



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

What wonderful weather we've had! Our children have been thoroughly enjoying spending time outside, whether playing energetically during break times or taking their learning into our wonderful school grounds. The sunshine has reminded us just how fortunate we are to have such fantastic outdoor spaces.

As always, it's been another action-packed week at Blean Primary with school photographs taking place this week, sporting events and Year 2's visit to Blean Church this morning!

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 5th May.

Please note that Miss Satterley will not be in school for the next few weeks. If you intended on contacting Miss Satterley directly, please get in touch with the school office and they will direct you to another member of the leadership team who will be happy to help.

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend, and we'll see you on Tuesday!

Upcoming Dates!

As we move into the final 2 terms of the year, we have lots of exciting events planned, from Sports Day to our special Year 6 celebrations. Please see the key dates below:

- **18th June** - Cultural & Open Evening
- **24th June** – Sports Day
- **8th & 9th July** – Year 6 Production
- **16th July** – Year 6 Prom
- **17th July** – Last Day of Term and Leavers' Assembly

Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time, so please keep an eye out for upcoming communications.

Sporting Opportunity

Please see the links below for some fantastic sporting opportunities.

- [Girls Rugby Open Day](#)
- [Kent College Athletics](#)

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Summer Fair - Raffle Donations

We're looking forward to our Summer Fair on **Friday 3rd July** and are currently collecting raffle prizes.

In previous years, we've been fortunate to receive generous donations such as experience vouchers, theatre tickets, restaurant gift cards and hampers. These make a real difference and help us raise valuable funds for the school. If you run a business, or know someone who might be able to donate a prize, we'd be very grateful for your support. Every contribution, big or small, is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the school office, or prize details emailed to Ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk.

We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If any parents, carers or relatives are able to lend a hand at the Summer Fair, please let the PTFA know, your support really helps make the event a success.

Year 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop

As part of their Anglo-Saxon learning, we're pleased to be hosting a 'Living History Workshops' event for Year 4 on **Wednesday 6th May 2026**.

The workshop will take place in school and include costume, drama, crafts and historical artefacts. To support the cost, we ask for a £5.00 contribution per child, now available on Parent Pay. Please make payment by **Monday 4th May 2026**.

School Lunch Update

Our school lunch provider has made us aware that from **1st May 2026** it has been necessary to increase the price of our school meals by 10p per meal. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Saplings Preschool - Now Taking Registrations for September 2026

Is your child ready to start their learning journey?

We're now accepting registrations for preschool places at **Saplings Preschool starting in September 2026!**

At Saplings Preschool, your child will:

- Benefit from teacher-led learning with qualified, experienced staff
- Learn through play in a warm, nurturing environment
- Build confidence and independence with expert support
- Develop key skills in communication, creativity and problem-solving
- Make friends and become part of our wonderful school community
- Enjoy a smooth transition into Reception

Our teacher-led preschool provides the perfect foundation for your child's education, helping them to grow, explore and thrive in a safe and stimulating setting. Visit our school website to find out more about [Saplings Preschool](#) and to complete your [registration form](#).



Year 2 Walk along Crab and Winkle Way

Today, Year 2 enjoyed their walk along the Crab and Winkle Way. Using their map-making skills, the children carefully plotted key landmarks as they walked to the church and back. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and attention to detail throughout the journey, making the most of their outdoor learning experience.

Cooper Class and Bailey Class would like to say a big thank you to the adults who supported us on the trip-your help made the day possible and enjoyable for everyone.



Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday, seven girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament. The competition was challenging, with strong teams and tough matches throughout the morning. Despite this, the girls showed great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship in every game they played. Their hard work and positive attitude paid off as they secured an impressive 3rd place finish. Well done to all the girls who took part-you represented the school brilliantly!



Invicta East Kent Open Meet

Some Year 6 pupils from Blean Primary School competed at the Invicta East Kent Open Meeting this evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to challenge themselves and represent the school in a competitive environment. Well done to all the Blean athletes-you should be very proud of your performances!





Forest School Newsletter

Spring is finally here, and it's one of our favourite times for Forest School sessions. The woodland is coming back to life, with plants growing again and beautiful blossoms on the trees creating a truly magical setting.

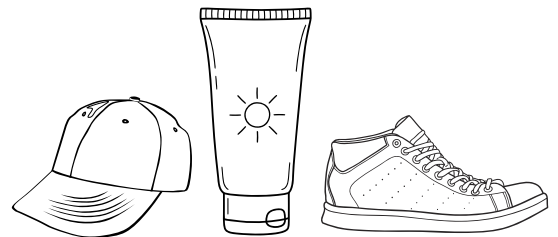
We've started the term with plenty of sunshine, which has made outdoor learning even more enjoyable. The children have been busy exploring insects, building shelters, learning about different habitats, planting seeds, and much more.

Last week, we also celebrated an important event, Earth Day! The children took part in themed crafts, including painting the Earth on cotton wool pads and learned some interesting facts about our planet. Throughout the week, they have enjoyed a wide range of activities such as shelter building, making bird feeders, identifying insects and birds, using the tyre swing, climbing trees and getting creative in the mud kitchen (with lots of "mud hot chocolate" being made!).

Clothing Reminder

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. We recommend:

- Long sleeves and long trousers (light materials are ideal and help protect against insects and scratches)
- A hat for sun protection
- Shoes that can get dirty (wellies can become too hot on warm days)
- Sun cream applied before the session



Thank you for your support in helping the children enjoy their time outdoors safely and comfortably.

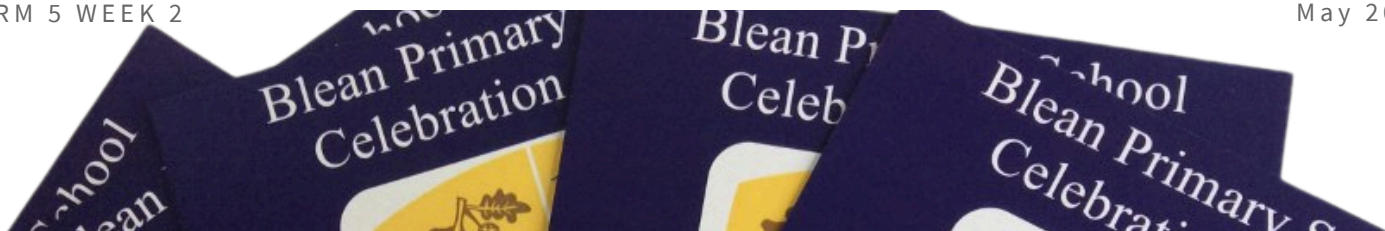
Nature Spotting in April

Birds to Spot (RSPB) - Explore which birds you can see at this time of year with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [guide here](#).

Wildlife Calendar (Discover Wildlife)

Find out what plants and animals to look for throughout April with [Discover Wildlife](#).





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Leon** for fantastic progress in writing.
- Pettman - Ethan** for increased listening and being a curious learner.
- Dore - Sebbie** for always demonstrating our Blean Bees and joining in with his learning.
- King - Finn** for creating your very own habitat tray in Forest School.
- Bailey - Hunter** for his amazing writing this week.
- Cooper - Phoenix** for great story writing.
- Moses - Flossie** for a beautiful design for an Ancient Egyptian Goddess.
- Russo - Simone** for excellent focus and demonstrating strong knowledge of fractions in Maths.
- Barnes - Reuben** for his contribution to learning.
- Delahunt - Daisy-Mae** for excellent work in Maths.
- Denly - Finlay** for showing resilience when tackling trickier tasks this week.
- Gurnah - Joel** for the most amazing Icarus story.
- Shariff - Angelica & Freddie** for great responses in Geography & Science.
- Thomas - Carter** for his fantastic focus and effort in Science, learning about how things have evolved.

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

Year 3
98.1%

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

Maple
96.9%

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

Year 6 - Thomas Class
20 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 5	20/04/2026 - 22/05/2026	<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>	<u>Forest School Dates</u>
Bank Holiday - School Closed	04.05.2026	20.07.2026 21.07.2026	Saplings - Wednesday 6 th , 13 th & 20 th May
Year 4 Living History Workshop	06.05.2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u> 01.09.2026 22.02.2027 19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year R - Monday Catman - 11th May Pettman - 18th May
Saplings Parent Share	06.05.2026	21.07.2027	Year 1 - Thursday Dore - 7th May & 21st May King - 14th May
Year 6 SATs Week	11.05.2026 - 14.05.2026	<u>P.E Days</u>	Year 2 - Friday Bailey - 8th & 22nd May Cooper - 1st & 15th May
Year 6 Activities Week	18.05.2026 - 22.05.2026	Year R - Thursday	Evergreens - Tuesday 5 th , 12 th & 19 th May
End of Term	22.05.2026	Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday	
Start of Term 6	01.06.2026	Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday	
		Year 3 - Monday & Thursday	
		Year 4 - Monday & Friday	
		Year 5 - Tuesday & Wednesday	
		Year 6 - Monday & Friday	
<u>Additional P.E. Days</u>			
Tuesday 05.05.2026- Years 1 & 5			