



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Thank you to everybody who donated to the food bank today. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. We held a special harvest assembly today and we were joined for the very first time by our Reception classes. They performed their Autumn poem to the rest of the school. It was a special moment and they all did ever so well!

This week, I attended an event led by Kent Police, highlighting the importance of online safety. Part of their information was about young children having mobile phones. Their message was clear, if you are thinking of providing a mobile device for your children, please make sure you create a family plan with them. This should include, safe usage, highlighting the dangers of sharing information and monitoring their use including regularly checking what they have accessed. It is everybody responsibility to keep children safe.

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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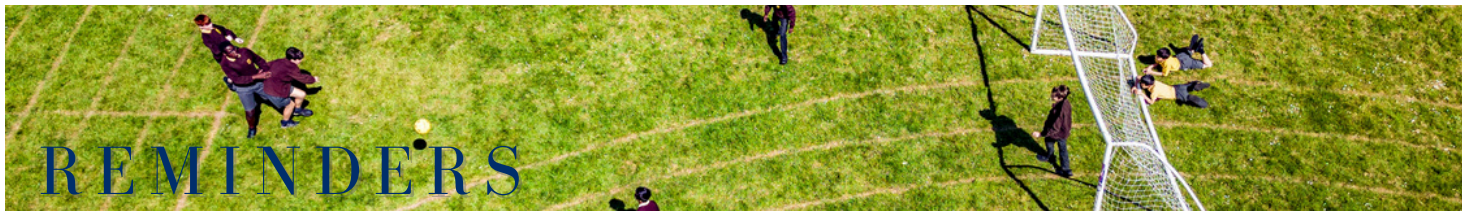
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Reception Intake September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 they will be due to start school next September. Please go to [Kent Primary Admissions](#) for further information or email: primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412 121. The online application process opens on **Friday 7th November 2025** and closes on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

We are pleased to announce will be holding tours on the following dates:

FULL Thursday 6th November	1:30pm	Thursday 20th November	1.30pm
Wednesday 12th November	9.15am	Tuesday 2nd December	1.30pm
Thursday 13th November	1.30pm	Friday 9th January	9.15am
Tuesday 18th November	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. 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.

Year R - School Photo Orders

A reminder that Year R Braiswick school photo orders need to be placed by **Tuesday 14th October**. Please make sure to place your order before this date to ensure delivery.

Year 6 - Secondary School Visits

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

Parent Consultations

We would like to invite you to attend our Parent Consultation Evening on either:

Tuesday 14th October - Year R - Year 5 (**Not Year 6**)

Thursday 16th October - Whole School

Tuesday 28th October - Year 6 Only

Appointments will be live from today, **Friday 3rd October at 4.00pm** and bookings will close on **Monday 13th October** at noon. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact the school office.

Pre-School Parent Consultations have been sent out in a separate email.

Appointments can be booked using your [Parent Booking Account](#). This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.



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 Success

Yesterday afternoon, a group of children were invited to a Poetry Showcase at the Gulbenkian Theatre as a finale to the Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition.

5 children had been shortlisted and bravely read aloud their poems to the audience ahead of the winners being announced. I am delighted to share that Klara came 2nd in the 5-8 year old category with her poem: 'Words and Swords' and Harrison B also came 2nd in the 9-11 year old category with his poem: 'The Pen is Mightier than the Sword'. All the shortlisted children's poems were also published in a poetry anthology. A further 7 children received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and received a certificate at the Poetry Showcase.

Over 750 poems had been entered into this competition so a huge congratulations to Emy, Grace J, Klara, Joshua W, Harrison B, Reyna, Esme H, Anna, Reuben W, Sebbie L, Helena and Issey on your achievement. You should feel super proud of yourselves! Mrs Prior

Canterbury Food Bank

A huge thank you for the generous donations for harvest festival. Rev. Joy from All Saints came and delivered her first ever school assembly with the theme of 'pass it on'. She thanked the children for their donations and the assembly finished with our wonderful reception classes performing their harvest poem that they had memorised.

Thank you once again for your kindness.

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Forest School Newsletter

We're now a few weeks into our Forest School sessions and what a fantastic start it's been! The changing weather has brought plenty of mud, which the children have absolutely loved getting stuck into!



Over the past few weeks, we've been exploring new areas of the woodland, building dens, and creating brilliant mini bug hotels using sticks, leaves and anything else we could find on the forest floor. The mud kitchen has been especially popular, with some delicious (and very imaginative!) meals being cooked up, including our new speciality: spicy mud curry!

We've also been learning and practising our Forest School rules. I'm so pleased to say that all the children are now really confident with them, which is wonderful to see.

With the wet weather now returning, we kindly ask that all children taking part in Forest School come with a **raincoat** and, if possible, **waterproof trousers**. Please don't feel you need to buy anything new – old clothes work perfectly, as things can get very muddy! An all-in-one waterproof suit is ideal if you have one.

If you need any help sourcing suitable clothing, please get in touch with the school office.

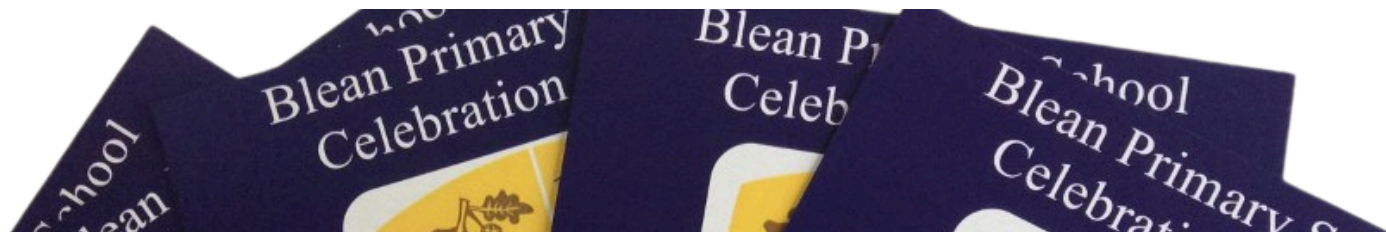
October Wildlife Highlights

🍂 Nature is full of change this month, discover what to look out for in the wild: [Autumn Nature & Wildlife Calendar](#)

🐦 For Bird Lovers - find out how to care for your garden birds this season, including the best food to put out:

[Bird Food for Garden Birds – RSPB](#)





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Leo for being ready to learn.

Pettman - Tommy for being such a kind friend.

Dore - Nathan for working hard in phonics to read sentences.

King - Dara for always being ready to learn.

Bailey - Luca for his determination in his writing and an amazing persuasive letter.

Cooper - Roisin for excellent use of vocab in English.

Moses - Ella for a beautifully descriptive diary entry.

Russo - George for showing brilliant creativity and determination when writing a diary entry.

Barnes - Hattie for lesson readiness.

Delahunt - Naavya for demonstrating great work in Maths.

Denly - The Whole Class for representing Blean brilliantly, showing such manners and respect during our visit to the Cathedral.

Gurnah - Riley for a top quality and very creative presentation.

Shariff - Tildy & Alex for always being ready to learn.

Thomas - Lukas for always setting a positive example to others by always making right choices.

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

Year 3
97.9%

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

Chestnut
98%

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

Gurnah
27

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1 01.09.2025 - 17.10.2025

Year 6 Bikeability 01.10.2025 - 16.10.2025

Year 3 Parent Share 10.10.2025

Second Hand Uniform Sale 10.10.2025

Parents Evening Yr R - Yr 5 14.10.2025

Year 2 Parent Share 15.10.2025

Parents Evening Yr R - Yr 6 16.10.2025

Kent Test Results 16.10.2025

NHS Height & Weight Yr R - 16.10.2025

Yr 6

Year 1 Beaney Museum 17.10.2025

Visit

Last Day of Term 1 17.10.2025

First Day of Term 2 27.10.2025

Inset Days 2025/26

01.09.2025 19.12.2025 23.02.2026

20.07.2026 21.07.2026

P.E. Days

Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Thursday & Friday

Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Additional P.E. Days

7th October - No additional P.E session

Forest School Dates

Year 3

Moses - 6th Oct

Russo - 13th Oct

Year 4

Barnes - 7th Oct

Delahunt - 14th Oct

Year 5

Denly - 10th Oct

Gurnah - 17th Oct

Year 6

Shariff - 8th Oct

Thomas - 15th Oct