



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday Monday. Although it has been a 4-day week, we certainly have been busy. We have had tennis tournaments and Year 4 experienced the Living History workshop. I have been spending lunchtimes with the children playing on the school field and it has been an absolute delight. We now have so much on offer for the children such as cricket, tennis, den building, football, rolling large tyres, the sand and gravel pit. The children are so happy.

Our Summer Fair will be held on Friday 3rd July after school this year just like last year. We hope it will be an amazing event where all proceeds go towards the school. This will help us improve school facilities such as the sandpit and gravel pits, new lunch trolleys for the classrooms and our pre-school play area. Every contribution is very much appreciated - without your support we would not be able to fund such projects.



Roblox

Please see the updated guidance for Roblox by [clicking here](#).



Sporting Opportunity

Please see the links below for some fantastic sporting opportunities.

- [Girls Rugby Open Day](#)
- [Kent College Athletics](#)

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Year R School Trip

This term in Reception, our topic is "I wonder how people help us." As part of this, we are learning about different occupations and the qualities of a hero. To support our learning, we are going on a trip to Role Play Rascals. This will take place on **Friday 15th May 2026**.

The cost of the trip is £13.00. Payment can be available via your ParentPay app or alternatively, you may pay using the card machine at the school office.

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, we've been fortunate to receive generous donations such as experience vouchers, theatre tickets, restaurant gift cards and hampers. These make a real difference and help us raise valuable funds for the school. If you run a business, or know someone who might be able to donate a prize, we'd be very grateful for your support. Every contribution, big or small, is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the school office, or prize details 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.

Saplings Preschool - Now Taking Registrations for September 2026

Is your child ready to start their learning journey?

We're now accepting registrations for preschool places at **Saplings Preschool starting in September 2026!**

At Saplings Preschool, your child will:

- Benefit from teacher-led learning with qualified, experienced staff
- Learn through play in a warm, nurturing environment
- Build confidence and independence with expert support
- Develop key skills in communication, creativity and problem-solving
- Make friends and become part of our wonderful school community
- Enjoy a smooth transition into Reception

Our teacher-led preschool provides the perfect foundation for your child's education, helping them to grow, explore and thrive in a safe and stimulating setting. Visit our school website to find out more about **Saplings Preschool** and to complete your **[registration form](#)**.



Governing Body Update

Its been a long time since we have provided an update through the School Newsletter but this will be the first of regular updates.

We have been delighted to welcome three new Parent Governors (whose details are on the website) to the GB this year who have attended their first meetings.

As a Governing body, we continue to work with supporting the school move forward and are always happy to hear from parents and carers . Its at this time of year we are involved with budget setting for the year which I am sure you will appreciate becomes more challenging each year. If you would like to contact me , my email is cog@blean.kent.sch.uk - Hugh Samuelson

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.

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a new national survey called The Big Future. The survey gives children and young people aged 0-18 the opportunity to share their views on their communities, concerns, hopes for the future, and what they believe makes a good childhood today.

We encourage all families to take part and help ensure children's voices are heard. The survey can be completed online at: [The Big Future Survey](#). The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 23 October.





Aoife's Amazing Hair Donation

A huge well done to Aoife in Year 1, who had her hair cut at the weekend to donate to the Little Princess Trust. The charity provides wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or conditions such as alopecia.

Aoife has been growing her hair for a very long time in order to reach the 12 inches needed for donation, making this an especially thoughtful achievement. Each wig costs the charity around £700 to make, so the [Little Princess Trust](#) is also grateful for any donations that help support their work. If you would like to contribute to their fundraising page you can [follow this link](#).



Year 4 Tennis Event

Well done to the Year 4 pupils who proudly represented the school at a New To Tennis morning at the university. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination while developing their tennis skills and trying new activities. They were a credit to the school throughout the event.



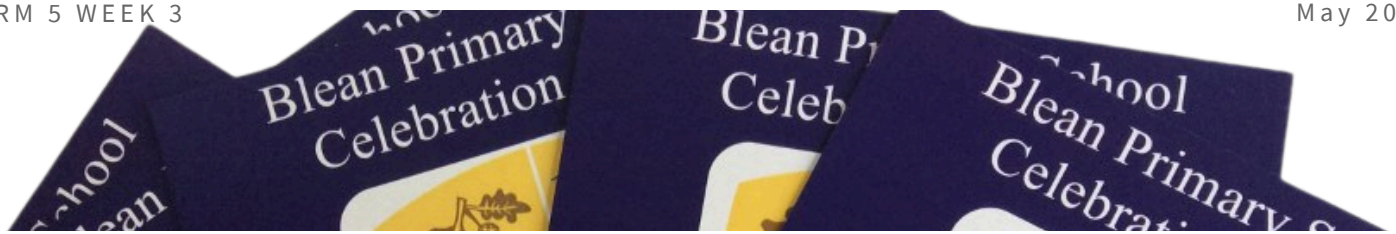
Year 6 Walk for Water

A huge thank you to all the children and families who brought in their sponsorship money for our Walk for Water.

Thanks to your amazing effort, we raised a fantastic £869.51! This money will help support projects that provide clean and safe water to communities who need it most.

We are so proud of everyone who took part and showed such kindness, determination, and generosity. Every step you walked and every pound raised will make a real difference.

Thank you again for your wonderful support!



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Marlow** for fantastic learning behaviour.
- Pettman - Emmie** for being polite, well mannered and being an overall superstar.
- Dore - Lochlann** for safely climbing trees during our time at Forest School independently and showing resilience even when it was challenging.
- King - George** for being a resilient learner in writing.
- Bailey - Maya** for a very detailed non-chronological report.
- Cooper - Zara** for improved focus and effort.
- Moses - Ivy** for her hard work in Maths, showing excellent understanding of mass, grams and kgs.
- Russo - Petra** for amazing focus and hard work in all lessons.
- Barnes - Sophie** for resilience in all learning.
- Delahunt - Violet** for being an excellent representative of Blean at the tennis tournament & **Lydia** for excellent work in her handwriting and positive attitude to learning her times tables.
- Denly - Amy** for showing great collaboration in group work and supporting peers all week.
- Gurnah - Henry** for making a real effort to show his best learning.
- Shariff - Orlando** for great use of authorial voice in his writing.
- Thomas - Zachariah** for great enthusiasm and contributions in English lessons, leading to amazing writing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Year R
98.3%

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

Chestnut
98.3%

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

Year 6 - Thomas Class
21 children

Term 5	20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Year 6 SATs Week	11.05.2026 - 14.05.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Saplings - Wednesday 13 th & 20 th May
Year R School Trip	15.05.2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	Year R - Monday
Year 2 Parent Share	18.05.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Catman - 11th May
Year 1 Trip to the Church	21.05.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Pettman - 18th May
Year 6 Activities Week	18.05.2026 - 22.05.2026	21.07.2027	Year 1 - Thursday
Last Day of Term 5	22.05.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	Dore - 21st May
Start of Term 6	01.06.2026	Year R - Thursday	King - 14th May
Cultural & Open Evening	18.06.2026	Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday	Year 2 - Friday
Sports Day	24.06.2026	Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday	Bailey - 22nd May
Year 6 Production	08.07.2026	Year 3 - Monday & Thursday	Cooper - 15th May
Year 6 Production	09.07.2026	Year 4 - Monday & Friday	Evergreens - Tuesday
Year 6 Prom	16.07.2026	Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday	12 th & 19 th May
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	17.07.2026	Year 6 - Monday & Friday	
Last Day of Term 6	17.07.2026	<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>	
		Tuesday 12.05.2026- Year R	