



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been a very wet week but we have not let that dampen our spirits! Our Pre-School children went out on their very first outing today. Although it was raining, they had so much fun. They all walked to the local farm shop and bought some items and nice things to eat. They were so eager to share with me what they had bought.

Our Reception children had a very special visitor today who came along to show some rather special creepy crawlies! As part of their curiosity question, how do animals differ? Michael from Creepy Claws brought a baby hedgehog, a tarantula, a lizard and a snake. The children loved the experience and were a lot braver than the adults!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are very proud to have achieved the SEND Award, reflecting our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils with SEND and ensuring they receive high-quality, inclusive education. We have just received the full report, which you can [view here](#) if you would like to read it.

Cross Country Races

All pupils and younger siblings are invited to join the **Blean Runners at Kent College JUNIOR School's Cross Country** events on the following dates:

CANCELLED Saturday 7th February

Friday 27th February: Register before 4pm

Friday 13th March: Register before 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. We really hope to see as many runners as possible. Miss Irons.



Carpark Safety

To help keep everyone safe, please ensure your child stays with you at all times during drop-off and collection to and from school, when arriving at or leaving after school club and when collecting children from clubs at the end of the day.

The visitor and staff car parks are in use during these times, with vehicles moving through the area and visibility often reduced.

For everyone's safety, children should not walk or run through the car park on their own. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping everyone safe.

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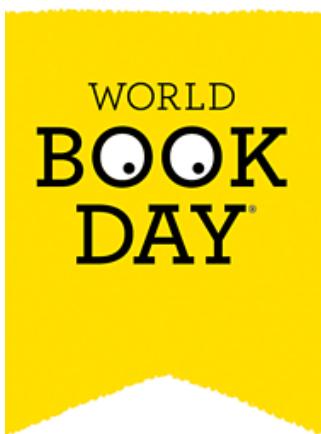
We're very excited to be welcoming Commonwealth gymnast Courtney Orange to the school on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. Courtney will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly and Q&A session. The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money for new sports equipment in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

A sponsorship form to help raise money for the event will be coming home with your child soon. You can also sponsor your child by visiting [Great Athletes](#) and clicking on the button "Set up a Fundraiser Page". Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page. Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office 1 week after the event has taken place, **no later than Thursday 12th March**.



All children will need to wear their P.E kit to school on this day. We hope this will be a terrific and memorable event.

World Book Day



We are excited to soon be celebrating World Book Day. Our celebrations will be held on **Friday 6th March**. The children and staff are invited to dress up, bringing their favourite book character or author to life.

World Book Day reminder for Year 3

Just a gentle reminder that Year 3 will still have their swimming lesson on World Book Day. When planning your child's outfit, please bear this in mind. For example, bulky costumes may not fit in the pool lockers and face paint or hair colouring can't be worn in the swimming pool. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for the Year 6 Activities Week is now available on ParentPay. An instalment option is available if you would prefer to pay in smaller amounts, or payment can be made using the card machine in the school office. The **deadline for payment is Friday 1st May 2026**. If you are experiencing any difficulty with the cost but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss possible support.



Maths Competition

Last Thursday, 8 budding mathematicians (Adele, Helena, Isabel, Josh, Lukas, Orlando, Tessa and Zachariah) from Year 6 went to a competition at St Edmund's School.

The children faced 25 **very** difficult maths questions with just 25 minutes to answer them. Both teams demonstrated our Blean values of resilience and collaboration as they worked through the questions.

Congratulations to Helena, Josh, Lukas and Tessa who came in first place bringing the winners' trophy back to Blean.



Athletics News

A few weeks ago a group from Blean went to the indoor athletics event in Ashford. Everyone did really well, as this represented the school. Tess and Josh were selected to join the Kent Athletics squad. They now have their Kent kit and have attended their first training session.



University of Kent Indoor Tennis Open Day

The University of Kent is hosting a free Indoor Tennis Open Day, open to local people of all ages. There will be Cardio Tennis sessions and coaching with the University's LTA-qualified coaching team, with activities suitable for everyone from age 4 through to adults.

If you'd like to experience how enjoyable and rewarding tennis can be, visit kent.ac.uk/tennis for more information or to book your free place.

