (5%) on children's meals in participating restaurants.
- 🎟️ Reduced VAT (5%) on children's and family tickets to participating cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and many attractions.
- 🚌 Free bus travel throughout August for children aged 5–15 in England.

To help families find participating attractions and venues, the Government has created an easy-to-use Summer Savings Attraction Finder. Simply enter your postcode to see what's available nearby.

Find out more and search for participating venues here: <https://summersavings.gov.uk>

We hope this helps you make the most of the summer holidays while keeping costs down.

Morrisons Summer Café Offers

Families can take advantage of two great offers at Morrisons Cafés this summer.

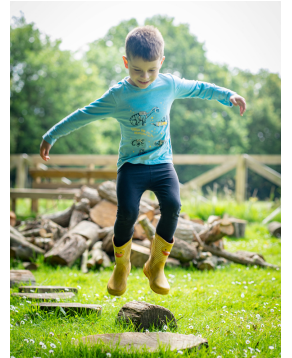
From **29th June to 6th September 2026**, both children and adults can enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast, including cereal, dairy or non-dairy milk, and a piece of fruit.

Morrisons' Kids Eat Free offer also continues, with one child aged 16 or under receiving a free meal and drink when accompanied by an adult purchasing a main meal costing over £5.



Forest School Newsletter

What an incredible year we have had at Blean Primary Forest School! Every single child has been amazing, and it has been a joy to watch every class embrace the challenges, adventures, and opportunities that Forest School has to offer. The enthusiasm, curiosity, resilience, and teamwork shown throughout the year have been truly inspiring. It has been wonderful to see the children living our Forest School ethos by caring for themselves, each other, and the natural environment around them.



We rounded off the year with our campfire celebrations for most classes in KS1 and EYFS. Although the extreme heat meant that some groups couldn't safely enjoy a real campfire, we still celebrated their achievements together with cold marshmallows, biscuits, and warm "hot chocolate".



This year has been filled with muddy boots, rainy days, sunshine, laughter, new skills, and unforgettable adventures. None of it would have been possible without the support of our parents and carers. Thank you for embracing the mud, sending children in the right clothing whatever the weather, and helping us give every child the freedom to explore and our site. Your support has made such a difference, and we are very grateful.

As our first year of Forest School together comes to an end, it's time to let our woodland rest and recover over the summer, ready to welcome us back. I can't wait to see what exciting adventures, discoveries, and magical moments next year will bring. September can't come soon enough, and I'm already looking forward to sharing next year of Forest School with all of our children! Thank you for your continued support. Miss Muzyczek and Mr Smith.

Nature Diary - July

Looking for ways to enjoy the great outdoors this summer? July is a wonderful time to explore the wildlife on your doorstep!

 Bird of the Month

Discover which birds you might spot this month with the [RSPB's Wing Tips](#) for July, packed with fascinating facts and birdwatching ideas.

 July Nature Connection Calendar

Looking for daily inspiration? The July [Nature Connection Calendar](#) is full of simple family-friendly activities, from bug hunting and cloud watching to nature crafts and outdoor adventures.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Luna-May for fantastic effort.

Pettman - Magnus for having a super year in EYFS and making great progress.

Dore - Whole Class for a fantastic year of learning.

King - Whole Class for a super year showing resilience.

Bailey - Hudson for being a great member of Bailey Class. We will miss you.

Cooper - Whole Class for an amazing year. It's been great!

Moses - Rhea for a brilliant year of learning and always being ready for new challenges.

Russo - Whole Class for being absolutely incredible!

Barnes - Vera for being a model year 4 pupil.

Delahunt - Marlene for always being an excellent role model to her peers & **Elodie** for excellent work in writing.

Denly - Whole Class for having a fantastic year working hard, making memories and making Mr Humphreys very proud.

Gurnah - Whole Class because they are wonderful!

Shariff - Whole Class for a great leavers assembly.

Thomas - Whole Class for an amazing year 6 – well done!

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

Year 2
96.2%

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

Maple
95.8%

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

Year 6
Thomas Class
19 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>
Last Day of Term 6 - 2:30pm Finish	17.07.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Year 3
Term 1	01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	Irie - 7 th , 21 st Sept, 5 th & 19 th Oct
Staff Development Day - No School for the Children	01.09.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Ohana - 14 th , 28 th Sept & 12 th Oct
Meet The Teacher - Year 6	02.09.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year 4
Meet The Teacher - Year 5	03.09.2026	21.07.2027	Amigo - 8 th , 22 nd Sept, 6 th & 20 th Oct
EYFS Children In	03.09.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	Tomodachi - 15 th , 29 th Sept & 13 th Oct
Meet The Teacher - Year 4	04.09.2026	Year R - Friday	Year 5
Meet The Teacher - Year 3	07.09.2026	Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday	Kavod - 11 th , 25 th Sept, 9 th & 23 rd Oct
Meet The Teacher - Year 2	08.09.2026	Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday	Sisu - 18 th Sept, 2 nd & 16 th Oct
Meet The Teacher - Year 1	09.09.2026	Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday	Year 6
Kent Test	10.09.2026	Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday	Latif - 9 th , 23 rd Sept, 7 th & 21 st Oct
		Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday	Timon - 16 th , 30 th Sept & 14 th Oct
		Year 6 - Monday & Thursday	