



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

With Safer Internet Day fast approaching, we are inviting parents to check the online presence of your children as we all have a role to play in ensuring children stay safe online.

We encourage you to discuss the following:

- Protecting personal information
- Being kind online
- Knowing what to do if something feels wrong

We also encourage you to:

- Check devices regularly
- Look out for unfamiliar contacts
- Look out for inappropriate content
- Set privacy and parental controls

By working together, we can help children enjoy the digital world safely. If you need support, feel free to reach out to us.

This week's attachment is a parental guide to Snapchat.

Household Support Fund Payment

The Household Support Fund is a scheme funded by the government to help low-income households cover the cost of food, energy bills, and essential items such as school uniform and broadband.

Families could be eligible for a £150 cash grant. The scheme is open until **28th February 2025**.

More information and the application form can be found [here](#).

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Inset Day

Can we please remind you that on **Monday 24th February** the school will be closed for an inset day. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 25th February.

Year 2 trip to Quex Park

This term, Year 2 are learning about Invaders and Explorers in History. Therefore, they will be going to Quex Park for a workshop and to look around the Percy Powell Cotton museum on **Thursday, 13th February**. The total cost of the trip is £16 per child; including the coach, entry to the museum and the workshops. This can be paid for via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming

The Year 3 swimming payments are now live; you can access this payment via your Reach More Parents app. Alternatively, you can pay via the card machine at the school office. If you have a current Blean DBS and are able to help with swimming, please contact either your child's class teacher or the school office.

Year 4 Parent Share

Year 4 will have a Parent Share taking place in the classrooms on **Friday 7th February, from 2:00pm until 3:00pm**. We will be making papier mâché volcano models, so please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

If you have any plastic bottles, cardboard or spare newspaper at home, please can this be brought into school the no later than Monday 3rd February.

Year 6 Activities Week

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2025**. This can be paid in installments. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.

Cross Country

Kent College JUNIOR school will be running Cross Country events again for all year groups and younger siblings.

The dates are as follows:

Saturday 8th February – Register before 10am

Friday 28th February – Registration at 4pm

Friday 14th March - Registration at 4pm

Please arrive early as parking can be very difficult. Sign in, then meet Miss Irons under the tree near the sign-in tables. I look forward to seeing my regular runners and some new faces. It would be great to have more runners! Miss Irons.

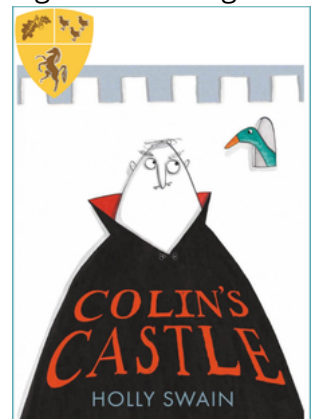


Year 1 & 2 - Author Visit

We are excited to inform you that we will be hosting an author event for Year 1 and 2 students on **Thursday, 6th February!** Holly Swain, author of *Colin's Castle*, will be reading the book, leading a 'draw-along' session, and then hosting a fun "true or false" quiz about ducks and vampires.

We've partnered with Tales on Moon Lane bookshop in Whitstable, who have created a dedicated sales page for you to purchase the book in advance. They are offering the book at a discounted price—cheaper than Amazon! Holly Swain will also sign all books on the day alongside the children. We encourage you to buy the book prior to the event if you'd like your child to receive a signed copy from Holly. You can purchase the book using [this link](#).

Please note that all book orders must be placed by Sunday, 2nd February. Be sure to include your child's name and class in the 'info to seller' box.



We hope your child is as excited about this author event as we are, and we look forward to sharing photos from the day with you!

Solihull Approach Group

We will be running another Solihull Approach Group from 3rd February 2025. This popular 10 week course looks at child development and behaviour. If you would like to attend, please contact Miss Llewellyn on 01227 471254 or senco@blean.kent.sch.uk

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

S O L I H U L L A P P R O A C H

'Understanding your Child'
 A Solihull Group for Parents, Carers and Grandparents
 facilitated by
Miss Llewellyn and Mrs Gibbens

A 10 week course which reflects on child development, behaviour and building family relationships.

Course dates: **03/02, 10/02, 25/02, 03/03, 11/03, 17/03, 24/03, 31/03, 21/04, 28/04** Session time: **1.30-3:25pm**

Please note 25/02 and 11/03 are Tuesdays, all other dates are Mondays.

Please contact Miss Llewellyn for more information or to book your place: 01227 471254 senco@blean.kent.sch.uk

For the course to be the most successful for you and your child we ask that all sessions are attended. Maximum of 2 places per family. Refreshments provided.

World Religion Day

Sunday 19th January was World Religion Day, which was celebrated on Thursday with a special assembly in school. Several children shared some aspects of their faith and examples of customs that they follow as part of their religion. Thank you and well done to Bernie, Tia, Penelope, Mya and Emma for participating in this informative assembly.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Fabian** for demonstrating our school rule 'Be Safe'.
- Yassin - Ken** for being resilient in order to work on his writing.
- Peake - Jesse** for writing a fantastic describing sentence about a cloud.
- Singh - Phillippa** for excellent use of adjectives and wonderful presentation in English.
- Imafidon - Yousef** for his hard work all week.
- West - Emy** for effort and improvement in her writing.
- Kariko - Kariko Class** for incredible behaviour, resilience and attitude in our swimming lesson.
- Amos - James** for making great choices this week and being such a helpful class member.
- Agrawal - Thomas** for showing resilience and persevering in his writing.
- Marhaver - Toby** for a wonderfully descriptive poem about Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii.
- Johnson - Esmail** for resilience in her Maths and English learning.
- Packham - Malaika** for her hard work in writing a beautiful and detailed description of Heorot from the book Beowulf.
- Mace - Simba** for enthusiastically participating in the Dodgeball tournament with his team and **Quintus** for showing great enthusiasm and team spirit in the Dodgeball tournament.
- Seagull - Leroy** for his efforts in both his individual reading and in his Maths group.

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

Year 4
99.5%

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

Chestnut
94.4%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 3	06.01.2025 - 14.02.2025	Inset Days 2024/25
Year R Parent Share	29.01.2025	24.02.2025
Year 3 Swimming Lessons	31.01.2025	21.07.2025
Year 1 & 2 Author Visit	06.02.2025	22.07.2025
Year 4 Parent Share	07.02.2025	
Year 3 Swimming Lessons	07.02.2025	
Year R Hearing Screener	11.02.2025	
Year 2 Quex Park Trip	13.02.2025	
Last day of Term	14.02.2025	
Inset Day - School Closed	24.02.2025	
First Day of Term 4	25.02.2025	
		Forest School Dates
		Amos Class: 03.02.2025
		Kariko Class: 27.01.2025, 10.02.2025
		Marhaver Class: 04.02.2025
		Agrawal Class: 28.01.2025, 11.02.2025
		Packham Class: 06.02.2025
		Johnson Class: 30.01.2025, 13.02.2025
		Mace Class: 05.02.2025
		Seagull Class: 29.01.2025, 12.02.2025