



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

World Book Day was a huge success! What an amazing day. Thank you for taking the time to arrange the fantastic costumes that the children came to school in. We had such a variety of characters from so many different books. Reading for pleasure is so important, the skills involved in reading aids learning in every other subject and more. It is important we all continue to promote the enjoyment when reading, especially in this digital world.

Hopefully, you have read the letter I wrote earlier in the week about the building work that is about to start. Our KS2 playground has been slightly shortened but is still able to be used. Over the next months, our new classrooms will begin to take shape with the aim that they will be ready for our Extended School provision in September this year. At the moment we can still use the access behind the Year 6 classrooms to get to the other playground. I will update you if there are to be any changes regarding access to the school but for the time being, everything remains the same.

I hope you enjoy the sunshine and have a lovely weekend.

## Last Day of Term - Early Finish

On the last day of term, Friday 4th April 2025, the children will finish at 2:30pm.

If your child(ren) will be attending Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from **2:30pm until 5:00pm.**

## Lost Skateboard

We have been handed a skateboard that was found by the school gate. If this is yours please collect it from the office.

## Poppy Appeal

We have just been informed that we raised £429.93 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone that donated.



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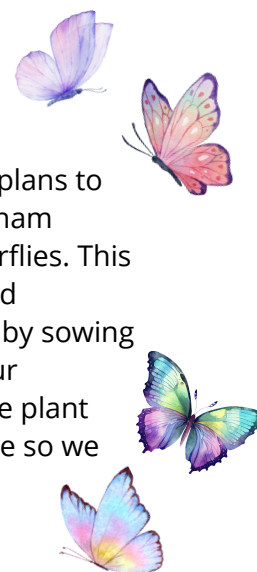


## Year 6 Swimming Survey

As part of swimming teaching, we will be offering catch-up swimming lessons for pupils in Year 6 who have not achieved the end of key stage expectations. This will be funded by our Sport Premium money. Please complete the form relating to your child's current swimming ability, so that we can assess which pupils have need of these catch-up sessions. The form can be found on the Reach More Parents app and needs to be completed before **Friday 14th March**. Thank you

## Butterfly Garden

Following the letter sent on Wednesday 4th, you may have read all about our exciting plans to develop a butterfly garden within our wildflower meadow, supporting the Year 5 Packham Class's project with Poet in Residence, Tom Delahunt, as they raise Painted Lady butterflies. This initiative supports local wildlife, provides educational opportunities on biodiversity, and enhances our school's natural beauty. We invite you and your children to get involved by sowing seeds at home, providing 'ready to go' plants, or taking cuttings from your garden. Your contributions will help create a thriving habitat for butterflies and pollinators. For more plant ideas, visit [urbanbutterflygarden.co.uk](http://urbanbutterflygarden.co.uk). Please send in any plants as soon as possible so we can start establishing our butterfly garden together. Thank you



## Tennis Competition

If you can play match level Tennis, we would like to enter some pairs into a Tennis Doubles Competition in May. Please let Miss Irons know if you would like to take part: email [enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk) with your child's name, year group and coloured ball level (red, orange or green).

## 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:

**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.

## Lost Property

We have quite a lot of unnamed, non-uniform lost property, such as coats, hats and water bottles. This will be available in the school lobby if you would like to have a look for anything you might be missing. Anything that isn't collect by **Wednesday 12th March** will be donated.





## CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

**Jemison - Lottie** for fantastic writing.

**Yassin - Sienna** for always being kind to others.

**Peake - Phoebe** for writing a fantastic story with lovely descriptive sentences.

**Singh - Roisin** for amazing attention to detail in Art.

**Imafidon - Freya** for always being such an enthusiastic learner.

**West - Anton** for excellent use of description.

**Kariko - Daisy** for incredible knowledge of nouns, adjectives and verbs.

**Amos - Eddie** for his amazing descriptive writing and super vocabulary.

**Agrawal - Aoife** for a fantastic detailed description for our once upon a time picture using fronted adverbials.

**Marhaver - Marlene** for a fantastic, descriptive story based on a picture called the Secret Passage.

**Johnson - Jessica** for a great, exciting piece of creative writing.

**Packham - Trevelyan** for demonstrating outstanding responsibility in learning, leading to fantastic achievements.

**Mace - Evie** for developing her confidence as a learner.

**Seagull - Noah** for always settling to his learning quickly.

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

**Year 2 & 5**  
**97.5%**

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

**Chestnut**  
**97.5%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 4	24.02.2025 - 04.04.2025
Braiswick School Photos	13.03.2025
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Year 3 Swimming	14.03.2025
Year 3 Parent Share	21.03.2025
Year 6 Walk for Water	21.03.2025
Year 1 Parent Share	28.03.2025

### Inset Days 2024/25

21.07.2025  
22.07.2025

### Forest School Dates

**Jemison:** 11.03.2025, 25.03.2025  
**Yassin:** 18.03.2025, 01.04.2025  
**Peake:** 12.03.2025, 26.03.2025  
**Singh:** 19.03.2025, 02.04.2025  
**West:** 13.03.2025, 26.03.2025  
**Imafidon:** 20.03.2025, 03.04.2025