



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

Last Friday, we were pleased to welcome Optimus Education into school as part of our SEND Award accreditation. We are delighted to share that we have successfully achieved the SEND Award, reflecting our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils with SEND and ensuring they receive high-quality, inclusive education. The award recognises our work in removing barriers to learning through early identification, inclusive teaching and strong leadership, as well as celebrating positive classroom practice and outcomes for our pupils.

A huge thank you to Miss Llewellyn for all the time and care taken in compiling the evidence and to our whole staff team and wider stakeholders for their continued support.

Also this week, we welcomed 16 visitors from local primary and secondary schools, as well as Christchurch University, who came to see our school research projects in action. They were extremely impressed by both our school and our pupils. The feedback we received included:

"It was inspiring to see not only the research in action across different parts of the school, but also the wider ethos that underpins it. Your commitment to putting the children first and giving them ownership of the school was evident everywhere."

Attached to this week's newsletter is a parent support sheet about WhatsApp. While WhatsApp is not suitable for use under the age of 13, we are aware that some pupils are using it. If your child does use WhatsApp, we kindly ask that you check their chat groups and monitor usage regularly. The attached guidance offers helpful advice and support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Well Done!

Leila and Holly, in Years 3 & R, had a lovely Christmas wish this year. They asked for litter pickers so they could help look after the planet. They have already put them to good use with two local litter picks, collecting half a black sack of rubbish at Neals Place field and Dukes Meadow, and enjoying a largely litter-free walk through Blean Woods. Thank you both for your hard work and caring for the planet!



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Year 3 Swimming

This year, the school will cover the cost of swimming instructors and pool hire. We kindly ask parents to contribute towards transport costs, which total £67.45 per child. If you experience any difficulty in making this payment, please contact Mrs Jones, Business Manager, in confidence. Payment can be made via your ParentPay account or at the school office using the card machine. You may choose to pay in full or in instalments, with **all payments due by Friday 13th February 2026**.



Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for the Year 6 Activities Week is available on your ParentPay app. To make things easier, we have set up an instalment option should you prefer to pay in smaller amounts rather than in full. Alternatively, you can make payment using the card machine in the school office.

Please note that the **deadline for payment is Friday, 1st May 2026**.

If you are experiencing any difficulty with the cost of this trip but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss possible support.



Cross Country Races

All pupils and younger siblings are invited to join the **Blean Runners at Kent College JUNIOR School's Cross Country** events on the following dates:

Saturday 7th February: Register before 10am

Friday 27th February: Register before 4pm

Friday 13th March: Register before 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. We really hope to see as many runners as possible. Miss Irons.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Catman - Elliott for fantastic behaviour to learning.

Pettman - Hailey for good doubles knowledge.

Dore - Éowyn for being super resilient and trying her best with her learning all week.

King - Harper for trying really hard with her writing and letter formation.

Bailey - Rosa for her perseverance in her learning and her fantastic ideas in our writing.

Cooper - Kiyan for improvements in his phonic knowledge.

Moses - Griffin for amazing resilience and perseverance at swimming.

Russo - Seo Hye for fantastic participation and independent thinking in Maths.

Barnes - Rory for being ready, respectful and safe.

Delahunt - Lydia for always demonstrating the Blean Bees and being a kind friend.

Denly - Amelia for working extremely hard on her character description.

Gurnah - Thomas for working so hard on his handwriting and presentation.

Shariff - Amber & Hannah for working hard on their spellings.

Thomas - Esmai for effortful learning in English.

Evergreens - Albie for his hard work and attitude.

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

Year 4
98%

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

Maple
98%

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

Year - 5 & 6
18 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 3 05.01.2026 - 13.02.2026

Year 3 Swimming Lessons	30.01.2026
Second Hand Uniform Sale	06.02.2026
Year 6 1940's Day	09.02.2026
Year 6 Parent Share	09.02.2026
Last Day of Term 3	13.02.2026
Inset Day - School Closed	23.02.2026
First Day of Term 4	24.02.2026

Inset Days 2025/26

01.09.2025	19.12.2025
23.02.2026	20.07.2026
21.07.2026	

P.E Days

EYFS - Thursday
Year 1 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2 - Wednesday & Friday
Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday (Swimming)
Year 4 - Monday & Friday
Year 5 - Monday & Thursday
Year 6 - Monday & Friday

Additional P.E Days

27th January - No Additional P.E

Forest School Dates

Year 3

Moses - 26th Jan, 9th Feb
Russo - 2nd Feb

Year 4

Barnes - 27th Jan, 10th Feb
Delahunt - 3rd Feb

Year 5

Denly - 30th Jan, 13th Feb
Gurnah - 6th Feb

Year 6

Shariff - 28th Jan, 11th Feb
Thomas - 4th Feb