



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

The Christmas fair was a huge success last week and thanks to you, we managed to raise £4400! This is an amazing achievement and will go towards improving the school. We will let you know how this money is being used shortly. Watch this space! I would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA, Office team and staff who all gave up their time and worked extremely hard to create such an amazing fair.

Our Reception children performed Christmas songs at the beginning of the week. They all did so well! Year 1 also sang to their parents in the hall and performed amazingly too. It looked as though all the parents were really getting into the festive spirit.

I am looking forward to watching Year 2's Nativity next week as well as Year 6 singing some festive songs. I can't wait!

Christmas Performance Events

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.

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



Lost Glasses

We have had a pair of prescription glasses handed in. If they are yours please come and collect from the School Office.



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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.

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.

Term 3 Clubs

All clubs will start back week commencing **6th January 2025**. Please ensure that your child(ren) are collected promptly at their correct collection time. If for any reason you know that you may be late in collecting, please contact the school office. If you are unsure of what time your child(rens) club finishes, please [email](#) the school office to find out.

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.

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.



Christmas Fair

Please see below some photos of the fun we had at our wonderful Christmas fair.



Gulbenkian Choir Performance

On Tuesday, 15 children embarked on a day of singing and Christmas celebrations at the Gulbenkian at UKC. During the day we rehearsed all the songs we have been learning for the past few months and then in the evening it was time to perform! The children sounded amazing and I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents who supported us by attending the concert, helped with lyric learning and even joined in with some audience participation! I am so proud of the children for showing all of our values on what was a very long but exciting day. Mrs Coleman

Donations Needed

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out?

We would appreciate any donations of Chess sets, Lego, K'Nex or similar construction toys and toy cars or car mats to support our playtime provision please. We can also make use of outdoor cushions or fleece blankets if you are looking to get rid of these. We are also in need of cardboard egg boxes for a school project. If you have any of these items that you could spare we would really appreciate them and ask that you drop them in to the School Office. Thank you.

The Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Following the success of Kent Libraries Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge is back and running from **1st December until 20 February** and will be continuing the Marvellous Makers theme brought to life once more by the amazing illustrator, Natelle Quek. The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading habits over the winter break and help spark a love of reading even in the most reluctant of readers. More information can be found [here](#).



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Molly** for being ready to learn.
- Yassin - Eliza** for making fantastic progress in her reading and writing.
- Peake - Nora** for wonderful singing and speaking in our singing show to Key Stage 1 and EYFS.
- Singh - Alex** for writing a wonderful Christmas story.
- Imafidon - Esme** for always following the Blean Bees and always being a hardworking learner.
- West - Ivy** for improvements in her handwriting.
- Kariko - Kariko Class** for super hard work and dedication to creating a fantastic prehistoric museum.
- Amos - Eddie** for his fantastic winter story using amazing adjectives and super vocabulary.
- Agrawal - Amelia** for showing great sportsmanship in P.E
- Marhaver - Penelope** for a beautifully presented piece of work about coast management in Geography.
- Johnson - Lukas** for an excellent newspaper report about space junk.
- Packham - Corinna** for her amazing writing in English.
- Mace - Opeoluwa** for focus and challenge in independent Maths learning and **Jamie** for excellent marking in Netball.
- Seagull - Noah** for his detailed diary entries written about the outbreak of World War Two.

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

Year 2
96.8%

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

Beech
96.4%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 2	04.11.2024 - 20.12.2024	Inset Days 2024/25
Year 2 Nativity	16.12.2024	24.02.2025
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Christmas Jumper Day	18.12.2024	22.07.2025
Christmas Lunch	18.12.2024	
Year 6 Christmas Songs	19.12.2024	
Last Day of Term - Early Finish at 14:30pm	20.12.2024	
First Day of Term 3	06.01.2025	Forest School Dates
New Entrant Tour	09.01.2025	Marhaver: *17.12.2024
Year 6 1940's Day	10.01.2025	Packham: *19.12.2024
Year 6 Parent Share	10.01.2025	Mace: *18.12.2024
Year 3 Swimming Lessons	17.01.2025	* Additional Forest School Session