



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

This week, Reverend Laird visited our school to deliver our harvest assembly. Thank you to everybody who donated items for the Food Bank. We believe we had our largest ever amount of donations yet! The Food Bank were extremely thankful and asked we pass on their thanks for your generosity. Thank you!

Can I remind you of our protocols for pupils entering and leaving the school grounds each day.

Safeguarding is our priority and therefore we kindly request all Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils are taken by an adult to and from the classrooms each day and they are with an adult when they leave the school grounds. Year 3 pupils can walk to their classrooms independently in the mornings but we ask parents/carers to collect at the classroom doors at the end of the day. Year 4 pupils can enter the school grounds independently and leave their classrooms independently at the end of the day **but must remain in the school grounds to be collected by their parents/carers.**

Years 5 and 6 pupils may enter and leave the schools grounds independently as long as their parents/carers have signed and given their consent for them to do so.



## Year 6 - Bikeability

Bikeability for Year 6 pupils starts **Monday 7th October**. Please can we remind the pupils that are bringing their own bikes and helmets that these need to come in to school with you on Monday morning.



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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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) for further information or email: [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto: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 **FULL**

Wednesday 20th November 9.15am **FULL**

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](mailto: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.

### *Y3 Trip to Dover Museum*

As part of next term's learning about 'The Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Ages', we have planned a Year 3 trip for Amos and Kariko classes to Dover Museum on Tuesday 5th November.

Please may we remind you that the payment for the Year 3 trip to Dover is due on **Thursday 24th October**. The payment will be available on your Reach More Parents App. The payment will appear in 'offers', once you have clicked payments.

### *Y6 Singing in the Rain Performance*

Kent College has kindly invited Year 6 to their school's performance of 'Singing in the Rain' on the afternoon of **Thursday 10th October**. Please complete the [form](#) on your WeDuc app about arrangements for the end of the performance. If your child usually walks home on their own, and has a safe route from Kent College, then you can give permission for them to do this after the event. We will be walking the rest of the children back to school and expect to arrive at approximately 4:45pm. If your child is attending After School Club next Thursday, please let us know and we will drop them there on our return. Please can this [form](#) be completed by **Tuesday 8th October**.

### *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.



## *Cross Country*

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

### **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.

## *Collecting from Clubs*

Please see below a reminder of the times our clubs finish:

Handball - 4:30pm	Lego Club - 4:00pm	Art Club - 4:15pm	Girls Football - 4/30pm
KS2 Christmas Choir - 4:00pm	Eco Club - 4:30pm	Singing & Dancing - 4:30pm	
Art & Craft Club - 4:15pm	Basketball - 4:15pm	Drama - 4:30pm	
Pop Band - 4:30	Golf - 4:30pm	Hockey - 4:30pm	

Please can we ask that you are as punctual as possible when collecting your child/ren from the School Office and if you are going to be late that you please phone the School Office, on 01227 471 254, to inform us.

## *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.



## *Most Poetic School*

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and, around the school, the children enjoyed listening to and sharing some poems to celebrate this day.

In the evening, a group of children were invited to a Poetry Showcase at Kent College as a finale to the Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition. 4 children had been shortlisted and bravely read aloud their poems to the audience ahead of the winners being announced. These children's poems were also published in a poetry anthology. 2 further children received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and received a certificate at the Poetry Showcase.

Huge congratulations to Ivy, Naavya, Thomas, Orlando, Hannah and Adele. I was super proud of you all. Alongside this, Blean Primary School were presented with a special certificate to celebrate being the 'Most Poetic School' following the highest number of entries in this competition. We also received a book token for £100 which I can't wait to spend on some more poetry books for our library. Mrs Prior

## *Harvest Festival*

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the food bank this week for Harvest Festival. We received an overwhelming amount of donations throughout the week. The Food Bank have collected your donations and were incredibly thankful for your generosity, especially in the current climate.



## *Parents' Evening*

Parents' evening will be held on Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October 2024. Appointments for parent consultations will go live next week and, unlike previous years, will be booked through the Reach More Parents app. Appointments will be held between 3:40pm - 6:40pm and will be in the school hall. Instructions on how to book and more appointment information will be sent out next week.

## *Childhood Flu Vaccinations*

The Immunisation Service would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics if your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to school.

Parents can book an appointment [here](#), by clicking 'Book a Clinic Appointment'.

This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete [this survey](#) with feedback.



# CUP WINNERS

## This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Noel** for being responsible.
- Yassin - Lila** for building confidence and following the Blean Bee rules.
- Peake - Felicity** for working hard to create greater than and less than using cubes in Maths.
- Singh - Kiyan** for demonstrating curiosity in DT and creating a great design using wheels and axles.
- Imafidon - Chloe** for always sharing super ideas in class discussions.
- West - Josephine** for wonderfully expressive reading.
- Kariko - Yiting** for consistently demonstrating the Blean Bees in her first term at Blean and showing kindness to others.
- Amos - Aden** for amazing adverbs in his instructions and super learning behaviour.
- Agrawal - Alexandros** for working so hard to make amazing ant.
- Marhaver - Bernadette** for a brilliant first week at Blean.
- Johnson - Alice** for great work in Geography and English.
- Packham - Josh** for being a role model to the whole class, showcasing the Blean values in abundance.
- Mace - Tilly, Sophia & Jessica** for great collaboration in Science.
- Seagull - Holly** for her effort in all her learning and for getting involved in class discussions.

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

**Year 2**  
**99.2%**

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

**Rowan**  
**98.7%**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	02.09.2024 - 25.10.2024		
West Class Parent Share	10.10.2024	<b>Inset Days 2024/25</b>	<b>Forest School Dates</b>
Imafidon Class Parent Share	11.10.2024		
Year 1 Parent Share	18.10.2024		<b>Amos:</b> 14th Oct
Parents' Evening	22.10.2024	21.07.2025	<b>Kariko:</b> 7th Oct, 21st Oct
Parents' Evening	24.10.2024	22.07.2025	<b>Marhaver:</b> 15th Oct
<b>Inset Day - School Closed</b>	<b>25.10.2024</b>	24.02.2025	<b>Agrawal:</b> 8th Oct, 22nd Oct
<b>Half Term - School Closed</b>	<b>28.10.2024 - 03.11.2024</b>		<b>Packham:</b> 17th Oct
Closing Date for Secondary School Applications	31.10.2024		<b>Johnson:</b> 10th Oct, 24th Oct
<b>First Day of Term 2</b>	04.11.2024		<b>Mace:</b> 16th Oct
Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum	05.11.2024		<b>Seagull:</b> 9th Oct, 24th Oct