



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

As we reach the end of another busy week, we have certainly been lucky with the weather and it has been wonderful that the field is still being used so regularly.

This week, Year 1 welcomed the Beane Museum into school to launch their Toys unit of learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were excited to begin their new topic. Our Year R children have also proudly demonstrated their understanding of the Blean Bees and what it means to be a valued member of our school community.

As the weather becomes more autumnal, please remember to send your child to school with a coat or jacket each day. We will continue to encourage children to spend time outdoors whenever possible, as fresh air and active play are so important.

Please also ensure that all clothing, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled. A significant number of items are left on the field and playground each day and it can be very difficult to return them to their rightful owners if they are unnamed.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Celebrating Success

If your child has participated in something or achieved something outside of school that they would like to share with their peers, please email

enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk and

this will be passed on to Mrs Todd or Mrs Coleman to be shared in our Key Stage assemblies.

We look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things you have been involved in.

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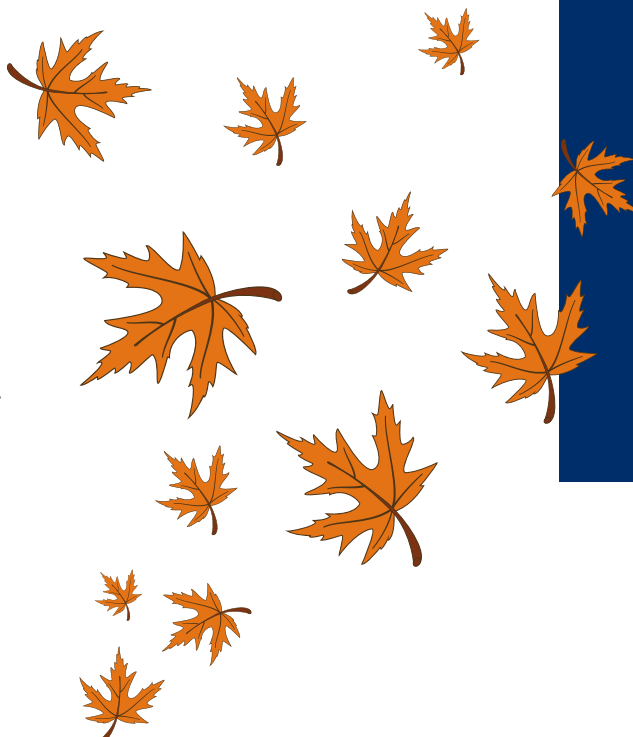
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Rope 4 Hope

Next Friday, 25th September the whole school is going to take part in a charity skip for Cancer Research to 'jump all over cancer!' At 2pm, we will all be skipping on the field (weather permitting). If you have a skipping rope, please bring it on the day (as we do not have 400 school ropes although we can skip in pairs or in long ropes). With lots of schools taking part, we hope this will be the largest skip yet!

If you would like to donate you can do so by [using this link](#). Miss Irons



Donations Needed for Our Year 1 Planter

Our new Year 1 planter is beginning to take shape, and we would be very grateful for any donations of evergreen plants to help bring it to life.

If you have any spare evergreen plants that you would be willing to donate, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support in helping us create a lovely outdoor space for our children to enjoy.

Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income.

To check eligibility or apply, please visit the Kent County Council [free school meal application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 01227 471254 or office@blean.kent.sch.uk.

The Big Future Survey - Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future survey.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, hopes, dreams and ideas for the future. Every child's voice matters, and the responses will help shape a picture of childhood that will be shared with Government.

We would really encourage our pupils and families to get involved and make their voices heard!

Take part in [The Big Future survey here](#).



Poetry Competition

At the end of the Summer Term, many children participated in the annual Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition as part of a creative experience within their classes. The children who took part were asked to write a poem on the theme of 'Eerie'.

Last week, we heard the exciting news that 4 of our children had been shortlisted and are invited to a Poetry Showcase at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre at the beginning of October. These children will read aloud their poems ahead of the winners being announced. 8 further children have received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and will receive a certificate at the Poetry Showcase.

Huge congratulations to our shortlisted children: Alex B, Simone, Helena and Tess. Also, to our special mention children: Zunairah, Laurie, Joannah, Esther, Orlando, Hannah W, Jack W and Olivia W. Please remember to return your slip to school so I know who to expect at the Poetry Showcase on Thursday 1st October.

Please note that all shortlisted poets have their poems displayed as part of the current public engagement exhibition: 'Eerie: The Canterbury Bestiary' at The Beaney (Front Room Gallery); all special mentions are also listed.

Well done to everyone who wrote a poem and entered this competition – we are proud of you all.

Mrs Prior

Cross Country

Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School.

The dates are:

Friday 2nd October registration at 3:40pm

Saturday 7th November registration from 9:15am races from 10am

Blean have been attending these events for over 20 years – we really need more runners for this season. If you enjoy running, why not give it a go? All members of Blean School are invited to attend these events. You can attend one, two or all of the events.

Races at Kent College Junior School

The event will begin with nursery (approx. 150m) then EYFS (approx. 250m), Year 1 and Year 2 (both approx. 600m) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (all approx. 1000m)

On the day:

Runners will need to wear trainers (or running shoes), and suitable sport clothing.

(Running vests will be given on the day to show you are a Blean Runner!)

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 will be under the tree at the top of the hill near the sign-in table.

Parking can be difficult so please arrive with plenty of time. If you can walk, cycle or car share it always helps. Sign in closes **BEFORE** the first race of the event.

CUP WINNERS

Amici - Thomas for being resilient and embracing school.
Rafiki - Tony for settling well in to school life.
Amor - Peter for trying really hard on his letter formation.
Aroha - Amiyah for confidentially joining Aroha class and being a Superstar!
Esperanza - Olivia for her fantastic attitude to her learning and always being ready.
Upendo - Mateo for giving 100% effort to his learning.
Irie - Joseph for always taking pride in your work and producing excellent ideas in every subject.
Ohana - Otis for working hard in every subject and displaying brilliant learning behaviours.
Amigo - Rukamba for a brilliant football battalion poster.
Tomodachi - Albert for always being ready for learning.
Kavod - Sofia for always being ready to learn.
Sisu - Esme for producing impressive long pieces of writing containing a range of ambitious vocabulary.
Latif - Joe for very detailed and neat reading comprehension work.
Timon - Theo for always writing thoughtful responses to learning.
Evergreens - Fabian for resilience in his learning.

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

Year 1
99.3%

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

Beech
98.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	<u>P.E Days</u>
NHS - Flu Immunisations	22.09.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027 19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year R - Friday - TERM 2 ONWARDS
Rope 4 Hope Skipping Event	25.09.2026	21.07.2027	Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
Braiswick In - Year R First Photo	28.09.2026		Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Harvest Food Bank	28.09.2026		Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday
			Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday
			Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday
			Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Forest School Dates

Year 3

Irie - 21st Sept, 5th & 19th Oct

Ohana - 28th Sept & 12th Oct

Year 4

Amigo - 22nd Sept, 6th & 20th Oct

Tomodachi - 29th Sept & 13th Oct

Year 5

Kavod - 25th Sept, 9th & 23rd Oct

Sisu - 2nd & 16th Oct

Year 6

Latif - 23rd Sept, 7th & 21st Oct

Timon - 30th Sept & 14th Oct

Evergreens

24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct