



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

It's been a week full of excitement, learning, and special guests here at Blean! Our Year R pupils were thrilled to meet some very special animal visitors – a lovely dog and a curious bearded dragon! We're sure these furry and scaly friends made for some unforgettable memories.

We were also incredibly lucky to have Holly Swain, author and illustrator, visit us! Holly shared her inspiring journey of becoming both an author and illustrator with our Year 1 and 2 pupils. She led some fun workshops with the help of Matilda, her excellent assistant and niece in Year 5. A big thank you to Tales on Moon Lane Bookshop in Whitstable for selling the books on behalf of Holly and the school and thank you to Holly for signing them after school!

And that's not all! One of our Year 5 classes had the privilege of being visited by Tom Delahunt, who inspired our pupils to write poetry. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to help him on his research journey, while he helps us explore new ways to get creative with the curriculum. A perfect collaboration for sparking creativity!

Finally, we had 11 Christchurch University students join us for 3 days of intensive training. These enthusiastic students worked across the school, supporting our wonderful pupils and gaining hands-on experience.

It's been an action-packed week and we're grateful to everyone who helped make it so memorable.

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FEBRUARY



Inset Day

Can we please remind you that on **Monday 24th February** the school will be closed for an inset day. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 25th February**.

Hockey Club

There are still some spaces available for any girls in Years 4, 5 & 6 who wish to attend Hockey club. This club runs on Fridays, 3:25pm - 4:30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to take part.

Year 2 trip to Quex Park

This term, Year 2 are learning about Invaders and Explorers in History. Therefore, they will be going to Quex Park for a workshop and to look around the Percy Powell Cotton museum on **Thursday, 13th February**. The total cost of the trip is £16 per child; including the coach, entry to the museum and the workshops. This can be paid for via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming

The Year 3 swimming payments are now live; you can access this payment via your Reach More Parents app. Alternatively, you can pay via the card machine at the school office. If you have a current Blean DBS and are able to help with swimming, please contact either your child's class teacher or the school office.

Year 6 Activities Week

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2025**. This can be paid in installments. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Cross Country

Kent College JUNIOR school will be running Cross Country events again for all year groups and younger siblings.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday 8th February – Register before 10am

Friday 28th February – Registration at 4pm

Friday 14th March - Registration at 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. I look forward to seeing my regular runners and some new faces. It would be great to have more runners! Miss Irons.



Year 1 Art

Year One have been using different tools to develop their drawing skills in Art this term. This week we used charcoal to practise 'big' drawing outside and we decided to create an impromptu outdoor 'Art Gallery'!



The West End

We are excited to share that two of our Year 5 students, Erin & Clarissa, had the opportunity to perform in a production of 'Across the Line' on the West End last weekend. They performed at His Majesty's Theatre as part of their performing arts club PQA. Well done girls for this wonderful achievement, we are proud of your accomplishment. We look forward to seeing you in future performances!



Maths Competition at St Edmunds



Well done to our amazing mathematicians who went up against 10 other teams in a Year 6 Maths Competition at St Edmund's School yesterday. Alethea, Benjamin, Issey and Jamie, worked at a speedy pace through some very tough Maths questions. Although we didn't finish in the top 3, Miss Irons and I were so impressed with your fantastic determination and effort. You demonstrated two of our Blean Values: Resilience and Collaboration.
Mrs Todd



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Misha** for a fantastic learning attitude.
- Yassin - Charlotte** for following our Blean Bee rules all the time.
- Peake - Hudson** for amazing teamwork in our P.E badminton lessons.
- Singh - Isabella** for wonderful writing.
- Imafidon - Saskia** for her creative, imaginative and unique descriptive writing.
- West - Ahmed** for being a kind and helpful friend.
- Kariko - Saffron** for demonstrating inspiration and creativity in our English lessons.
- Amos - Penelope** for super swimming and always giving 100% to her learning.
- Agrawal - Amelia** for her amazing descriptions in her diary entry in English.
- Marhaver - Henry** for writing an exciting diary entry full ambitious vocabulary.
- Johnson - Finn** for an excellent attitude to his learning.
- Packham - TJ** for showing resilience in his learning, in particular during Spanish, in which Miss Gonzalez was very impressed.
- Mace - Simone & Charlie** for great improvements in creative writing.
- Seagull - Tom** for superb language choices and sentence construction in writing.

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

Year 2
98.4%

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

Beech
96.6%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 3	06.01.2025 - 14.02.2025	Inset Days 2024/25	
Year R Hearing Screener	11.02.2025	24.02.2025	
Year 2 Quex Park Trip	13.02.2025	21.07.2025	
Year 3 Swimming	14.02.2025	22.07.2025	
Last day of Term	14.02.2025	Forest School Dates	
Inset Day - School Closed	24.02.2025	Kariko Class: 10.02.2025	Agrawal Class: 11.02.2025
First Day of Term 4	25.02.2025	Johnson Class: 13.02.2025	Seagull Class: 12.02.2025
World Book Day	06.03.2025		