

MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

It has been an extremely busy week at school. We welcomed visitors from Ofsted, who spent two days with us. During their visit, I had the opportunity to spend time in lessons and talk with pupils about their learning. As always, I was proud to see children engaging with their learning and speaking confidently about their experiences in school.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Bank collection. Your generosity has been incredible. Rev Laird led our Harvest Assembly today and was truly impressed by the quantity of donations received from our school community. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to local families and we are very grateful for your continued support.









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Club Payment Reminder

This is a reminder that club payments can now be made via **ParentPay**. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible, as this is a compulsory payment.

If you are unable to make payment through ParentPay, a card machine is available in the school office.

Year R Braiswick Photo Order Collection

Braiswick will be collecting any physical photo orders from the school office on **Wednesday 14th October.** Please ensure that if you wish to purchase your child's photo, this is completed online or returned to the school office before this date. Thank you.

Solihull Workshop for Parents & Carers

We are pleased to announce that Miss Llewellyn and Mrs Gibbens will be running a 10 week Solihull course which looks at child development and behaviour.

Please contact Miss Llewellyn for more information or to book your place: **senco@blean.kent.sch.uk**



Board Games Wanted

As the weather begins to turn and we head into the winter months, there will inevitably be more occasions when children need to stay indoors for wet play and lunchtime activities.

To help keep our children engaged, entertained and enjoying time with their friends, we are looking to replenish our collection of board games and tabletop activities.

If you have any board games in good condition with all pieces complete that are suitable for primary-aged children, we would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you for your support.

Lost Property

Our lost property is currently looking very full. If your child has misplaced an item of clothing recently, please take a few minutes to have a look through the lost property during drop-off or pick-up. It can be found on the corridor near Year 3.

We have also noticed that a large amount of the uniform in lost property is unnamed. Please can we remind all parents and carers to make sure that all items of school uniform, coats, lunchboxes and other belongings are clearly named. This makes it much easier for us to identify and return lost items to the correct child.



Ordering School Meals

ParentPay is now fully operational and can be accessed via your Reach More Parent account.
Nourish is currently uploading outstanding meal charges from the start of term. Please check your account regularly as these are added.

All school meals, including paid meals, Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals, must be booked through ParentPay. Children will still select their meal choice with their teacher during morning registration.
Please note:

- School meals cost £3.00 per meal and must be paid for in advance.
- Accounts must remain in credit and will not be permitted to run into debt.
- If an account falls into debt, parents/carers will be asked to provide a packed lunch until the balance is cleared.

Thank you for your patience and support. Please contact the school office if you need assistance accessing ParentPay.

Supporting Safe Gaming at Home

We have recently become aware that some children are accessing games that are not age-appropriate, including Grand Theft Auto (18+) and Five Nights at Freddy's (PEGI 12).

We kindly ask parents and carers to check the games, apps and online content their children use, talk to them about safe gaming, and ensure parental controls are enabled.

We have attached some helpful parent guides with further information about **Five Nights at Freddy's** and **Grand Theft Auto**, associated risks and practical advice for setting controls and supporting children to make safe choices online.

Working together, we can help children use technology safely and access content suitable for their age.
Thank you for your support.

The Big Future Survey - Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future survey.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, hopes, dreams and ideas for the future. Every child's voice matters, and the responses will help shape a picture of childhood that will be shared with Government.

We would really encourage our pupils and families to get involved and make their voices heard!
Take part in **The Big Future survey here**.



Poetry Success

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and it was therefore fitting that a group of children were invited to a Poetry Showcase at the Gulbenkian Arts Centre as a finale to the Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition.

4 children had been shortlisted and bravely read aloud their poems to the audience ahead of the winners being announced. I am delighted to share that we had 2 winners with Simone taking 2nd prize in the 5-8 year old category and Helena (now in Year 7) doing the same in the 9-11 year old category.



All the shortlisted children's poems were also published in a poetry anthology. A further 8 children received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and received a certificate at the Poetry Showcase.

Almost 1000 poems had been entered into this competition so a huge congratulations to Alex B, Simone, Helena and Tess, Olivia W, Zunairah, Laurie, Joannah, Jack W,Esther, Orlando and Hannah W on your achievement. You should feel super proud of yourselves! Mrs Prior.

Cross Country

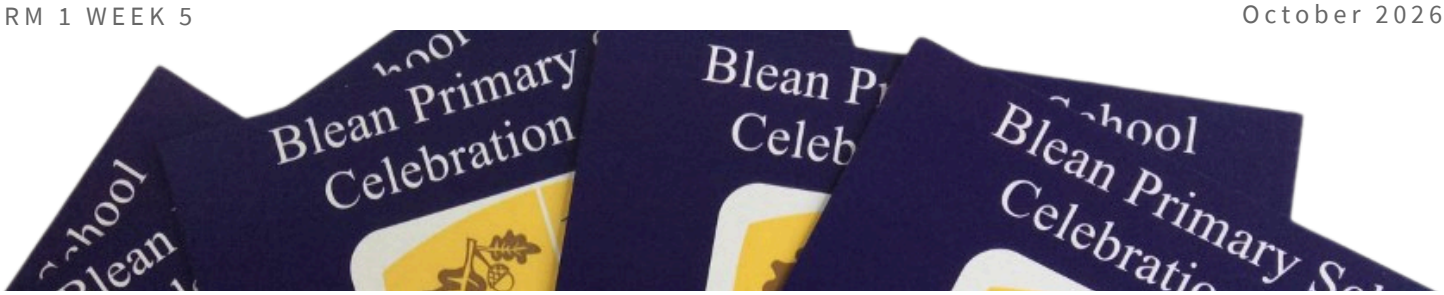
Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School.
The next event is on **Saturday 7th November.** Registration is from 9:15am and races are from 10am

Races at Kent College Junior School

The event will begin with nursery (approx. 150m) then EYFS (approx. 250m), Year 1 and Year 2 (both approx. 600m) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (all approx. 1000m)

On the day:

Runners will need to wear trainers (or running shoes), and suitable sport clothing.
(Running vests will be given on the day to show you are a Blean Runner!)
All runners need to sign in at the tables when you arrive and receive a number. You can then come to me for a running top - I will be under the tree at the top of the hill near the sign-in table.
Parking can be difficult so please arrive with plenty of time. If you can walk, cycle or car share it always helps.
Sign in closes **BEFORE** the first race of the event.



CUP WINNERS

Amici - Emily for reading her first CVC book with precision.
Rafiki - Ruby for always trying her very best.
Amor - Elsie for super sounding out during guided reading.
Aroha - Emily for using the skills of a Scientist to observe and gather data.
Esperanza - Remy for his resilience in his writing and his enthusiasm for his learning.
Upendo - Martha for being a true Blean Bee.
Irie - Victoria for showing great resilience in Art when adding texture and time.
Ohana - Flossie for working so hard on her reading and her focus and determination in Maths.
Amigo - Ivy for amazing learning behaviours.
Tomodachi - Grace for excellent effort and focus in all areas of the curriculum and **Emilia** for being an excellent role model.
Kavod - Lennie for being a wonderful example to his buddy.
Sisu - Rebecca for being a fantastic role model to her peers consistently so far this year.
Latif - Eliza for her resilience when faced with long division for the first time.
Timon - Kyron for always being ready to learn.
Evergreens - Albie for always being ready.

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

Year 1
99.3%

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

Maple
99%

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

Year 3 Irie Class
10 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For term dates please click here.

Term 1	**01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026**
Braisiwick to collect Year R Photo Orders	14.10.2026
Kent Test Results	15.10.2026
Year 3 Parent Share	16.10.2026
Year 6 Bikability Level 2	19.10.2026

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

Forest School Dates

Year 3
Irie - 5th & 19th Oct
Ohana - 12th Oct

Year 4
Amigo - 6th & 20th Oct
Tomodachi - 13th Oct

Year 5
Kavod - 9th & 23rd Oct
Sisu - 16th Oct

Year 6
Latif - 7th & 21st Oct
Timon - 14th Oct

Evergreens
8th, 15th & 22nd Oct