



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

What a difference the weather makes! It has been an extremely busy week at Blean Primary School. Now we are in the Summer Term, our sports events have started. This week, our girls and boys football teams took part in a competition at Kent University. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to the parents who supported.

Our Year 5 classes visited a local sculptor from Faversham this week as part of their Art topic. The pupils had an amazing day and learnt so much in the workshops.

Finally, we had a very special mention on BBC Radio Kent this morning. One of our Year 5 classes has been working with our resident poet Tom Delahunt; they have collaborated on a project creatively linked to butterflies. Some of our pupils were recorded reciting their poetry by Radio Kent and this went live this morning! If you would like to listen to this, please click on [this link](#) to tune in. We were on at around 7.20 am and at 8.20 am on Friday 2nd May. You can also find the article [here](#).

Lost Property

A gold ring and a teddy bear have both been handed in to the school office. If you believe either of these could be yours please pop to the school office.



School Closed - Bank Holiday

This is a friendly reminder that school will be closed **next Monday, 5th May** as it is a Bank Holiday. We will be open, as usual, on **Tuesday 6th May**.

Pre-School Notice

Notice is given by Kent County Council to make the following prescribed alteration to Blean Primary School to permanently change the age range from 4-11 years to 3-11 years, to enable the school to run a pre-school. More information can be found on the school website by [clicking here](#).

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Year 1 & 2 Free Tennis Sessions

The Appeti Tennis Centre are offering 100 free tennis sessions to children in Years 1 & 2 in 10 local schools. For more information please visit their [website](#).

Year 4 Trip to Go Ape Payment

This is a friendly reminder that the final payment for the Year 4 trip to Go Ape is due by Monday, 19th May. Payments can be made via ParentPay or using the card machine at the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 - Johnson Class - Parent Meeting

As Ms Davies remains absent, we invite you to a short meeting with Mrs Todd, Key Stage 2 Lead, to discuss your child's progress and attainment. Appointments can be booked via the Reach More Parents App. Bookings are open and will close Monday 12th May at noon. For changes after this date, contact the school office.

Year 6 Poetry Book

If you have pre-ordered a Year 6 Poetry Book, we would like to kindly remind you that payment is now live via your ParentPay account. Once payment has been received, we will send the books home with the children. Thank you for your support.

Sunny Weather

As the weather begins to warm up, we kindly ask that your child brings a water bottle to school each day (sports caps only, please). They are also encouraged to bring a sun hat and sun cream to help stay protected during outdoor activities. With this in mind, please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled. Jumpers and cardigans are often left on the field during playtime, and if they are unnamed, we are unable to return them to the correct child.

Athletics Event

With the summer approaching, here are the dates of the athletics events at Kent College JUNIOR School next term:

Saturday 17th May - 10am start

Saturday 7th June - tbc start

All Blean School pupils (and their younger siblings) are welcome to attend. Please arrive in plenty of time, sign in for a number then meet Miss Irons near the tables to get a Blean top. There will be a number of running events and field events that each child can choose to participate in. Looking forward to seeing you there, Miss Irons.



BBC Sounds - Butterfly Meadow

As you may be aware, Packham Class have been working alongside our resident poet, Tom Delahunt in creating a butterfly meadow and weaving this into their creative writing and art work. This week a BBC breakfast reporter came into school to speak with Tom alongside six year 5 pupils, Mrs Prior & Miss Satterley. This was aired today on the Radio Kent Breakfast Show and we are so proud of the passion that shone through from our pupils. Tom Delahunt has reflected on the journey so far in his latest subtrack:

"My heart is bursting."

Like the slow emergence of the Butterfly from The Chrysalis. It has been an awakening, two of the six schools involved in The Butterfly Farmer project—Blean and Bridge—moved from participation to transformation. These schools are no longer just taking part. They are shaping the future of how poetry, science, biodiversity and education can hold hands. At Blean Primary, the staff and children have co-created a creative writing model based around 'change' The Butterfly Farmer story. It's not only inspiring children—it's also feeding directly into one of the teacher's own research projects. This is the power of poetry: it spirals, lifts, returns. This is with Year 5s as the hope is to allow for the creative therapeutics to bridge the move from Primary to secondary education.

This Friday morning, The Butterfly Farmer story will air on BBC Radio Kent Breakfast, followed by an online feature, and potentially TV coverage.

One of the pupils, Orlando (Year 5), read this for the radio:

*Flying down on silken wings,
What humans take nature brings
As they swoop their patterns glimmer
As humans build, hope gets slimmer.*



It stopped us all in our tracks. This isn't just a media moment. It's a cultural moment—where a child's voice, a poem, a cocoon, a seed—can help us remember how to live differently.

This project is about hope. It's about children learning to notice the small and the sacred. It's about teachers who dare to make space for slow growth. It's about land, transformation, grief, and joy. And it's just beginning.

More soon. But for now—get those butterflies ready.

With gratitude and wings,

Poet-in-Residence | The Butterfly Farmer"



I'm sure you will agree Tom echo's our ethos at Blean and our strive for the curriculum to be REAL (real experiences authentic learning). He helps bring the words to life, rooted in creativity and blooming with curiosity.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Harper for fantastic behaviour for learning.

Yassin - Andrew for being resilient and improving his reading.

Peake - Lucas for using adjectives to describe a garden in our English lessons.

Singh - Karlo for writing a super simile sentence in English.

Imafidon - Astrid for always being such a kind and helpful friend and learning partner.

West - Amber for always demonstrating our Blean values.

Kariko - Vera for always being kind and considerate of others and always following the Blean Bees.

Amos - Alex for his fantastic attitude towards his learning and his amazing focus.

Agrawal - Daniel for all his hard work on decimals.

Marhaver - Emma for her hard work in Maths, particularly on understanding decimals.

Johnson - Tessa for being incredibly helpful in the library and assisting her fellow students.

Packham - Dusty for showing fantastic growth in confidence by taking part in sports clubs this term and representing himself brilliantly.

Mace - Simba for resilience in Athletics.

Seagull - Charlie for his well-written non-chronological report about an endangered animal.

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

Year R
99.2%

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

Maple
97.9%

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

Year 3 Kariko Class
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 5	22.04.2025 - 23.05.2025	Inset Days 2024/25	Inset Days 2025/26
Year 1 Trip to the Church	09.05.2025	21.07.2025	01.09.2025
Year 6 SATs Week	w/c 12.05.2025	22.07.2025	19.12.2025
Year 5 Johnson Class Parent Meetings	16.05.2025		23.02.2026
Year 6 Activity Week	w/c 19.05.2025		20.07.2026
End of Term 5	23.05.2025		21.07.2026
Term 6	02.06.2025 - 18.07.2025	Forest School Dates	
		Jemison: 06.05.2025	
		Yassin: 13.05.2025	
		Peake: 07.05.2025	
		Singh: 14.05.2025	
		West: 08.05.2025	