



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been an extremely busy week at Blean Primary School. Firstly, our football teams did amazingly well on Tuesday with the girls and boys team both coming first. What an achievement! We also had a visit from a couple of schools leaders from Ashford schools who spent Thursday morning with myself and Mrs Todd observing maths lessons from Year R through to Year 6. It was such a pleasure to see the fantastic work the teachers are doing to create such interactive maths lessons. The children's knowledge of numbers really came through. Our visitors noted how active our children were during their maths lessons.

Thank you for donating non bottled items for our Christmas fair. The more donations we receive, the greater opportunity there is to raise money for the school. Next Friday, we will be collecting bottled items.

A polite reminder – If you have pupils in Pre School, Reception, Year 1,2 and 3, please ensure your child/ren are by your side as you leave the school gates. This is to ensure children are leaving with the right adult and not leaving the school grounds on their own. Thank you for your understanding.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

## Early Finish - Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, the children will finish at 2.30pm. If your child/ren normally attends Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from 2.30pm until 5.00pm. If your child is not attending on this day, please email [extended school](#).

## Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair has arrived at school and will run from **today, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** to **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November** in the School Hall, 3:25–4:00 pm each day. We hope to see you there!

Well done to Klara - Yr4, Olivia - Yr1, George - Yr1, Martha - Yr1 and Felix - YrR our winners of the Book Fair Poster Competition, each of them have received a £5.00 Book Fair voucher. Thank you to everyone who entered.

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## *Collecting from Clubs*

As the evenings get darker, we're asking parents and carers to come down to the school office door when collecting children from after-school clubs. Waiting at the top of the ramp makes it hard for staff to see who's there in low light. Coming to the door helps us hand children over safely and keeps collection running smoothly. Thank you for your support.

## *Christmas Goody Bags and Raffle Tickets*

Your child should have brought home a goody bag and raffle tickets from the PTFA last week for the Christmas Fair.

**Raffle Tickets:** Fill out your details and return the tickets to the School. You can pay by cash or card at the School Office, additional tickets will also be available from the Office. You're welcome to purchase as many or as few tickets as you'd like.

**Goody Bags:** Kindly fill the goody bags with 5 items suitable for a child and return these filled bags to the School Office. Items could include stationery and small toys. No sweets or chocolates please! Goody bags to be returned by the **28th November**. If you're unable to fill a goody bag, please just return the empty bag.

**Donations of non-bottle items can still be dropped off at the School Office.** Thank you for your support.

## *Year 3 Dover Museum Trip*

As part of their History learning, Year 3 will visit Dover Museum on Wednesday 3rd December to explore Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age artefacts. The trip costs £17 per child, covering transport and entry. Payment will be available on Parent Pay and is **due by Monday 1st December**.

We will require a number of parent helpers to accompany us on the day. If you hold a current Blean DBS and are available to help, we would be very grateful for your support. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

## *Year 6 Activities Week*

We're excited for Year 6 Activities Week! To secure your child's place, a **£30 non-refundable deposit is due by Friday, 12th December**.

The total cost for the week is £267.75. After paying the deposit, you can choose to:

- Pay the remaining balance in full, or
- Pay in instalments, with the final payment **due by 1st May**.

Please note: Instalments for the remaining balance will be issued as a separate payment item at a later date. Payments can be made via your ParentPay app, or card machine at the school office. If you have any difficulty making this payment, please speak to Mrs Jones, our Business Manager, in confidence.



## *Reception Intake September 2026*

If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**, they are due to start school next September. Visit Kent Primary Admissions for details, or contact [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or 03000 412 121. Applications open on Friday 7 November 2025 and close on Thursday 15 January 2026.

All tour dates are now full. To join the waiting list, contact the school office on 01227 471254 (Option 5) or [office@blean.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@blean.kent.sch.uk). If you have a sibling due to start next September, please email the office if you plan to apply, even if you won't be attending a tour.

## *Cross Country Meets at Kent College Junior School*

All pupils are welcome to take part in the upcoming cross country races. Distances vary by year group:

**EYFS:** 100m      **Year 1:** 200m      **Year 2:** 400m      **Years 3-6:** 1km

Event Date: **Saturday 22nd November** – Sign up from 9:15am, races from 10:00am.

Please note: sign-up will close once the races begin. Parking is limited so we recommend arriving early.

Children should wear suitable PE clothing. Be prepared for mud and slopes on the course!

Once you've signed up for a race number, please find Miss Irons under the tree to collect a Blean Running Top.

I hope to see lots of you there, Miss Irons

## *Dressing for Forest School: What to Wear*

Forest School happens in all weather and all seasons, so being dressed appropriately is essential. Children's clothing should protect them from the weather and activities, as well as from the natural environment, such as insect bites and stinging nettles.

Children must wear long trousers in all seasons, and in summer a hat is essential. In the colder months, layering clothes and socks is the most effective approach, along with waterproof trousers, coats, boots (wellies), hats and gloves.

Take a look at the pictures below to see how best to layer clothing and what you may need to provide for your child in cold weather. Thank you, Mrs Muzyczek.







## CUP WINNERS

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

**Catman - Athena** for fantastic effort in her learning.

**Pettman - Nora** for saying please and thank you.

**Dore - Charlotte** for writing a lovely poem as part of our creative day on silly food.

**King - Remy** for being resilient in his learning and producing a brilliant poem on creative day.

**Bailey - Phoebe** for her fantastic recount of the Great Fire of London and her super attitude to all her learning.

**Cooper - Lyra** for wonderful independent ideas.

**Moses - Harry** for his amazing maths work this week.

**Russo - John** for always being kind and polite and supportive to others.

**Barnes - Oliver** for excellent writing on creative day.

**Delahunt - Josephine** for fantastically following our Blean Bees and resilience in her learning across all subjects.

**Denly - Kimberley** for her hard work in making sure her presentation is beautiful throughout her books.

**Gurnah - Isabelle & Rose** for their amazing pizza poems.

**Shariff - Orlando** for thoughtful and considered contributions to RE discussions.

**Thomas - Felicity** for her 'have a go' attitude in all her learning.

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

**Year 3**  
**98.1%**

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

**Rowan**  
**96.6%**

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

**Year 6**  
**17**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

### Term 2

**27.10.2025 - 18.10.2025**

### Inset Days 2025/26

### Forest School Dates

Scholastic Book Fair

21.11.2025 -  
27.11.2025

01.09.2025 19.12.2025  
23.02.2026 20.07.2026  
21.07.2026

### Year 3

**Moses** - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Russo** - 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Pre-School Parent Share

26.11.2025

New Entrant Tour

02.12.2025

Year 3 Dover Museum Trip

03.12.2025

### Additional P.E. Days

### Year 4

**Barnes** - 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Delahunt** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

End of Term - **2.30pm**

18.12.2025

No Additional P.E

**Finish**

Sessions this week

### Christmas Dates

Christmas Fair

05.12.2025 - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

EYFS Christmas Songs

09.12.2025 - 9.30am

Dore Class Christmas Songs

10.12.2025 - 9.30am

King Class Christmas Songs

10.12.2025 - 10.30am

Pre-School Christmas

11.12.2025 - 9.00am

Performance

Y6 Christmas Songs

12.12.2025 - 2.00pm

Y2 Christmas Play

16.12.2025 - 9.30am or 2.15pm

Christmas Dinner

17.12.2025

### Year 5

**Denly** - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Gurnah** - 5<sup>th</sup> Dec & Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
(Change of Date)

### Year 6

**Shariff** - 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Thomas** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec