



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Happy Friday everybody, I hope you have had an enjoyable week. This week, I have been visiting classrooms and have spoken to children about what they are enjoying about their new year groups. It has been lovely to hear how much they are enjoying their learning and working with their new adults. I have also been taking the time to be out and about at playtimes and lunchtimes.

We are continuing to provide more fun activities so your childrens' play is more purposeful. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching and interacting with children making dens with our equipment, playing tennis on the playground, going to movie club, visiting cloud zone (a space for quieter play activities inside) and using the stilts and other balancing equipment in Key Stage 1.

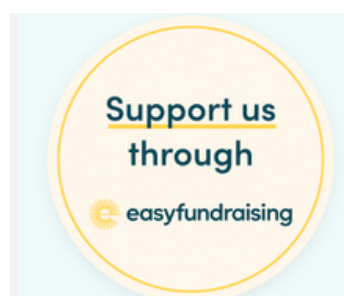
We aim to add further activities over the next academic year so your children have fun and are engaged during their free time.

Easyfundraising

Did you know you can help raise funds for our school simply by shopping online?

By signing up to [Easyfundraising](#), every time you make a purchase with one of their partnered retailers, a free donation goes to our school. It doesn't cost you anything extra, but it makes a big difference to us.

You can find out more and sign up [here](#).



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Year R - Braiswick Photos

On **Monday 29th September**, Braiswick Photography will be in school to photograph our EYFS pupils. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is wearing a Blean jumper or cardigan for the photographs. Thank you.

Year 1 - Beaney Museum Visit

Unfortunately, due to staff illness at the Beaney Museum, we've had to reschedule their visit with our Year 1 pupils. Instead, the Beaney Museum will now be coming to us to run a workshop on **Friday, 17th October**.

Year 6 - Secondary School Visits

We kindly ask that if your child in Year 6 will be visiting a secondary school, could please let us know beforehand. Thank you

Favourites Day Special Menu

On **Thursday, 2nd October** we have a special lunch menu due to it being School Census Day. The lunch options on the day will be:

- Hot Dog with Ketchup
- Baked Wedges
- Waffle & Mixed Berry Sauce
- Vegan Hot Dog with Ketchup
- Sweetcorn & Baked Beans

Allergen information can be found [here](#).

Canterbury Food Bank

On **Friday 3rd October**, we will be collecting donations for the Canterbury Food Bank as part of our harvest celebration. Children can bring their donations to class in the morning. We will also be holding a special harvest assembly for pupils to celebrate the season and give thanks for the generosity of our school community.





Second Hand Uniform & Charity Donations

Our PTFA second-hand uniform store has been very popular recently, which means we are now running low on certain items. If you have any jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, polo tops, or P.E. tops that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations. Items can be dropped off at the school office or placed in the grey donation box in the school lobby.

Please remember that we have a red charity donation bin located in our visitor car park for any other clothing donations you have. This is a great way to pass on any items you no longer need, while also helping to raise funds and support good causes.

Cross Country Meets at Kent College Junior School

All pupils are welcome to take part in the upcoming cross country races. Distances vary by year group:

- **EYFS:** 100m
- **Year 1:** 200m
- **Year 2:** 400m
- **Years 3-6:** 1km

Event Dates:

- **Friday 3rd October** – Sign up from 3:30pm, races from 4:15pm
- **Saturday 22nd November** – Sign up from 9:15am, races from 10:00am

Please note: sign-up will close once the races begin. Parking is limited, so we recommend arriving early.

Children should wear suitable PE clothing, be prepared for mud and slopes on the course.

Once you've signed up for a race number, please find Miss Irons under the tree to collect a Blean Running Top. I hope to see lots of you there, Miss Irons

Poetry Competition

At the end of the Summer Term, many children participated in the annual Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition as part of a creative experience within their classes. The children who took part were asked to write a poem on the theme of 'Mighty'.



Last week, we heard the exciting news that 5 of our children had been shortlisted and are invited to a Poetry Showcase at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre at the beginning of October. These children will read aloud their poems ahead of the winners being announced. 7 further children have received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and will receive a certificate at the Poetry Showcase. All of the children's poems will also be published in a poetry anthology.

Huge congratulations to our shortlisted children: Emy, Grace J, Klara, Joshua W and Harrison B. Also, to our special mention children: Esme, Anna J, Reuben W, Reyna, Sebbie L, Helena and Issey. Please remember to return your slip to school so I know who to expect at the Poetry Showcase on **Thursday 2nd October**.

Well done to everyone who wrote a poem and entered this competition – we are proud of you all. Mrs Prior



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Emily for being resourceful.

Pettman - Lillianna-Rose for being resilient when saying goodbye to Mummy.

Dore - Ken for using finger spaces and a full stop in his writing.

King - Alice for always being ready to learn.

Bailey - Hazel for her amazing resilience coming in to school every morning.

Cooper - Frances for truly wonderful singing.

Moses - Daisy for working so hard in her Maths and English lessons.

Russo - Emilia for showing maturity and thoughtfulness in helping others in our class.

Barnes - Mia for repeatedly being an example of how we should be ready to learn & being a role model for the rest of the class.

Delahunt - Josie for excellent effort with her learning.

Denly - Eric for producing an excellent persuasive letter and for demonstrating collaboration by helping others improve their writing.

Gurnah - Alexia for amazing effort in Home Learning.

Shariff - Josh & Hannah for always being ready to learn.

Thomas - Tia-Rose for fantastic art work linked to exploring actual and implied texture.

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

Year 1
99.1%

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

Rowan
98.4%

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

Gurnah
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	01.09.2025 - 17.10.2025	<u>P.E. Days</u>	
Year R Braiswick School Photos	29.09.2025	Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday	Year 4 - Thursday & Friday
Flu Immunisations YR-Y6	30.09.2025	Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday	Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday
Year R Parent Share	01.10.2025	Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday	Year 6 - Monday & Thursday
Year 6 Bikeability	01.10.2025 - 16.10.2025	<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>	
Food Bank Donations	02.10.2025	30 th September 2025 - Year 3	
Year 3 Parent Share	10.10.2025	<u>Forest School Dates</u>	
Second Hand Uniform Sale	10.10.2025		
Year 2 Parent Share	15.10.2025	Year 3	Year 5
Year 1 Beaney Museum Visit	17.10.2025	Moses - 6 th Oct	Denly - 10 th Oct
Last Day of Term 1	17.10.2025	Russo - 29 th Sept, 13 th Oct	Gurnah - 3 rd Oct, 17 th Oct
First Day of Term 2	27.10.2025	Year 4	Year 6
<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>		Barnes - 7 th Oct	Shariff - 8 th Oct
01.09.2025 19.12.2025 23.02.2026		Delahunt - 30 th Sept, 14 th Oct	Thomas - 1 st , 15 th Oct
20.07.2026 21.07.2026			