



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

National Teaching Assistants' Day



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

Today, on National Teaching Assistant Day, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude to our amazing Teaching Assistants, who play an essential role in the heart of our school community. Their dedication, patience and care enrich every classroom, offering invaluable support not only to our teachers but most importantly to our pupils. All our support staff go above and beyond, helping to create positive nurturing environments where all our pupils feel valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and committed team and we thank them for all they do!

This week, the staff team experienced a learning session in our wonderful Forest School, led by our resident expert - Mr Widdicombe-Dutch. We were able to spend some time appreciating the beauty of the space and reflecting on the wonderful creations that the pupils have made whilst accessing their sessions.

We are so proud of this enriching space where all pupils will receive sessions throughout the course of the year. This week there have been various sightings of wildlife from the Meadowhawk dragonfly to the common toad. Mr W-D was on hand to take a quick picture to capture their beauty. We even have two chestnuts on our Chestnut House tree!



Lost Friend

We have had a little visitor with us in the office this week. If she is yours please pop to the office to claim her.



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REMINDERS

Reception Intake September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be due to start school next September. Please go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for further information or email: primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412121. The online application process opens on 5th November 2024 and closes on 15th January 2025.

We are pleased to announce we will be holding tours on the following dates:

Thursday 7th November 1.30pm **FULL**
 Tuesday 12th November 1.30pm **FULL**
 Thursday 14th November 1.30pm
 Wednesday 20th November 9.15am

Friday 22nd November 1.30pm **FULL**
 Tuesday 3rd December 9.15am
 Thursday 9th January 9.15am

To book a place on one of our tours, 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.

School Uniform

Please be aware Barnhams uniform shop in Herne Bay no longer stock our uniform. You can purchase any uniform items you might need through [School Colours Direct](#) who are an online only service that offer school and home delivery. If you would like to try before you buy, we have a size range of all available items in our school lobby.

Lost Property

We already have quite a lot of named and unnamed lost property. This includes uniform, coats, lunchboxes, water bottles, bags and shoes. Can we please remind you that any item coming in to school needs to be clearly named.

Car Parking

Please ensure if you are parking at the Oaks Nursery that you park courteously, in the marked bays **only**, and leave the designated nursery parking bays clear. These are for the sole use of the nursery. Please do **not double park** or **obstruct any other vehicles already parked in the marked bays**. Inappropriate parking has recently led to the car park getting grid locked and parents/carers then being late to collect their children.

No KS2 Christmas Choir - 30th September

Unfortunately, Mrs Coleman is unable to run KS2 Christmas Choir on the following date:

- **Monday 30th September**

KS2 Christmas Choir will restart again on Monday 7th October.

Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Year R - Braiswick Photography

Please be aware that if your child is in Reception, Braiswick photography will be visiting school on **Monday 30th September** to take individual and class photos. Thank you.

Collecting from Clubs

Can we please remind all parents/carers, who collect their child/ren from the school office at the end of their clubs, that you need to wait by the entrance to the School Office, rather than at the top of the hill. It is very difficult to see parents/carers from inside and with the evenings soon getting darker we need to ensure, for safeguarding reasons, that pupils are safely being collected from school. Thank you for your assistance.

Cashpot for Schools

Between now and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Pupil Premium

Have you considered whether your family may qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? This funding is used for extra staff to support your child, opportunities for them to access a wider curriculum and resources to enhance their learning. This would make a drastic difference to our budget. If this extra funding went unclaimed, it could result in a missed opportunity for your child to receive the very best experiences at school.

Your child might be eligible if they have been registered for free school meals any time in the last 6 years or if you have access to: Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400).

You are able to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and therefore Pupil Premium, by following [this link](#). It takes roughly 2 minutes to apply and you just need your National Insurance number. If your application is successful, the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. If you have any further questions, or you would like the school to confidentially apply on your behalf, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



Harvest Festival

On **Wednesday 2nd October** we will be asking you to send in donations for Canterbury Food Bank for our harvest celebration. Please can your children bring their donations to class that morning, where class representatives will take them to the hall for our donations to be displayed. We will be holding a harvest assembly for our pupils to celebrate the season and thank them for their donations.

Some items that would be appreciated include:

Baked Beans
Tinned Peas & Carrots
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Tuna
Soup
Tinned Pasta

Pasta Sauce
Long Life Milk
Long Life Fruit Juice
Jam
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice Pudding

Cleaning Products
Shampoo
Shower Gel
Washing Powder
Washing Up Liquid
Cat/Dog Food

National Teaching Assistant Day

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day! We are very lucky to have a wonderful team of Teaching Assistants and HLTA's at Blean primary School. They not only support our children's learning but look after the children's wellbeing and make us all laugh and smile.

To celebrate and say thank you for all they do, we bought them some yummy treats to have during their well-deserved break time.

We are sure that you will join us in saying a very big thank you to our Teaching Assistant and HLTA team.

We also asked the children describe their Teaching Assistants and here is what they had to say.



Cross Country

Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School. The upcoming events are:

Friday 4th October: Registration opens at 3:45pm and the first race is at 4:15pm

Saturday 23rd November

All members of Blean School are invited to attend these events. You can sign up on the day and refreshments are served throughout the afternoon. All Runners need to sign in at the tables when you arrive and receive a number. You can then come to me for a running top. I really hope to see my dedicated runners and some new faces at these events this year. Thanks for all your support, Miss Irons.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Emmy for fantastic phonics.

Yassin - Rafe for settling in so well to Year R and being a good role model to others.

Peake - Victor for always trying hard with his learning and joining in with whole class sharing.

Singh - Albie for fantastic listening and working together with a partner in PE.

Imafidon - Georgie for her fantastic diary entry.

West - Lincoln for showing kindness to others.

Kariko - Sophie for incredible enthusiasm for learning and sharing curiosity in Science.

Amos - Chloe for her hardworking attitude in all her learning.

Agrawal - Henry for making such valuable contributions to our discussions.

Marhaver - Eliza for always following the Blean Bees and being a great example to her peers.

Johnson - James for collaboration work during our Caribbean morning.

Packham - Remi for showing resilience during English lessons and producing a fantastic piece of work.

Mace - Charlie for contributions to class discussions & **Reuben** for always being ready - to learn and to help.

Seagull - Isabella-Mai for great contributions to class discussions - especially in English.

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

Year 2
99%

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

Beech
98.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	02.09.2024 - 25.10.2024		
Braiswick in for School Photos - YR	30.09.2024		
Flu Vaccinations	02.10.2024	Inset Days 2024/25	Forest School Dates
Harvest Festival Donations	02.10.2024	25.10.2024	Amos: 30th Sept, 14th Oct
Year 1 - Beaney Museum Visit	04.10.2024	21.07.2025	Kariko: 7th Oct, 21st Oct
West Class Parent Share	10.10.2024	22.07.2025	Marhaver: 1st Oct, 15th Oct
Imafidon Class Parent Share	11.10.2024	24.02.2025	Agrawal: 8th Oct, 22nd Oct
Year 1 Parent Share	18.10.2024		Packham: 3rd Oct, 17th Oct
Inset Day - School Closed	25.10.2024		Johnson: 10th Oct, 24th Oct
Half Term - School Closed	28.10.2024 - 03.11.2024		Mace: 2nd Oct, 16th Oct
Closing Date for Secondary School Applications	31.10.2024		Seagull: 9th Oct, 24th Oct
First Day of Term 2	04.11.2024		