



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

Welcome to Term 5!

We hope you all had a wonderful break. It has been a busy and very positive first week back. A real highlight was the Rock Steady concert, with our pupils performing confidently to the whole school and their families.

We have also been fortunate to enjoy the lovely weather, making the most of outdoor playtimes and time together on the field.

It was also great to mark Earth Day this week with a special assembly celebrating and reflecting on what we can all do to help protect our planet.

Upcoming Dates!

As we move into the final 2 terms of the year, we have lots of exciting events planned, from Sports Day to our special Year 6 celebrations. Please see the key dates below:

- 18th June - Cultural & Open Evening
- 24th June – Sports Day
- 8th & 9th July – Year 6 Production
- 16th July – Year 6 Prom
- 17th July – Last Day of Term and Leavers’ Assembly

Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time, so please keep an eye out for upcoming communications.

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Summer Fair - Raffle Donations

We're getting excited for our Summer Fair, which will take place on **Friday 3rd July** and we're currently gathering prizes for our raffle.

In previous years, we've been incredibly lucky to receive some very generous donations, including vouchers for day experiences, theatre trips, gift cards for local restaurants and beautifully put together hampers. These prizes make a huge difference and help us raise valuable funds for the school.

We'd be very grateful for any support you can offer this year. If you run your own business, or know someone who might be willing to contribute a prize, please do keep us in mind. Every donation, big or small, is truly appreciated.

Donations can be handed in to the school office, or details of prizes can be emailed to Ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk. Thank you so much for your continued support - The PTFA

Lost Property

We have noticed a significant increase in lost property recently, likely due to the warmer weather and the children now being able to use the school field. Named items of uniform have been returned to children today, but we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled. This helps us return any misplaced clothing to its owner as quickly as possible.

We also have a number of unnamed items of clothing, including coats and shoes, that will be available in our school lobby throughout next week. If you are missing anything please check here. Any items that aren't collected by next Friday, 1st May will be donated.



Unnamed uniform from our lost property this week

School Office Opening Hours

Just a gentle reminder that the school office is staffed until 4:30pm each day, after which time our phone lines are closed. If you think you may be late collecting your child from an after school club or Extended School, please do let the office know in plenty of time. This helps us make sure all children are safely supervised and allows us to alert the necessary staff with enough time. Thank you.

Extended School Payment Reminder

We kindly ask that all Extended School accounts are **paid in full by Friday 24th April**.

As outlined in the Extended School terms and conditions, a late payment charge of £50.00 per child, per week will be applied from **Monday 27th April 2026** where balances remain outstanding.

If you have any queries regarding your account, please contact extendedschool@blean.kent.sch.uk.



REMINDERS

Consent for our Promotional Video

We are excited to let you know that a professional video production company will be visiting school on **Tuesday 28th April and Friday 1st May** to film a promotional video for our school.

The video will showcase our wonderful school community, including our pupils engaged in their learning and activities. It will be published on our school website and shared with prospective parents to show them what life is like at Blean Primary School.

If you do not wish for your child to be filmed or included in the video, **please contact the school office in writing no later than Monday 27th April**. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will follow the current image consent we hold on record for your child. If you wish to check or change the image consent for your child, please contact the school office.

School Lunch Update

Our school lunch provider has made us aware that from **1st May 2026** it has been necessary to increase the price of our school meals by 10p per meal. This change has become necessary due to the rise in the national minimum wage and ongoing increases in food costs. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Year 6 SATs and Activity Week Information

We would like to invite you into school to share information about the SATs and our Activity Week which will both be taking place later on this term. The meeting will be held in the school hall on **Monday 27th April at 5pm**. At this meeting, we will distribute the medical and consent forms along with the kit list for the Activity Week. If you are unable to attend, these will be sent home with your children on the following day.

For those unable to attend, any information shared will be added to Google Classroom and also here on the Reach More Parents app.

We look forward to seeing you next Monday. The Year 6 team

REAL Learning Experts Survey

At Blean School, we are passionate about making learning as REAL (Real Experiences Authentic Learning) as possible by helping children connect their learning to real life, future careers and opportunities.

To support this, we are creating a REAL Experts Directory of parents, carers and community members who may be willing to share their experiences with the children. This could be through answering questions, giving a short talk (in person or online), sharing resources or giving feedback on children's work.

There is no expectation of regular commitment - teachers will simply contact you if your experience links to current learning and you can decide if you are available.

If you feel you could help, or know someone who could, please complete the form by [clicking here](#).



Year 6 - Leavers' Hoodie

Each year, the Year 6 children have the option to purchase a leavers' hoodie. Further details about the hoodies will be shared with you in due course. There is no obligation to purchase a hoodie.

If your child is known by a different name from the one registered (e.g. Lottie for Charlotte, Tom for Thomas), this may be used. Please note that nicknames should not be used. **Please ensure the form is completed no later than Friday 1st May.** A form must be completed for every child, even if you do not wish to purchase a hoodie.

Please [click here](#) to complete the consent form.

Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for Year 6 Activities Week is now available on ParentPay. You can pay in instalments or use the card machine in the school office.

The deadline for payment is **Friday 1st May 2026**. If you are having difficulty with the cost but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss support.

Saplings Preschool - Now Taking Registrations for September 2026

Is your child ready to start their learning journey?

We're now accepting registrations for preschool places at **Saplings Preschool starting in September 2026!**

At Saplings Preschool, your child will:

- Benefit from teacher-led learning with qualified, experienced staff
- Learn through play in a warm, nurturing environment
- Build confidence and independence with expert support
- Develop key skills in communication, creativity and problem-solving
- Make friends and become part of our wonderful school community
- Enjoy a smooth transition into Reception

Our teacher-led preschool provides the perfect foundation for your child's education, helping them to grow, explore and thrive in a safe and stimulating setting.

Don't miss out! Visit our school website to find out more about [Saplings Preschool](#) and to complete your [registration form](#).



Amoré's Kindness Makes an Impact

Last term, Amoré took the initiative to write to several charities, sharing her kind thoughts and her desire to take action for peace. This week, she received a thoughtful response from Save the Children, thanking her for her compassion and commitment. What a wonderful example of empathy and courage, and how lovely for her effort to be recognised - well done Amoré.



Learning about AI

This week, children in Key Stage 2 were taught about some of the wonders of AI. Thank you to Ignacio Perez Hallerbach, one of our Blean parents, who shared with the children some of the amazing things that technology can do. He also helped us to realise that there are often imperfections which we could see in the videos he shared. He helped us to understand how to be safer online by thinking carefully about who or what we might be communicating with. The slides used in the assembly, which include an interesting history of the development of AI, [can be accessed here.](#)



Year 6 Tennis Success

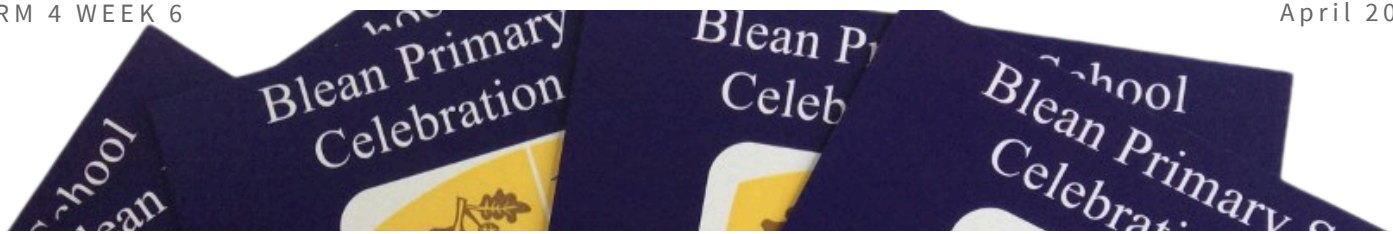
A huge congratulations to our Year 6 A team, who came first in the tennis tournament at the University of Kent today. The children were thrilled to have their photo taken with French Open 2024 Wheelchair Doubles Champion Ruben Harris, who began playing tennis at Canterbury Tennis Club at the age of 10. It was a fantastic opportunity and a real inspiration for the team. Well done to all involved for representing the school so brilliantly.



Rock Steady Concert

On Tuesday we had the long-awaited Spring Rock Steady Concert. The bands performed to over 50 parents and the whole school. They were amazing! I am so proud of their resilience and their confidence. They sounded fantastic. Thank you to Glen, who has been filling in for Colin, for teaching all our bands and well done to all the children who took part. If you are interested in taking up a place in a Rock Steady band, please see the attached leaflet.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Violet** for a great Root Learning time.
- Pettman - Felix** for writing at every opportunity.
- Dore - Martha** for writing a lovely descriptive sentence in English.
- King - Nate** for fantastic writing and learning attitude.
- Bailey - Nora** for thoughtful debating and clear explanations.
- Cooper - Maya** for consistently working hard.
- Moses - Josephine** for a really creative and imaginative character description using comparative conjunctions.
- Russo - Emy** for her incredible enthusiasm towards our Ancient Egyptian learning.
- Barnes - Yiting** for demonstrating all school values.
- Delahunt - Klara** for excellent ideas for her Kennings poem.
- Denly - Leo** for showing great curiosity and collaboration across all lessons this week.
- Gurnah - Mehdi** for being an amazing expert in RE
- Shariff - Hero** for a great start to our Rainforest writing
- Thomas - Ethan** for great angles work in Maths.

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

Year 6
99.4%

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

Beech
98.7%

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

Year 6 - Shariff Class
19 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 5	20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Year 6 SATs & Activity Week Meeting	27.04.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Saplings - Wednesday 29 th April, 6 th , 13 th & 20 th May
School Photos	29.04.2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	Year R - Monday Catman - 11 th May Pettman - 27 th April & 18 th May
School Photos	30.04.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Year 1 - Thursday Dore - 7 th May & 21 st May King - 30 th April & 14 th May
Year 2 - Crab & Winkle Walk	01.05.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year 2 - Friday Bailey - 8 th & 22 nd May Cooper - 1 st & 15 th May
Bank Holiday - School Closed	04.05.2026	21.07.2027	Evergreens - Tuesday 28 th April, 5 th , 12 th & 19 th May
Saplings Parent Share	06.05.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	
Year 6 SATs Week	11.05.2026 - 14.05.2026	Year R - Thursday	
		Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday	
Year 6 Activities Week	18.05.2026 - 22.05.2026	Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday	
		Year 3 - Monday & Thursday	
		Year 4 - Monday & Friday	
		Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday	
		Year 6 - Monday & Friday	
<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>			
Tuesday 28 th April - Years 2 & 4			