



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

‘Eid Mubarak’ to all our families celebrating Eid. On behalf of our school community, we wish your Eid-al-Fitr be peaceful and happy. To our Iranian families who are celebrating Iranian new year, ‘Nowruz Mubarak’. May this new year bring joy and good luck.

Thank you to so many of the children for taking part in Red Nose Day today. Our Year 6 pupils put on an afternoon of fun games and activities for the rest of the school to take part in. Everyone was having such great fun! You can donate by [clicking here](#).

It has been a busy day for our Year 6 as they also took part in Walk for Water. They all walked 6km to raise money for Water Aid while carrying up to 6 litres of water. Finally, thank you for sending your children in this week in what has been a difficult time for the Canterbury Community. The UKHSA have been extremely good at sending the school information about meningitis and we have passed this on to you as quickly as we could. Although the risk is extremely low in primary school settings, please do follow the latest guidance if you have older children and call NHS 111 if you require medical support. On behalf of Blean Primary School, we are sending our thoughts to anyone in the local community who may have been affected this week.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2026/03/18/meningitis-b-outbreak-what-you-need-to-know/>

Last Day of Term - Early Finish

Please can we remind you that on the last day of term, **Thursday 2nd April, the children will finish at 2:30pm.**

If your child(ren) will be attending **Extended School** on this day, please be aware that it will run from **2:30pm - 5:00pm.**



Request for Donations

We would be very grateful if anyone has any unwanted children’s puzzles at home that are no longer being used and would be willing to donate them for use in our Nest. If you are able to help, please hand any puzzles in at the school office.

Additionally, if anyone has any gardening tools, seeds or other gardening resources that they would be willing to donate to our new greenhouse in Forest School, we would be very grateful. Thank you for your support.



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Parent Consultations

We will be holding our Parent Consultations on **Monday 31st March** and **Wednesday 1st April from 3.40pm – 6.40pm.**

Bookings are live and these can be booked by [clicking here](#). Bookings will close on Friday 27th March. If you experience any problems bookings appointments, please contact Miss Firth on enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk.

Inset Days - 2026/2027

Our inset days for 2026 - 2027 have now been confirmed and are as follows:

- Monday 1st September 2026
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

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.

Clubs & Extended School - End of Term Update

Please note the following arrangements for the final week of term, week commencing Monday 30th March:

- **There will be no after school clubs running during the last week of term.**
- **Extended School** will run as normal throughout the week, except on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April, when it will **finish early at 5:00pm.**
- **Art Club & Eco Club** have now finished for Term 4. There will be **no sessions on 25th March or 1st April.**
- **Just Dance Club** has now finished for Term 4. There will be **no sessions on 24th March or 31st April.**
- **Tennis Club will not run on Thursday 2nd April.** The final session for Term 4 will be Thursday 26th March.
- **Martial Arts & Rocksteady** will continue as usual, including during the final week of term.



REMINDERS

Tea & Topics Session

All parents & carers are invited to attend our forthcoming Tea and Topics session, hosted by Miss Llewellyn and Mr Rowden, on **Wednesday 25th March from 2:00–3:00pm**. This session will focus on Inclusion Support within the school, offering an overview of how we meet the needs of pupils who require additional support. We will also provide updates on the Local Authority's new locality-based model and how we access external support where needed and discuss statutory pathways, including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

Please can you confirm your attendance via your Parent Booking account. If you have any difficulties in accessing your account, please contact enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk. We kindly ask for one adult per family to attend as there will be a maximum of 25 spaces. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing how we are continually adapting to support our pupils and families.

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 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.

Tennis Doubles Competition

Are you in Year 2-6 and have tennis lessons out of school?

If so, there is a Tennis Doubles Competition in the summer term that you can enter. As entries need to be booked well in advance, I am asking now for who would be interested in taking part so we can pair up players and send in our entries. If you would like to enter, please let the office know your name, year and the colour ball that you play (red, orange or green). We have had some good success in the past 2 years and it would be great to enter more teams this year. Thank you, Miss Irons



Red Nose Day

Today, our school was filled with a sea of red as the children came in dressed to support Comic Relief. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and creativity, with everyone making such a great effort to take part. A Big well done and thank you to the children in Year 6 who created lots of fun games for the rest of the school for Comic Relief.



Year 6 - Walk for Water



Today our Year 6 pupils completed their Walk for Water, and what a fantastic effort they all put in! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and every child gave it their all. We are incredibly proud of their determination and teamwork throughout the walk — they certainly deserve a good rest this evening!

If you have any remaining sponsor money, please send it into school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in helping Year 6 make a real difference.

Spring Concert

On Wednesday we had our annual Blean Spring Concert. The children who performed were incredibly brave and resilient. It was amazing to hear their pieces they had worked so hard to practice. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the parents who came to watch. Mrs Coleman



Free Tennis Lessons for Year 1 & 2 Pupils

The Appeti Tennis Centre at Canterbury Academy are offering 4 free tennis sessions for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools.

For more information about this opportunity and to sign up for the sessions, [please use this link.](#)



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Luna-May** for taking so much pride in her work.
- Pettman - Hugo** for being an amazing line leader.
- Dore - Molly** for recognising all the phase 5 sounds in reading.
- King - Sianna** for being resilient in her phonics learning.
- Bailey - Isla & Isabelle** for being kind friends and making our new member of Bailey class feel so welcome.
- Cooper - Grace** for applying her phonics to reading and writing.
- Moses - Anton** for a beautifully laid out and informative fact-file about the River Nile.
- Russo - Joannah** for creating a detailed and beautifully presented fact-file on the River Nile.
- Barnes - Jacob** for great collaboration in Mastering Number.
- Delahunt - Poppy** for representing Year 4 in the Hockey tournament.
- Denly - Matilda** for producing a fantastic report about wolves.
- Gurnah - Zack, Sochika & Olivia** for their wonderful wolf puppets.
- Shariff - Clarissa** for making great progress in reading.
- Thomas - Jessica** for fantastic perspective work in Art lessons.
- Evergreens - Eddison** for independent work in Maths.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Year R
94.8%

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

Beech
95.1%

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

Year 6 - Thomas Class
17 children

Term 4 24/02/2026 - 02/04/2026

Tea & Topics - Inclusion Support	25.03.2026
Year 4 Parent Share	25.03.2026
Year R Beach Trip	27.03.2026
Parent Constulations	30.03.2026
Parent Consultations	01.04.2026

End of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish 02.04.2026

First day of Term 5 20.04.2026

Additional P.E. Days

Tuesday 24th March -
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Inset Days 2025/26

20.07.2026 21.07.2026

Inset Days 2026/27

01.09.2026 22.02.2027
19.07.2027 20.07.2027
21.07.2027

P.E Days

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

Forest School Dates

Year R - Monday

- Catman** - 23rd March
- Pettman** - 30th March

Year 1 - Thursday

- Dore** - 26th March
- King** - Wednesday 1st April (change of date)

Year 2 - Friday

- Bailey** - 27th March
- Cooper** - Thursday 2nd April (change of date)

Saplings -

Every Wednesday, starting 4th March

Evergreens -

Every Tuesday, starting from 3rd March