



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Term 3 certainly has flown by! We have now completed half of the year. Hopefully, we have seen the coldest of the weather and we can look forward to longer, brighter days and who knows, maybe warmer temperatures!

As a school this term, we have been focusing on writing and I must say, the quality of writing in all year groups has really impressed me, including our pupils in Reception year. Part of my role is to monitor pupils' knowledge and skills particularly through talking to the children about what they have learned and the way they can talk about their learning is quite remarkable!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Blean for working so hard and ensuring your children get the best education.

I hope you all have a well-deserved break and spend some quality time with your loved ones. We will see you on Tuesday 25th February. Be Safe.

## World Book Day

On **Thursday 6th March 2025**, as part of our celebration of World Book Day, we invite all children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from children's literature or as their favourite children's author!

## Dot Kids Half Term Club

Dot Kids Art Club is hosting an art event for children ages 5-15 years during half term next week. Located at the Umbrella Centre in Whitstable, participants will have the opportunity to create their own drawing or painting on an A3 canvas, inspired by Ashevak. All materials and an apron will be provided. For more information please click [here](#).



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## *Inset Day*

Can we please remind you that on **Monday 24th February** the school will be closed for an inset day. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 25th February**.

## *Hockey Club - Term 4*

Please be aware that Hockey club for Term 4 will begin on **Friday 7th March 2025**.

There are still some spaces available for any girls in Years 4, 5 & 6 who wish to attend Hockey club. This club runs on Fridays, 3:25pm - 4:30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to take part.

## *Forest School - Term 4*

Please see the dates below for Forest School in Term 4 for KS1:

**Jemison:** 25.02.2025, 11.03.2025, 25.03.2025

**Yassin:** 04.03.2025, 18.03.2025, 01.04.2025

**West:** 27.02.2025, 12.03.2025, 26.03.2025

**Imafidon:** 06.03.2025, 20.03.2025, 03.04.2025

**Peake:** 26.02.2025, 12.03.2025, 26.03.2025

**Singh:** 05.03.2025, 19.03.2025, 02.04.2025

The children will be outdoors for each session, and must bring the following clothing to school:

Long sleeved top, full length trousers, wellies/sturdy shoes or boots.

Other recommended items: Waterproofs. Gloves, hat, scarf and warm clothing for colder weather. (Please write child's name in all clothing)

It is expected that Forest School will be very muddy, therefore they bring spare coats, shoes and a bag to put muddy items in for each session. Clothes are likely to become wet/muddy, so please don't send anything you don't want to get soiled. It is a good idea to supply an extra bag or two for these soiled items to be brought home. The children will need to ensure they have a water bottle to take with them.

If your child is in EYFS or Year 1, they should come to school wearing their forest school clothes and bring their school uniform to change into. Please leave their boots/wellies outside the classroom.

## *P.E Kits*

Can we please remind all pupils in KS2 to have their PE kit with them on **Tuesday 25th February** for the Interhouse cross country event. Thank you

## *Year 6 Activities Week*

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2025**. This can be paid in installments. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.



# REMINDERS

## Cross Country

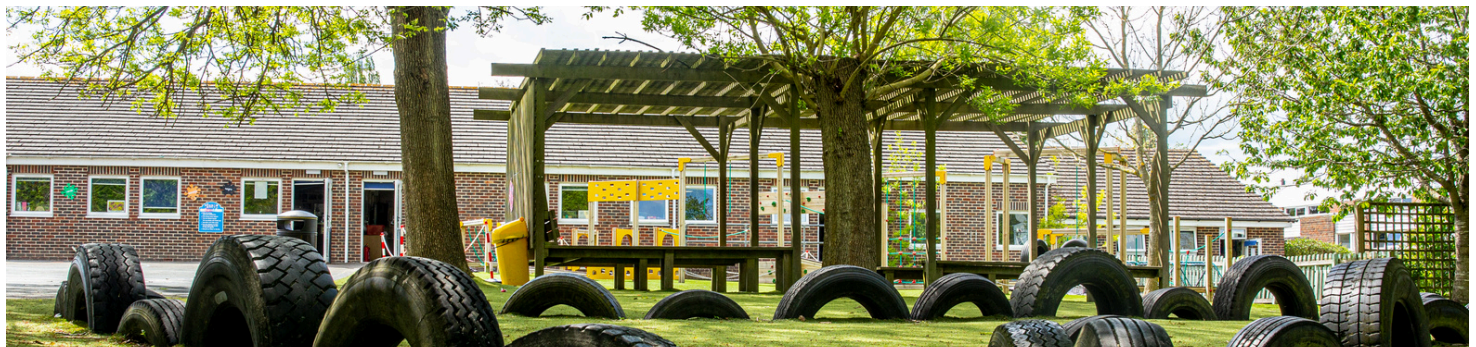
Kent College JUNIOR school will be running Cross Country events again for all year groups and younger siblings.

The dates are as follows:

**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 and some new faces. It would be great to have more runners! Miss Irons.



## Writing Competition

At the end of Term 2, many children in Years 1 to 6 entered a competition organised by the Rotary Club of Canterbury. The children were asked to write a short story with either a Christmas or a Winter theme. Last week, I received an envelope containing certificates and am delighted to share the following successes:

In Year 1, Henry received 2nd prize. In Year 2, Albert received 1st prize.

In Year 3, Esme received 1st prize. In Year 6, Emily R and Reuben both received 2nd prize.

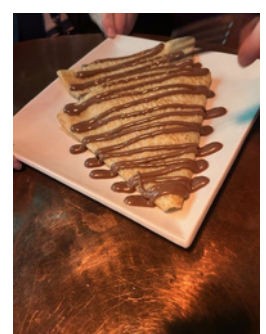
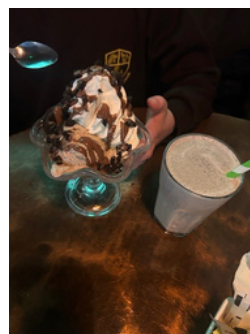
These children were presented with their certificates along with a book token in our celebration assembly on Monday. Congratulations to these children for their achievements, and a big well done to all the children who wrote a story for this competition. Mrs Prior



## Young Carers

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Rowden and Miss Satterley took our 3 Young carers for a well deserved treat to Creams! They all had a fabulous sugar filled time, with lots of laughter and excitement! The bus journey was almost as fun as desserts!

We are so proud of each of them and their kindness, resilience and hard work never go unnoticed. It was wonderful seeing them simply enjoying themselves.





# CUP WINNERS

**This week's Cup Winners are...**

**Jemison - Éowyn** for brilliant turn taking.

**Yassin - Ravjot** for working hard to learn his phonemes and improve his writing.

**Peake - Gracie** for completing an amazing sketch of three objects in Art.

**Singh - Grace** for the most amazing attention to detail and drawing in Art.

**Imafidon - Emilia** for her super contributions during the author visit.

**West - George** for applying his phonic knowledge.

**Kariko - Amore** for superb effort and focus during swimming lessons showing incredible determination and poise.

**Amos - Poppy** for her fantastic attitude to her learning and for being a kind and helpful friend.

**Agrawal - Eric** for his resilience in creating his volcano.

**Marhaver - Rohandeep** for demonstrating excellent proof-reading and editing skills in English.

**Johnson - Carter** for collaboration in practical science.

**Packham - Thomas** for writing an amazing descriptive piece by using his creativity to craft his own chapter of Beowulf.

**Mace - Niamh & Thomas** for great contributions to maths discussions

**Seagull - Sophia** for always displaying the Blean Bees.

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

**Year R**  
**98%**

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

**Rowan**  
**96%**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

<b>Term 3</b>	<b>06.01.2025 - 14.02.2025</b>	<b>Inset Days 2024/25</b>
<b>Last day of Term</b>	<b>14.02.2025</b>	24.02.2025
<b>Inset Day - School Closed</b>	<b>24.02.2025</b>	21.07.2025
First Day of Term 4	25.02.2025	22.07.2025
Year 3 Swimming	28.02.2025	<b>Forest School Dates</b>
World Book Day	06.03.2025	<b>Jemison:</b> 25.02.25, 11.03.2025, 25.03.2025
Year 3 Swimming	28.02.2025	<b>Yassin:</b> 04.03.2025, 18.03.2025, 01.04.2025
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