

MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

We are absolutely delighted to share the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection. The report celebrates so much of what makes Blean such a special place, recognising our work as Exceptional in Inclusion, Leadership and Governance, and Personal Development and Wellbeing, with Strong judgements across all other areas. Inspectors highlighted our caring and inclusive community, the high aspirations we hold for every child and the positive difference our school makes both within and beyond Blean.

This achievement belongs to everyone. We would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff team, supportive governors, and wonderful parents and families. Your commitment, encouragement and belief in our school help make Blean the thriving community it is today. Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of our pupils, whose enthusiasm, kindness and love of learning shone throughout the inspection. Together, we have much to celebrate and an exciting future ahead.

Ofsted Report

Christmas Dates

We are excited to share with you our Christmas performance dates. Which are as follows:

Year R Songs: 8th December at 9:30am

Year 1 Songs: 9th December at 9:30am

Year 2 Nativity: 11th December at 9:30am & 2:30pm

Year 6 Songs: 14th December at 2:00pm

Saplings Songs: 14th December at 11:00am

Details on how to book tickets will be sent out in due course.



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No Handball Club - Wednesday 11th November

This is a reminder that there is no Handball Club on **Wednesday, 11th November**. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Tennis Club Start Date - Term 2

Following on from the Tennis registration letter that was sent out in Term 1, this is a reminder that Tennis Club with Danny Wynne, will not start back until **Thursday 19th November**. Thank you.

Club Payments

If your child is attending a club from Term 2, payment is now due. Payments can be made via ParentPay, which can be accessed through the Reach More Parents (Weduc) app. The cost is £5.00 per club, per child, for the term. If your child attends Extended School on the day of their club or is eligible for Pupil Premium, you will not receive a payment request. Please ensure payment is made by Friday 6 November to secure your child's place. Thank you for your support.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will begin a block of 10 weekly swimming lessons at Whitstable Leisure Centre from 8th January 2027. Children will be grouped according to their swimming ability on arrival, ensuring lessons are suitable for their current level. The school will cover the cost of pool hire and instructors. We are asking parents for a contribution towards transport costs of £67.50 per child. If you have any difficulty making this payment, please contact Mrs Jones (Business Manager) in confidence.

Can you **please complete this short form** to tell us about your child's current swimming ability and to share any concerns you may have about swimming. Please complete the form by **Monday 30th November**.

Year 3 Parent Helpers Needed - Swimming

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already contacted the school to offer their help with swimming. We are very grateful for your support. However, we are still looking for a few more parent helpers who hold a current **Blean School DBS**.

We currently need:

- 1 Parent Helper for Irie Class
- 2 Parent Helpers for Ohana Class

If you hold a current Blean School DBS and are able to help with swimming, whether it is for just a few weeks or for the full 10-week programme, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you for your continued support.



Children in Need - Non-School Uniform Day

Next **Friday, 13th November** is Children in Need! Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes for the day. You can even wear spots, just like Pudsey, if you wish. We will also be welcoming the **Dance Dash** team from Herne Bay High once again. The children are always amazed by their fantastic dance moves. If you would like to, you can donate to **Children in Need here**.

Extended School - Outstanding Balances

A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline for bringing all Extended School accounts up to date is **Friday 6th November 2026**.

Please be aware that, from Monday 9th November 2026, a late payment charge of £50 per child, per week will be applied to any outstanding balances.

We kindly ask that all accounts are settled by the deadline to avoid these additional charges. Thank you for your cooperation.

Food Allergies and Celebration Treats

Just a little reminder about our guidelines for bringing food into school for birthdays, celebrations and special events. We have children in school with serious food allergies, so it is important that we take extra care to keep everyone safe.

Any food brought into school must:

- **Be in their original, sealed packaging.**
- **Clearly display a full ingredients list.**
- **Clearly show allergy and allergen information.**
- **Be within their use-by or best-before date.**

Unfortunately, we cannot accept nuts, homemade or home-baked treats, as we are unable to check the ingredients or rule out cross-contamination.

Please be aware that any items that do not meet these requirements may not be shared with the children. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep everyone safe.



Wellbeing Award for Schools - Parent Feedback

As part of our journey towards maintaining the Wellbeing Award for Schools, which we previously achieved back in September 2023, we are asking parents and carers to complete a short evaluation form. The feedback you provide will help us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve our wellbeing provision for everyone.

The evaluation form should only take a few minutes to complete, and all responses will be used to help shape our ongoing wellbeing strategy and support our Wellbeing Award submission later on this year.

The form will be available for completion until **Friday 18th December** and can be **accessed here**.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts and support our school's commitment to wellbeing. Mrs Prior

Reception Intake September 2027

If your child was born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023**, 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 6th November 2026 and closes on Friday 15th January 2027.**

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

FULL 5th November at 1:30pm
FULL 9th November at 9:15am
FULL 10th November at 1:30pm
FULL 18th November at 9:15am
FULL 25th November at 1:30pm
FULL 2nd December at 1:30pm
7th January at 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.

Kent College Cross Country

The last Cross Country event of this season is happening tomorrow, **Saturday 7th November.** Registration opens at at 9:15am, with the first race starting at 10:00am. All children of primary school age are welcome to attend and race.

The dates for next season have been confirmed as:

- **Saturday 6th February**
- **Friday 5th March**
- **Friday 19th March**

We will update the times of these events, once they have been confirmed. Thank you



Club Places Still Available

We still have a few places available in some of our Term 2 clubs:

- **Active Games** (Years 1 & 2) - Fridays, 8:00am-8:30am
- **Book Club** (Years 5 & 6) - Lunchtime, Thursdays & Fridays
- **Film & Colouring** (Years 3 & 4) - Tuesdays until 4:30pm
- **Singing Club** (Years 3-6) - Mondays

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to join one of these clubs by either emailing **office@blean.kent.sch.uk** or calling **01227 471254**.

Term 2 - Forest School

Please see the dates below for Forest School in Term 2 for KS2:

Year 3
Ohana – 20th Nov, 4th and 17th Dec
Irie – 13th, 27th Nov, 11th Dec

Year 4
Tomodachi – 17th Nov, 1st, 15th Dec
Amigo – 10th , 24th Nov, 8th Dec

Year 5
Sisu – 16th, 30th Nov, 14th Dec
Kavod – 9th, 23rd Nov, 7th Dec

Year 6
Timon – 18th Nov, 2nd, 16th Dec
Latif – 11th, 25th Nov, 9th Dec

Evergreens
12th, 19th, 26th Nov
3rd, 10th Dec

Your child will need to wear:

- A long-sleeved top
- Full-length trousers
- Wellies, sturdy shoes, or boots

Other recommended items:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Hat, scarf, gloves for colder days
- Extra layers in case of cold or wet weather

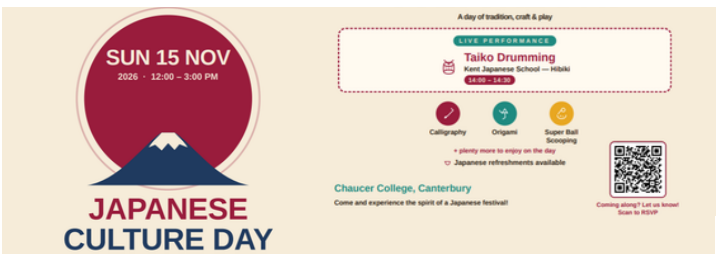
Please be aware that clothing is likely to get muddy or wet. Avoid sending anything valuable or that you wouldn't want soiled and make sure all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Japanese Culture Day at Chaucer College

Families are invited to experience the sights, sounds and traditions of Japan at Japanese Culture Day at Chaucer College on **15 November 2026, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.** Enjoy an afternoon of hands-on cultural activities, including origami, Japanese calligraphy and a tea experience. Light Japanese finger foods will also be available throughout the day.

📅 Timetable

- 12:00pm - 3:00pm – Japanese Culture Activities
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm – Taiko Drum Performance by HIBIKI (Kent Japanese School) in the Lecture Theatre
- 3:00pm – Event Closes



This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about and celebrate Japanese culture in a fun, interactive and family-friendly environment.

PTFA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Join us for a festive afternoon at our Christmas Fair!

Date: Friday 4th December

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm



We have lots of festive fun planned, including:
Exciting games, delicious food, drinks, Tombola, Santa's Grotto, raffle and much more!

🎄 WE NEED YOUR HELP! 🎄

🧸 Donations: We are looking for old teddies and children's books in good condition. Please drop these off at the school reception.

🎁 Local businesses: Can you donate a prize for our Christmas raffle? Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

🙋 Volunteers: Can you spare some time to help us before or on the day of the fair? We would love to hear from you!

📧 To get involved or offer help, please email: ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk

Thank you for your support. Let's make this a lovely Christmas celebration for everyone!

Tombola collection days

We are holding two collections of non-bottle and bottle gifts for our Summer Fair Tombola. Please donate new/unused items only, and ensure any perishables are within date.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DAYS WILL BE SCHOOL UNIFORM.



20th November - non bottle

Children's toys
Games, puzzles & Books
Adult gifts for men & women
NUT FREE Chocolate & Confectionery

27th November - bottle

Alcohol
Soft Drinks
Bottled toiletries
(Bubble bath/hand soap gift sets)



CUP WINNERS

Saplings - Willow for showing a resilient attitude when coming in to school.
Rafiki - Max for fantastic Root Learning time.
Amici - Lana for showing a resilient attitude when coming in to school and **Ethan** for being purposful and curious in Root Learning.
Amor - Charlie for using great finger spaces in his writing.
Aroha - Marlow for always putting effort into your learning.
Esperanza - Eloise for showing resilience in her learning and working so hard.
Upendo - Lila for working hard in both English and Maths.
Irie - Finn for incredible understanding of column subtraction.
Ohana - **Masal** for working so hard on her joined up writing and for wonderful ideas in English.
Amigo - Kimathi for being so respectful by always offering to help adults and classmates.
Tomodachi - George for being a resilient learner in Maths.
Kavod - Jacob for amazing work in English.
Sisu - Edee for her amazing writing in English.
Latif - Whole class for an amazing Parent Share.
Timon - Henry K for discussion and responses to reading.
Evergreens - Eddison for being curious in our Great Fire of London learning.

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

Year 2
98.6%

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

Chestnut
97.2%

We are pleased to inform you the Walk once a Week winners are...

Year 6
Latif Class
20 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For term dates please click here.

Term 2	**02/11/2026 - 18/12/2026**
New Entrant Tour	09.11.2026
Year R Dance Workshop	09.11.2026
New Entrant Tour	10.11.2026
Children In Need - Non-School Uniform Day	13.11.2026
New Entrant Tour	18.11.2026
NHS Team - NCMP - Year R & Year 6	20.11.2026
PTFA Second-Hand Uniform Sale	20.11.2026

Inset Days 2026/27

01.09.2026 22.02.2027
19.07.2027 20.07.2027
21.07.2027

P.E Days

Year R - Friday
Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 3 - Wednesday & Thurdsay
Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday
Year 5 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Forest School Dates

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