



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Our final week of Term 5 has been a busy one.

We started the week off with Year 6 beginning their activities week with a visit to Creed and then Betteshanger. Year 4 invited parents for a Forest School session on Monday morning. I popped along to see how things were going. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, I even tried the soup that Year 4 had made. It was delicious!

On Tuesday, an author visited Year 2 to talk about her story involving Tyronne the Tortoise. The children loved listening to the story and seeing a real tortoise up close!

I went along on Wednesday and Thursday with Year 6 to Chessington World of Adventures. The children (and staff) had so much fun. We were extremely proud of how they behaved and certainly some children conquered their fears by going on some very fast rides. They finished their week by going to the cinema this morning and spending the afternoon playing games in the local park.

On Thursday, Year 1 went for a walk to Blean Church as part of their RE learning and met Dr Moss who answered the children's very thoughtful questions.

I hope you have a lovely half term break, whatever you are up to. Be safe and we'll all see you on Monday 1st June.



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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.

Over the years we've loved seeing such a fantastic range of ideas - from engineers to authors, paramedics to performers, game designers to wildlife photographers! The day is always full of imagination, ambition and creativity and it's wonderful to hear the children talking so confidently about their dreams and aspirations. Future Careers Day also gives us a valuable opportunity to challenge stereotypes and encourage children to think broadly about the opportunities available to them in the future.

In the afternoon, pupils in Years 4-6 will have the chance to visit our Careers Fair, where they can explore a variety of stalls, ask questions and discover different career pathways.

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 and we will happily share more information. We look forward to another inspiring day together!

Year 5 PESE Appointments

Parents of current Year 5 pupils are invited to book a 15-minute consultation appointment to discuss secondary transfer and the Kent Test with class teachers and Mrs Prior. These meetings are designed to help parents make an informed decision ahead of the Kent Test registration deadline.

- **Gurnah Class: Tuesday 2nd June**
- **Denly Class: Thursday 4th June**

Appointments will run from 8.15am-5.30pm and can be booked via Parent Booking. If you have any issues accessing your account or making an appointment, please contact enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk.

Year 6 Poetry Collection

Our long-awaited 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 KRAN – **Kent Refugee Action Network** (Razia Shariff is the CEO of this charity).

The book is available for the amazing price of just £3.99. If you would like to pre-order and pay for a book or two, please access your Parent Pay account. They would undoubtedly make perfect gifts for friends and family too! Please order your books by **Friday 5th June**. Happy Reading! The Year 6 Team.



Forest School Days - Term 6

Please see below the new timetable for Forest School sessions in Term 6, **starting Monday 1st June.**

Saplings - Tuesdays - AM

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June, 7th, 14th July

No Session - 2nd June

Evergreens - Wednesdays - AM

3rd, 10th, 17th June, 1st, 8th, 15th July

No session on 24th June - Sports Day

Year R - Mondays - PM

Catman - 1st, 15th, 29th June

Pettman - 8th, 22nd June, 6th July

Year 1 - Thursdays - PM

King - 4th, 18th June, 2nd, 16th July

Dore - 11th, 25th June, 9th July

Year 2 - Fridays - PM

Bailey - 12th, 26th June, 10th July

Cooper - 5th, 19th June, 3rd July,

**** Monday 13th July** Change of Day**

P.E Days - Term 6

Please see below the new timetable for P.E lessons for Term 6, **starting Monday, 1st June.**

Year R - Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 3 - Mondays and Tuesdays.

Year 6 - Mondays and Fridays.

Year 1 - Tuesdays and Fridays.

Year 4 - Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Year 2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Year 5 - Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Half Term Fun!

Please click the links below for some fun activities that are on offer for the half term:

[Active Life](#)

[Monkton Nature Reserve](#)





Extended School Invoices

All Extended School bookings for Term 6 have now been processed and invoices have been sent to your registered MagicBooking email address. We would be grateful if all payments could be settled by **Friday 5th June**. Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Fair - Raffle Donations

We're looking forward to our Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July and are currently collecting raffle prizes. In previous years, generous donations like experience vouchers, theatre tickets, restaurant gift cards and hampers have helped us raise valuable funds for the school.

If you or someone you know can donate a prize, we'd really appreciate your support. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or emailed to Ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk.

We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If any parents, carers or relatives are able to lend a hand at the Summer Fair, please let the PTFA know, your support really helps make the event a success.

Year 2's Busy Week

Year 2 has had a fantastic and very busy week!

On Monday, the children braved the weather to guide their parents and carers along the Crab and Winkle Way, proudly sharing everything they had learned about the Crab and Winkle Line.

On Tuesday, we welcomed children's author Helen Rice and her special tortoise friend, Tyronne. The children loved listening to her story about resilience and meeting Tyronne.

On Thursday, 12 children visited the UKC Tennis Centre for a Mini Tennis Festival alongside 11 other schools. The children had a wonderful time practising their tennis skills. Thank you to Miss Irons for organising the event and well done to all the children for representing the school so well.





Forest School Newsletter

It has been a busy and exciting term in Forest School! The children have enthusiastically taken part in a wide range of activities, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence, skills and independence grow throughout the term.

There have been many fantastic child-led activities, with creativity, curiosity and imagination shining through in every session. The teamwork and encouragement shown towards one another has also been lovely to see, especially while exploring wildlife and adding new ideas to our Forest School environment.

We have certainly experienced a full range of weather this term -sunshine, wind, cold, and plenty of rain - but nothing stopped us from getting outdoors and embracing every adventure! The resilience, determination and positive attitudes shown by the children have been outstanding and they should all be extremely proud of themselves. A HUGE WELL DONE to everyone!

We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who visited our site this term and shared such kind and positive feedback. Our Forest School continues to grow and evolve every day, thanks to the children’s brilliant ideas, enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you for your continued support, we cannot wait for more exciting adventures next term!

Clothing Reminder

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. We recommend:

- Long sleeves and long trousers (light materials are ideal and help protect against insects and scratches)
- A named sun hat or cap
- Shoes that can get dirty (wellies can become too hot on warm days)
- Sun cream applied before the session

Thank you for your support in helping the children enjoy their time outdoors safely and comfortably.

Wildlife Calendar & Events

Birds of May

Find out which birds to spot this month and how to help local wildlife thrive.

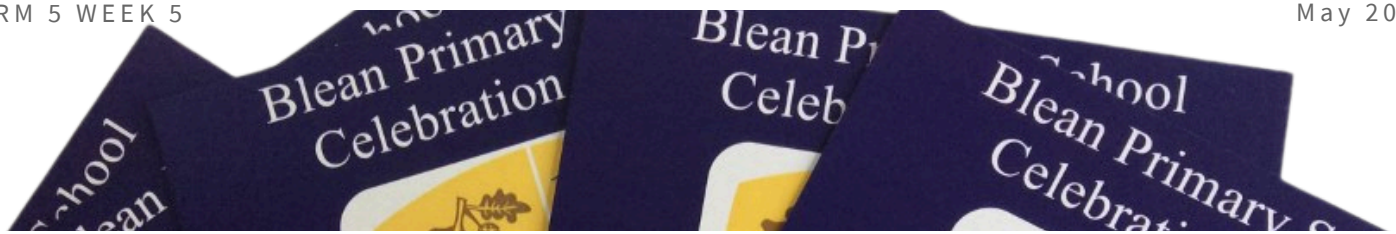
Wildlife Calendar

Discover what wildlife to look out for during May, from insects and flowers to mammals and birds.

No Mow May

Join the No Mow May campaign and help support bees and pollinators by letting lawns grow naturally this month.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Evie-Jean** for fantastic effort in Phonics.
- Pettman - Aurora** for excellent story telling and **Bee** for writing an amazing leaflet on how to look after pets.
- Dore - Henry** for asking some wonderful questions during our visit to the church.
- King - Fabian** for following our Blean Bees on our trip.
- Bailey - Whole Class** for an amazing parent share – being great tour guides.
- Cooper - Whole Class** for being amazing informative tour guides.
- Moses - Ivy** for beautifully designed art work of an Ancient Egyptian goddess.
- Russo - Leila** for a beautifully presented case file on Hatshepsut.
- Barnes - Vera** for collaboration in DT.
- Delahunt - Andreas** for a great attitude to practising his reading.
- Denly - Henry** for outstanding creativity and thoughtfulness in designing and creating an underwater sculpture.
- Gurnah - Hallie** for being so focused in Maths and working so hard.
- Shariff & Thomas - All of Year 6** for having such a wonderful activities week and representing the school so well.

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

Year 6
98.4%

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

Rowan
97%

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

Year 4 - Barnes Class
18 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 5	20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Start of Term 6	01.06.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Saplings - Tuesday 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th June, 7 th , 14 th July.
NHS - Vision Screener - Year R	01.06.2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	Year R - Monday
Year 5 Gurnah Class PESE Appointments	02.06.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Catman - 1st, 15th, 29th June
Year 5 Denly Class PESE Appointments	04.06.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Pettman - 8th, 22nd June, 6th July
Year R Parent Share	12.06.2026	21.07.2027	Year 1 - Thursday
Cultural & Open Evening	18.06.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	King - 4th, 18th June, 2nd, 16th July
Sports Day	24.06.2026	Year R - Thursday & Friday	Dore - 11th, 25th June, 9th July
Year 6 Production	08.07.2026	Year 1 - Tuesday & Friday	Year 2 - Friday
Year 6 Production	09.07.2026	Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday	Cooper - 5th, 19th June, Mon 13th July
Year 6 Prom	16.07.2026	Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday	Bailey - 12th, 26th June, 10th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	17.07.2026	Year 4 - Wednesday & Thursday	Evergreens - Wednesday
Last Day of Term 6	17.07.2026	Year 5 - Wednesday & Thursday	3rd, 10th, 17th June, 1st, 8th & 15th July.
		Year 6 - Monday & Friday	
		<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>	
		Tuesday 02.06.2026 - Years 3,4,5 & 6	