



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Saplings Pre-School – Opening September 2025!

We are delighted to announce that our school will be opening a brand-new pre-school: Saplings Pre-School, launching in September 2025. This exciting new provision will offer places for 3 year olds during term time.

Earlier today, we sent out detailed information outlining everything you need to know about Saplings Pre-School, including the structure of our offer, session timings, and eligibility. As this is a new and exciting development in school life, we kindly ask for your patience while we respond to any questions. We'll do our best to support you as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in your child joining Saplings Pre-School, please [click here](#) to access the full information pack and application forms.

We are incredibly excited about this new chapter for our school and look forward to welcoming our youngest learners to the Saplings community in September!

Cultural Evening Volunteers

We're getting ready for our upcoming Cultural Evening on **Thursday, 19th June** and would love your help! If you're able to run a cultural zone or would like to get involved in any way, please complete the form via your WeDuc – Reach More Parents app, or email us at enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk with "Cultural Evening" as the subject. We're looking forward to a fantastic evening celebrating our vibrant school community!

No Clubs - Thursday 19th June

Unfortunately, there will be no clubs on **Thursday, 19th June**, due to Cultural evening. After School club is open and pick up will be via the black metal gates at the far end of the staff carpark.

No Rounders Club

Unfortunately, we are not able to run Rounders club on **Tuesday, 17th June**, due to staff availability. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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Class Names

As you know, each year we change the names of our classes. This year, our classes are named after individuals who work or worked in STEM. Next year, we would like to choose local heroes who have inspired our Blean community and need your help.

We would like you to nominate people who are local to Blean, Canterbury or Kent who are significant in the community and might therefore be seen as a local hero. There could be many reasons why an individual might be chosen:

- Voluntary or charitable work
- An artist
- An author
- Outstanding achievements
- Contributions to the local community

You may have other reasons why you are putting someone forward too. To have your say about who our classes should be named after next year, simply complete [this short survey](#) to convince us that your local hero should be chosen. **Please complete the form by 9 am on 16th June.**

Future Careers Day

We're excited to announce that Future Careers Day will take place on **Friday 11th July**! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to dress up as their dream job or as someone who inspires them.

In previous years, we've seen an amazing variety of costumes: from astronauts to artists, doctors to dancers, chefs to conservationists! It's always a brilliant celebration of ambition, creativity, and individuality.

The day also gives us the chance to challenge stereotypes and spark meaningful conversations about future aspirations. In the afternoon, KS2 pupils will be invited to attend our Careers Fair, where they can explore a wide range of stalls and gain inspiration for the future.

We'd love you to get involved! If you're available and would like to host a table at our Careers Fair, please email us at enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk and we'll be happy to provide more details. Let's work together to inspire the next generation!

Book Fair

The Travelling Books Book Fair here!

Join us after school **until Tuesday 17th June** in the Learning and Development Room (right next to Year 2) for a fun-filled book bonanza!

There's a brilliant 3 for 2 offer on all books, and every purchase helps our school earn free books for our classrooms. So come along, have a browse, and treat yourself (and your bookshelf)! We can't wait to see you there!





Year 5 PESE Appointments

Having received these key dates regarding transfer to Secondary School in 2026, we would like to invite you into school for a Kent Test Parent Consultation. These appointments will be for 15 minutes and will run from 8.15am – 5.30pm.

They will be an opportunity for class teachers to share with you up to date details about your child to help you make an informed decision before the registration deadline.

- Packham class appointments will take place on Tuesday 17th June. This will be an appointment with Mr Humphreys, Class Teacher and Mrs Prior, Assistant Headteacher.
- Johnson class appointments will take place on Wednesday 18th June. This will be an appointment with Ms Davies, Class Teacher and Mrs Prior, Assistant Headteacher.

To book an appointment, please access the parents evening tab on your Reach More Parents-WeDuc app. If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

Advance Notice: Oaks Nursery Car Park Closure

We want to give families advance notice that from **7th July - 4th August**, resurfacing work will begin on Parkwood Road, which will close access to the Oaks Nursery car park. This will cause significant disruption and delays for those travelling to and from school.

There will be a signed diversion route that will be in place through the Kent University housing complex.

Along this route, there are a three small car parks that may offer limited parking. We're grateful to Kent University, who have kindly continued to allow our parents and carers to park considerably in these areas during drop-off and pick-up times.

If you plan to use the diversion route, please allow extra time, drive carefully, and be mindful of residents.

Where possible, we encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot to school to help ease congestion.

We're sharing this early so you can plan ahead. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Canterbury Children's Literature Festival

We have received details about the 1st Canterbury Children's Literature Festival which is running from **Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July**. The aim of this exciting event is to support children in developing a love of stories by celebrating storytelling in all its forms. By utilising the rich variety of venues across the city of Canterbury, this festival hopes to engage with children of all ages, seeking to connect with them on their wavelength and inspire the ways that they learn.

The full programme of events for all ages from babies through to teens, and even some adult events, can be found at [here](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to continue to instil that love of books and stories which we hold so dear here at Blean.



Year 1 Sponsored Walk

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their sponsored walk around the field last week, and all the adults were so impressed with the children's resilience and stamina!

We're absolutely blown away by the generosity of everyone who donated—together, we raised an incredible **£835** to go towards improvements in the Year 1 garden.

A huge thank you for your support. It's truly appreciated and will make a real difference to our outdoor space.



Year 5 Greek Workshop

Our Year 5 students stepped back in time this week with a hands-on Greek workshop that brought history to life. From myths and legends to ancient art, the day was full of energy, curiosity, and creativity. One highlight was our Butterfly Walk, where students tried their hand at Greek-style carving using plaster. A big well done to Year 5 for diving into the day with such enthusiasm and producing some very impressive work.



Canterbury Cathedral Choir Auditions

As part of our work with Kent Music and Canterbury Cathedral, we have received the following invitation to our pupils to audition for the Canterbury Cathedral choir. The auditions will take place on **Saturday 28 June** 2025 where Canterbury Cathedral will be hosting auditions for prospective boy and girl choristers to join the choir in September 2025.

They are looking for children with a love of singing, specifically boys currently in Years 2 or 3. Full details can be found [here](#).



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Mateo for fantastic writing in Root learning.

Yassin - Imogen for creating an amazing book about butterflies.

Peake - Maya for working hard to sound out her words to write descriptive sentences.

Singh - Naiya for settling into Blean School so brilliantly.

Imafidon - Jaxxon for trying his best to improve his handwriting and presentation.

West - Harikesh for producing stunning artwork and **Nancy** for efforts in her reading.

Kariko - Matthew for excellent focus and understanding of telling the time.

Amos - Elodie for her hard work and resilience in her writing and **Naavya** for her amazing presentation in all her work.

Agrawal - Amy for being so amazingly helpful every single day and **Nelly** for her amazing resilience at Go Ape.

Marhaver - Whole class for their brilliant behaviour on our school trip to Go Ape.

Johnson - Jensen for excellent contributions to class discussions and **Sebastian** for excellent work in Maths and English.

Packham - Helena for showing outstanding creativity, imagination and skill in her English writing.

Mace - Simone & Niamh for great practical work with nets in Maths.

Seagull - Abijeeth for a super effort in writing.

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

Year R
99.3%

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

Rowan
99.3%

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

Year 4
Marhaver
Class
17

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 6	02.06.2025 - 18.07.2025	Inset Days 2024/25	Inset Days 2025/26
Packham Class PESE	17.06.2025	21.07.2025	01.09.2025
Appointments		22.07.2025	19.12.2025
Johnson Class PESE	18.06.2025		23.02.2026
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Open Day & Cultural Evening	19.06.2025		21.07.2026
Non-Bottle Donation	20.06.2025		
Sports Day	25.06.2025	Year 6 Leavers Events	
Bottle Donation	27.06.2025	Year 6 Production	09.07.2025 & 10.07.2025
Summer Fair	04.07.2025	Year 6 Prom	17.07.2025
	15:30 - 17:30pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	18.07.2025 AM