



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

It's been wonderful to feel truly Christmassy in school following the success of last week's Christmas Fair - a huge thank you for all your generous donations and support.

This week we welcomed the start of our festive performances, with EYFS, Pre-School, Year 1 and Year 6 sharing their beautiful singing. It's been lovely to have so many family members and friends in school to enjoy these special moments.

We're now looking forward to the Year 2 Nativity next week, as well as Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday alongside our Christmas lunch. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers again on Thursday as we celebrate the end of a long and busy term.

Wishing you all a joyful run-up to the holidays!

Early Finish - Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, **Thursday 18th December**, the children will finish at 2.30pm. If your child 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](#).

No Clubs - Last Week of Term

A reminder that on the last week of term, commencing **Monday 15th December**, there will be no clubs.

Extended School will run as normal throughout the week, **except on the last day of term, Thursday 18th December, when it will finish at 5:00pm.**

No Forest School - Last Week of Term

Dear Parents & Carers, unfortunately there will be no Forest School sessions on the last week of term.

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Christmas Jumper Days

This year the children can come to school wearing a festive themed jumper with their school uniform on **Wednesday 17th December & Thursday 18th December**. They can accessorise with tinsel, hairbands etc, if they wish. If you wish to make a donation to Save the Children, please [click here](#). Thank you.



Lost Property

Please take a moment to check the lost property in the Year 3 corridor before the end of term and claim any missing items. Named uniform has already been returned to children, but we still have plenty of unnamed coats, hats, lunchboxes and other bits waiting to be collected.

Anything unclaimed will be cleared before next term, so please have a look next week if you're missing anything.



Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 17th December** the children will be able to enjoy a **Christmas lunch**. Please [see our festive Christmas menu](#) with allergen information. If your child would like the vegan cranberry & roasted vegetable wellington, [please complete this form by Monday 15th December](#). **Please be aware that there will not be an alternative option of jacket potato or pasta**, so if your child would not like a Christmas lunch please provide them with a packed lunch for that day.



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.



Reception Intake September 2026

If your child was born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, they are due to start school next September. Visit Kent Primary Admissions for details, or contact primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or 03000 412 121. **Applications 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. 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.



Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, volunteered, donated or supported our school Christmas fair. It was a truly wonderful afternoon with a fantastic turnout and a warm, festive atmosphere.

We're pleased to announce that the PTFA raised approximately £5,800 - an incredible achievement! Every penny will go straight back into improving our school for all our children. Your generosity and support mean so much to us. Thank you for helping make this event such a success!

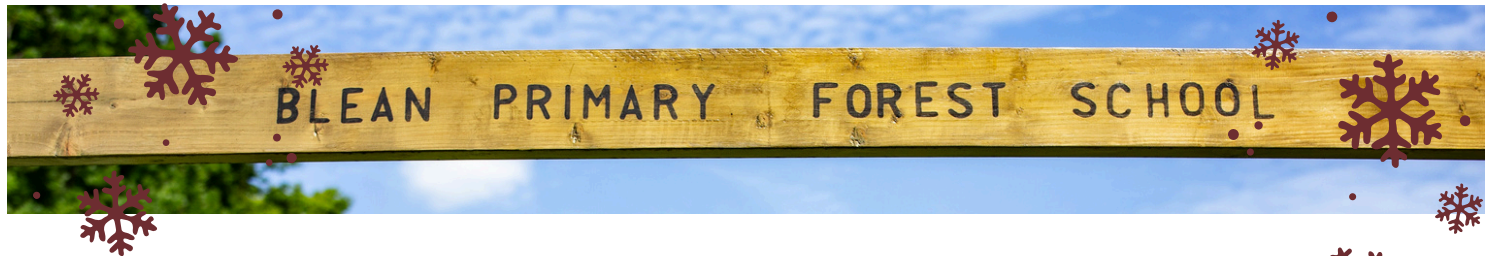


Christmas Fair - Winner

At our school Christmas fair, Miles took home the prize at the MG Pet Services stall after winning the "Guess the Dog Treats" challenge. He guessed 580 treats, and the jar held 572. A great guess. Well done, Miles!

thank you!





Forest School Newsletter

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the parents who made sure their children had appropriate clothing. It has made a huge difference and allowed the children to fully enjoy trying new activities.

This week, we started our campfires to celebrate our fantastic learning in Forest School. We roasted marshmallows and made s'mores over the open fire, making sure everyone understood how to stay safe around it. I am incredibly impressed with all the children and how sensible and responsible they were. We talked about fire safety and the important things we need to consider when setting up a campfire.



We've also had several upgrades to our site this term, with all children involved in the process. I'm very excited to see what else we can add in the new year! - Mrs M



December Highlights

Birds of the Month: December brings some wonderful visitors to our gardens and local green spaces. If you'd like to spot what's around this month, take a look at this guide from the [RSPB: Birds of December](#).

Feeding Our Winter Birds: If you enjoy attracting birds to your garden, the [RSPB has a helpful page](#) on the best food to offer during the colder months. It's a great time to notice wildlife, lend a hand, and enjoy a bit of nature even on the colder days.



Sportshall Decathlon - Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are invited to the U11 Sportshall Decathlon on Sunday 11 January at the Stour Centre, Ashford. The event includes ten indoor athletics activities, with medals awarded and results used for next year's Kent County squad selection.

For more information and details on how to enter can be [found here](#).

Kent College - Sports Masterclass

Kent College are running a Sports Masterclass taking place on Saturday 3 January 2026, from 1.30pm to 3pm. The session offers hockey, cricket or football led by experienced coaches and is aimed at students who want a fun and active afternoon.

More information can be found by [scanning the code here](#).



Sporting Achievement

A big congratulations to Tess for an incredible achievement!

Not only did she take part, but she won the Female Athlete of the Year trophy in the Under-11s category. Tess runs for East Kent Athletics Club and is a dedicated member, attending regularly and competing in numerous races and cross-country events – many of which she has won.

Her talent and hard work even took her to a national race with over 200 competitors, where she proudly represented her club. Well done, Tess – we're so proud of you!



Blean Choirs

It has been a busy week for the Blean Choirs! On Sunday 7th December, the Christmas Choir had the opportunity to sing in the St Nicholas Celebration along with 350 other children. It sounded amazing and the children were a credit to the school. On Tuesday 9th December, the Gulbenkian Choir sang at the Colyer Ferguson Hall to a packed audience. It was a great evening filled with Christmas cheer and I am so proud of the children for their resilience and stamina on what was a very long day.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped prepare for these performances and supported us.

Mrs Coleman



Year 5 Parent Share

To end the term, Year 5 enjoyed a full day of Design Technology, researching, planning, designing and testing their own stomp rockets. They showed excellent problem-solving as they explored how air pressure, stability, and design affect flight. In the afternoon, parents joined us for the much-anticipated launches. The playground buzzed with excitement as rockets soared-some impressively far! It was wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their learning. Thank you to all the adults who came along-the children loved showcasing their work and the day was a great success. The Year 5 Team



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Luke for being helpful in class.

Pettman - Charlie for making progress with sound blending.

Dore - Ravjot for amazing work in Maths on his number bonds to 10.

King - Nate for using the rolling and pinching skills in DT for his final design.

Bailey - Finn for his dedication to learning his part and his infectious enthusiasm.

Cooper - Toby for great work in Maths with money.

Moses - Hannah for resilience in her learning, particularly with her Maths work.

Russo - Farley for outstanding focus and listening across all subjects and for showing exceptional effort in your independent work.

Barnes - Emily for being ready and great writing.

Delahunt - Josephine for showing great curiosity when exploring new, trickier concepts in Maths.

Denly - Amy for her support to adults around the school and for being a remarkable role model to others.

Gurnah - Eti for being such an amazing engineer on our rocket day.

Shariff - Zachary & Joshua for consistent focus and attention in all his learning.

Thomas - Aurora for a fantastic effort on your home learning task.

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

Year 2
96.4%

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

Rowan
96.3%

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

Year 5
Denly - 21

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 2	27.10.2025 - 18.10.2025	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Year 2 Nativity	16.12.2025 09:30am & 14:15pm	01.09.2025 19.12.2025 23.02.2026 20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Please be aware that there will be no Forest School on the last week of term, week commencing 15 th December.
Christmas Dinner	17.12.2025		
Christmas Jumper Days	17.12.2025 & 18.12.2025		
End of Term - 2.30pm Finish	18.12.2025	<u>Additional P.E. Days</u> Tuesday 16th December EYFS	
First Day of Term 3	05.01.2026		
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Year 3 Swimming	09.01.2026		
New Entrant Tour	09.01.2026		