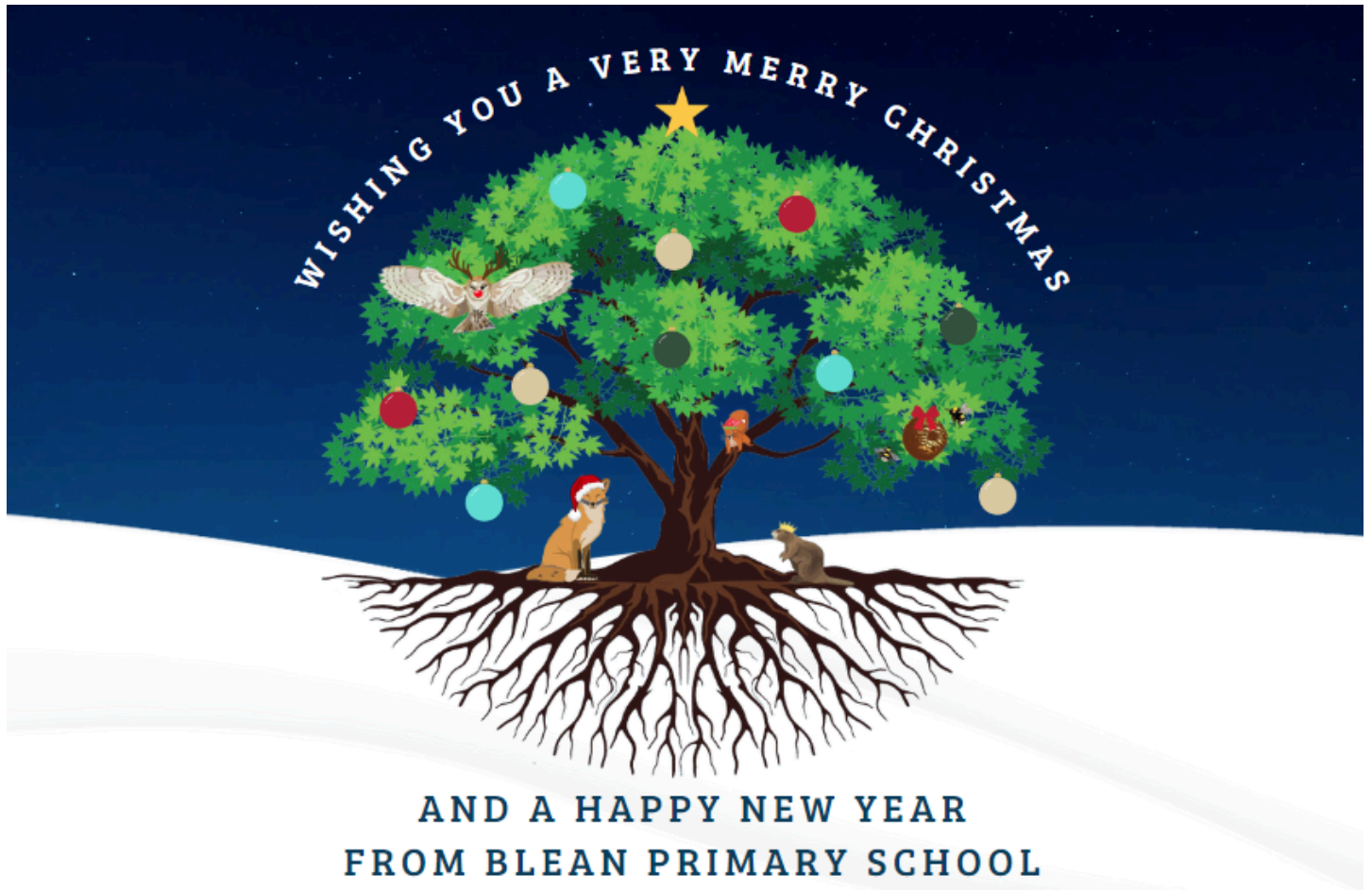




BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

What an exciting end of the term it has been! Year 6 have performed their Christmas concert to the parents yesterday and to the rest of the school today. It was the perfect end to what has been a very busy term.

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought gifts for staff. We don't expect it but it is very much appreciated. We are so lucky to have such a generous community. I would like to finish this year by saying thank you to every member of staff. Working in education gets more challenging year on year but their resilience and enthusiasm never ceases to amaze me.

We wish you a very happy festive break, be safe and we shall see you on Monday 6th January 2025.



Lost Glasses

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

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REMINDERS

Forest School - Term 3

We are proud of our exciting on-site Forest School programme, which is run by our dedicated Forest School Leader Mr Widdicombe-Dutch. Please see below the details for Forest School in Term 3. We would like to remind parents & carers that children will need to bring a long sleeved top, full length trousers, wellies/sturdy shoes or boots and a spare warm coat. Due to the season, clothes are very likely to get wet and dirty, so please don't send anything you don't want to get soiled. Thank you.

Year 3	Year 5
Amos Class: 06.01.2025, 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025	Packham Class: 09.01.2025, 23.01.2025, 06.02.2025
Kariko Class: 13.01.2025, 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025	Johnson Class: 16.01.2025, 30.01.2025, 13.02.2025
Year 4	Year 6
Marhaver Class: 07.01.2025, 21.01.2025, 04.02.2025	Mace Class: 08.01.2025, 22.01.2025, 05.02.2025
Agrawal Class: 14.01.2025, 28.01.2025, 11.02.2025	Seagull Class: 15.01.2025, 29.01.2025, 12.02.2025

CH&Co

Our lunch provider CH&Co has recently changed the email address that parents/carers can use to contact them. This is now - schoolmealordering@pabulum-catering.co.uk. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any queries with your account please contact them directly.

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.



After School Clubs

We have some spaces left for the after school clubs listed below. If you would like your child to join one of the clubs please email enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk

Drama Club – Thursdays 3.25pm – 4.30pm, Years 3-6

Hockey – Fridays 3.25pm-4.30pm, Years 4-6

Netball – Tuesdays 3.25pm-4.15pm, Years 5 & 6

TT Rockstars – Wednesdays 3.25pm – 4.15pm, Year 4

Dot Kids Art Club

We are happy to announce that starting in January, we will be hosting a brand-new Dot Kids Art Inspiration Club. Dot Kids is an award-winning art program that inspires creativity, builds confidence, and promotes well-being. Dot Kids focuses on self-expression, creative freedom, and learning through exploration. Children will discover inspirational artists, experiment with a variety of artistic techniques, and create their own masterpieces to proudly share at home. For more information and to book please [click here](#).



Mastering Numbers at Home Workshops

Next term, we will be running our 'Mastering Number at Home' workshops and Home Learning project. We would like to invite you to a parent workshop where we will explain more about what the project will entail. Your child will come along to the workshop after a brief introduction so that you can create the resources that you will use at home and then practise some of the activities together. Please see below the details of the sessions. You are able to book for the relevant session using your Reach More Parents App under Payments and Bookings.

EYFS: Yassin Class - 22.01.2025, 09:10am -10:00am

Jemison Class - 22.01.2025, 10:10am - 11:00am

Year 1: 24.01.2025, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Year 2: 21.01.2025, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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:

Saturday 8th February – Register before 10am

Friday 28th February – Registration at 4pm

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. If you haven't given this a try before, why not make it your New Year's resolution? It would be great to have more runners! Miss Irons.



Donations Needed

Are you having a 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](#).

Happy Holidays

Blean Church Decorations

Children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years have been busy making Christmas decorations which are displayed on Christmas trees in Blean Church. We're sure you'll agree that they look fabulous and if you visit there this season, we hope you enjoying seeing them.



Rocksteady Concert

On Tuesday the school was treated to some amazing performances by the children who attend the Rocksteady Music School. They have all shown such resilience and collaboration as well as amazing nerves of steel. They sounded fantastic and parents, children and teachers were singing and clapping along! If you are interested in your child starting Rocksteady, there are spaces in most of the bands and they would love to have you! Use this [link](#) to find out more.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Dara** for a fantastic letter to Santa.
- Yassin - Jiara** for making good progress in all her learning.
- Peake - Jacob** for a fantastic term.
- Singh - Victoria** for excellent focus and creativity, making an angel from clay.
- Imafidon - Leo** for putting his hand up to share super answers in Maths this week.
- West - Alex** for improvements in his writing.
- Kariko - Coco** for her positive attitude and her resilience when learning.
- Amos - Alex** for his amazing similes describing our winter scene.
- Agrawal - Leo** for using the skill of blending in his Norther Light artwork.
- Marhaver - Alexia** for working so hard on her writing and spelling in English this term.
- Johnson - Robyn** for an excellent Christmas story.
- Packham - Freddie** for producing a fantastic newspaper report highlighting the crucial roles of women in the historic moon landing.
- Mace - Lewis & Christina** for always being ready to learn.
- Seagull - Ellie** for always being ready to learn.

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

Year 3
95.9%

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

Chestnut
92.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 2	04.11.2024 - 20.12.2024	Inset Days 2024/25
Last Day of Term - Early Finish at 14:30pm	20.12.2024	24.02.2025 21.07.2025 22.07.2025
First Day of Term 3	06.01.2025	Forest School Dates
New Entrant Tour	09.01.2025	Amos Class: 06.01.2025, 20.01.2025, 03.02.2025
Year 6 1940's Day	10.01.2025	Kariko Class: 13.01.2025, 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025
Year 6 Parent Share	10.01.2025	Marhaver Class: 07.01.2025, 21.01.2025, 04.02.2025
Year 3 Swimming Lessons	17.01.2025	Agrawal Class: 14.01.2025, 28.01.2025, 11.02.2025
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - Year 2	21.01.2025	Packham Class: 09.2025, 23.01.2025, 06.02.2025
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - EYFS	22.01.2025	Johnson Class: 16.01.2025, 30.01.2025, 13.02.2025
Mastering Numbers at Home Workshop - Year 1	24.01.2025	Mace Class: 08.01.2025, 22.01.2025, 05.02.2025
		Seagull Class: 15.01.2025, 29.01.2025, 12.02.2025