



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Classes have been very busy this week as we run up to the end of the term and preparations are in place for the Christmas performances that begin from next week for some. The Christmas tree has gone up in the hall along with our Christmas hoops. This year, the theme is Christmas music. If you get an opportunity to take a look in the hall, how many songs can you identify?

Tomorrow is our Christmas Fair! We do hope we will see you all there. A huge thank you to the PTFA, Mrs Jones and Miss Greenhow for arranging such a festive, fun event. Don't forget, all proceeds are going towards school resources.

Finally, just a gentle reminder that the staff car park is not to be used to pick up children from extended school or after school clubs. We have had a couple of incidents where young children have been in the parking area and have nearly been hit as staff members leave. Pupils are not to enter in the space please. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Performance Events

EYFS	Year 1
Christmas Songs 10.12.2024 - 9.30am	Christmas Songs 09.12.2024 - 2.00pm

Year 2
Nativity 16.12.2024 - 2.00pm
17.12.2024 - 9.30am

Year 6
Christmas Songs 19.12.2024- 2.00pm

Tickets are now available to book through your [Parent Booking](#) account.



Team Theme are running a holiday camp at St Stephen's Academy on **23rd & 24th December**. There will be Christmas activities, arts & crafts and a disco. The holiday camp is open to all children. Those children who are eligible for free school meals and are part of the HAF program can receive a voucher code which allows you to book a place on the camp for free via the voucher website. More information can be found [here](#).

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REMINDERS

Early Finish - Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, **Friday 20th December**, the children will finish at **2.30pm**. If your child/ren normally attends Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from **2.30pm until 5.00pm**. If your child is not attending on this day, please email extendedschool@blean/kent.sch.uk

Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 18th December** the children will be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch. Please [click here](#) to view the menu for that day. Please be aware that there will **not be an alternative option** of jacket potato or pasta, so if your child would not like a Christmas lunch please provide them with a packed lunch for that day.

Christmas Jumper Day

As you are aware on Wednesday 18th December the children will be having their Christmas dinner. Children can come to school on this day wearing a festive themed jumper with their school uniform. They can accessorise with tinsel, hairbands etc, if they wish. If you wish to make a donation to Save the Children, please [click here](#). Thank you.

Year 5 & 6 - Christmas Fair Consent

If your child is in **Years 5 or 6** and already has permission to leave the classroom or leave the school grounds at the end of the school day, we need to know their end of day arrangements on the day of the Christmas Fair, Friday 6th December. Please [click here](#) to complete the form regarding the end of day arrangements.

Please be aware that you are giving permission for your child to attend the fair on their own; **they will not be supervised by School Staff or PTFA volunteers**. Please complete the form no later than 9:00am on Friday 6th December

If your child does not have permission to leave the classroom or the school grounds at the end of the day, **an adult will need to collect them from their classroom** as usual on the day of the Christmas Fair, Friday 6th December. Please contact the school office if you wish to amend their permissions for the Christmas fair no later than 9:00am on Friday 6th December.

No Clubs

Please be aware that there will be **no clubs** running on the last week of term, the **week commencing 16th December 2024**.

Breakfast Martial Arts Club has now finished for this term and Rocksteady's last club will be Tuesday 10th December. Both will resume in the New Year.



REMINDERS

Year 1 - Outdoor Learning

On **Friday 13th December**, Year 1 will be having an outdoor learning session in the morning with Mr Widdicombe-Dutch. Please can children come to school in their forest school clothes, including wellies. Please can school uniform come into school in a bag as the children will change after their outdoor learning session. 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. May we also remind you that there is a Swimming survey to complete. You will find this on your app, under forms.

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 is now open and closes on 15th January 2025.**

All of our New Entrant tours are now full. If you would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact the school office on **01227 471254**, or email office@blean.kent.sch.uk.



Tom Delahunt

Tom Delahunt is our resident poet who has been into school a few times now and has delivered an assembly to the whole school and led some workshops in Year 5, inspiring the pupils to write the most amazing poetry. Please see the below message from him and links to his latest book and his Substack.

Dear Butterfly schools, I hope this email finds you well and looking forward to the holiday season. I wanted to take a moment to thank you all, from the bottom of this Hobopoet's heart, for the incredible support you've shown. The space you've helped build for creativity, learning, and growth is so heartwarming—it truly means the world to me. At times, my heart feels a bit like the Grinch's—two sizes too small—but your compassion makes it feel as if it's growing bigger every day. I am so grateful for the time and space you've allowed me to engage with the children and help them discover the wonders of poetry.

If you're looking for a unique gift this holiday season, I'd be honoured if you considered *The Wandering Lamb*. It's a book filled with themes of transformation and hope, and I would love for the children's families to experience it. Here's the link: [The Wandering Lamb](#).

You can also sign up for my Substack, where I share more about my journey as a poet and researcher: [Beneath the Surface](#).



Christmas Fair

This year we are holding our Christmas Fair on **Friday 6th December** from **3:30pm until 5.30pm**. There will be games, food & drink, craft stalls, raffles, Santa's grotto, tombola and more. We look forward to seeing you all there!



After School Club Closed - Friday 6th December

Please be aware that After School Club will **not be** running on **Friday 6th December**, due to the Christmas Fair.

Breakfast Club will be running as normal. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



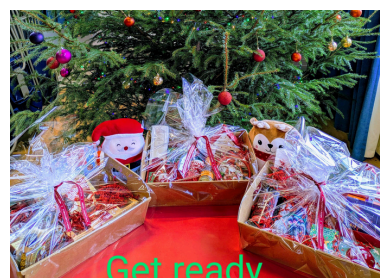
No Clubs - Friday 6th December

Please be aware that there will be **no Hockey or Girls Football** after school on **Friday 6th December**. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Christmas Hampers

The PTFA elves have been very busy making lots of lovely hampers for our Christmas Raffle. We have many hampers to win with themes including Christmas, Family, Luxury, Food, Kids, Wine and Chocolate! Plus you will find some surprise vouchers hidden in some of the hampers. Don't forget to return your completed raffle tickets and money to your class teacher as soon as possible. You will also be able to buy more tickets on the day!



Cauliflower Orders

By now, your child should have come home with a photocopy of their Christmas design and unique code, if they took part. Use this code to order a range of products including cards, tags, wrapping paper and mugs through the 'parent shop' button in the top left hand corner of their [website](#). If you have not logged in before, you will need to create an account. You can then input your unique code to access your child/ren's personalised gifts. Please note, we do not have copies of the unique codes so please do not lose them! Your orders will be delivered to the school and we will send them home with your child/ren.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Loki** for great work in Root learning.
- Yassin - Philippa** for always following the Blean Bees.
- Peake - Reyna** for creating wonderful sentences in her letter writing.
- Singh - Penelope** for excellent explanations in Maths.
- Imafidon - Leila** for her very creative poem all about The Great Fire of London.
- West - Daisy** for super shape work in Maths.
- Kariko - Anna** for always following the Blean Bees, demonstrating kindness to all and giving her best in all her work.
- Amos - Lara** for always being ready and showing all our values.
- Agrawal - Benny** for his enthusiasm in his Maths learning and for always being a role model pupil.
- Marhaver - Jasleen** for being a fabulous example to her peers and always following the Blean Bees.
- Johnson - Zachariah** for an excellent opening to his playscript in English.
- Packham - Tess** for consistently going above and beyond in everything she does. Inspiring others around her to do the same.
- Mace - Mace Class** for their amazing creative responses to our racism unit.
- Seagull - Ellen** for wonderful creative response to her learning about racism in R.E.

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

Year 4
98.6%

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

Maple
98.6%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 2	04.11.2024 - 20.12.2024	Inset Days 2024/25
Christmas Fair	06.12.2024	24.02.2025
Year 1 Christmas Songs	09.12.2024	21.07.2025
EYFS Christmas Songs	10.12.2024	22.07.2025
Year 5 Parent Share	11.12.2024	
Tea & Topics	13.12.2024	Forest School Dates
Year 1 Outdoor Learning	13.12.2024	Kariko: 09.12.2024
Year 2 Nativity	16.12.2024	Agrawal: 10.12.2024
Year 2 Nativity	17.12.2024	Marhaver: *17.12.2024
Year 6 Christmas Songs	19.12.2024	Johnson: 12.12.2024
Last Day of Term - Early Finish at 14:30pm	20.12.2024	Packham: *19.12.2024
		Seagull: 11.12.2024
		Mace: *18.12.2024
		* Additional Forest School Session