



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Goodbye Mrs Cook!

It is Mrs Cook's last day today after working for over 32 years at Blean Primary School. We held a very special whole school assembly this morning to send her off in style.

Thank you for your support over the years Mrs Cook, we will miss you! On behalf of all the staff and families past and present, we wish you a very happy retirement!

— HAPPY —
Retirement



Guitar Lessons

Johnathon Hart, our popular guitar tutor, currently has availability for new students who would be interested in learning guitar:

- All levels taught, from beginners to advanced.
- Trinity Classical, Rock and Pop, Rockscool exam boards taught.
- £80 for ten 15 minute lessons. Longer lessons can be arranged.
- 17 years of teaching experience.
- Learn to read standard notation, tab and chords.

If you are interested, please contact Johnathon directly via email Johnathon_Hart@hotmail.co.uk or telephone **07972 322 861**



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REMINDERS

Reception Intake September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be due to start school next September. Please go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for further information or email: primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412121. The online application process opens on 5th November 2024 and closes on 15th January 2025.

We are pleased to announce we will be holding tours on the following dates:

Thursday 7th November 1.30pm	FULLY BOOKED	Friday 22nd November 1.30pm
Tuesday 12th November 1.30pm		Tuesday 3rd December 9.15am
Thursday 14th November 1.30pm		Thursday 9th January 9.15am
Wednesday 20th November 9.15am		

To book a place on one of our tours, please contact the school office on **01227 471254**, Option 5, or email office@blean.kent.sch.uk. If you have a sibling due to start school next September, please could you email the school office if you intend to apply for a place at Blean, even if you do not intend to join one of our tours.

NHS - Flu Immunisation

This is a reminder that you need to submit if you consent or decline the Flu Immunisation Programme via the Immunisation Service's website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms> and click on "Child vaccination form" button to complete. The vaccinations will be taking place in school on 02/10/2024. The closing date for parents/carers to complete the online consent form is **26/09/2024**.

Year R - Braiswick Photography

Please be aware that if your child is in Reception, Braiswick photography will be visiting school on **Monday 30th September** to take individual and class photo. Thank you.

Year 1 - Beaney Museum Payment

Please may we remind you that the payment of £4.25 for the Year 1 Beaney visit is due on **Friday 27th September**. You can either pay for this via your Reach More Parents app, under payments, or directly at the School Office using the card machine. Thank you

Collecting from Clubs

Can we please remind all parents/carers, who collect their child/ren from the school office at the end of their clubs, that you need to wait by the entrance to the School Office, rather than at the top of the hill. It is very difficult to see parents/carers from inside and with the evenings soon getting darker we need to ensure, for safeguarding reasons, that pupils are safely being collected from school. Thank you for your assistance.



Pupil Premium

Have you considered whether your family may qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? This funding is used for extra staff to support your child, opportunities for them to access a wider curriculum and resources to enhance their learning. This would make a drastic difference to our budget. If this extra funding went unclaimed, it could result in a missed opportunity for your child to receive the very best experiences at school.

Your child might be eligible if they have been registered for free school meals any time in the last 6 years or if you have access to: Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400).

You are able to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and therefore Pupil Premium, by following [this link](#). It takes roughly 2 minutes to apply and you just need your National Insurance number. If your application is successful, the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. If you have any further questions, or you would like the school to confidentially apply on your behalf, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Term 1 Clubs

We still have spaces in the following after school clubs:

- Art & Craft – Monday after school – 3.25pm – 4.15pm – Years 5 & 6 – 5 spaces
- Girls Golf – Tuesday after school – 3.25pm – 4.30pm – Year 4 – 4 spaces
- Knitting Club – Wednesday lunch time – 12.15pm – 12.45pm – Years 5 & 6 – 5 spaces
- Hockey – Friday after school – 3.25pm – 4.30pm – Years 5 & 6 – 8 spaces

If your child is interested in joining any of these clubs, please email enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk

Please may we remind you that if your child no longer wishes to attend a club, please ensure that you contact the school office, so their place can be filled, as we have waiting lists for all clubs.

Secondary School Open Days

We have started receiving information about secondary school open days. We will publish this information on the Year 6 newsfeed. Please check there for all information and updates. Thank you.

Cashpot for Schools

Between now and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop



No KS2 Christmas Choir - 23rd Sept & 30th Sept

Unfortunately, Mrs Coleman is unable to run KS2 Christmas Choir on the following dates:

- Monday 23rd September
- Monday 30th September

KS2 Christmas Choir will restart again on Monday 7th October.

Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Poetry Competition

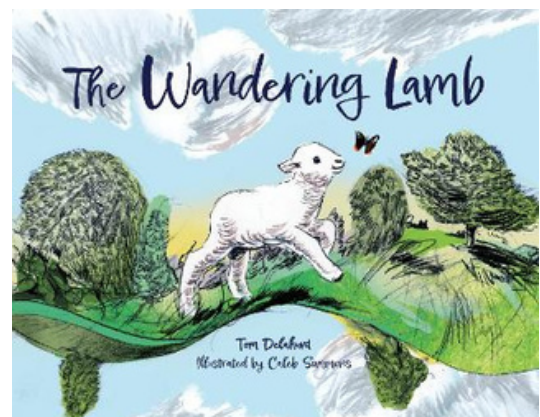
At the end of the Summer Term, many children participated in the annual Canterbury Festival Schools' Poetry Competition. The children who took part were asked to write a poem on the theme of 'Counting'. Last week, we heard the exciting news that four of our children had been shortlisted and are invited to a Poetry Showcase at The Grand Hall, Kent College at the beginning of October. These children will read aloud their poems ahead of the winners being announced. Two further children have received a 'special mention' for their wonderful poems and will receive a certificate at the Poetry Showcase. All of the children's poems will also be published in a poetry anthology.

Huge congratulations to Ivy, Naavya, Thomas, Orlando, Hannah and Adele. Alongside this, Blean Primary School will also be presented with a special certificate to celebrate being the 'Most Poetic School'. Well done to everyone who wrote a poem and entered this competition – we are proud of you all. Mrs Prior

Free Children's Storytelling Event

There is a special event at this year's Bookie 2024 Children's Festival! Join Tom Delahunt, our poet in residence, on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at 3:30 PM at Turner Contemporary, Margate, for a magical storytelling session of *The Wandering Lamb*, perfect for children aged 4 to 8.

This is a FREE event, and it promises to be a delightful afternoon of adventure, creativity, and connection as you can explore the tale of *The Wandering Lamb* together. The session will be interactive, offering children the chance to engage with the story and let their imaginations roam. Each ticket covers entry for up to four people, including adults. So, whether you're attending with two children or bringing a larger group, we'll make sure everyone has the best experience possible. Just be sure to register in advance and remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Jemison - Mia for always being ready to learn.

Yassin - Amirah for settling into Year R well and working hard in phonics.

Peake - Joe for working hard all week in his writing.

Singh - Angel for wonderful contributions in R.E about Christian people.

Imafidon - John for his incredible determination to write a super setting description full of super vocabulary.

West - Alice for being a true Blean Bee who always demonstrates the Blean rules.

Kariko - Eleanor for her excellent and creative use of the time conjunctions when writing a recount.

Amos - Patryk for his fantastic focus in his learning this week.

Agrawal - Amayah for an excellent start to Year 4.

Marhaver - Joe for fantastic contributions to lessons, particularly English and History.

Johnson - Erin for her enthusiasm and love of learning.

Packham - Ibrahim for outstanding attitude to learning.

Mace - Whole class for showing resilience on Thursday.

Seagull - Rupert for his active involvement in all class discussions.

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

Year 3
99.4%

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

Chestnut
98%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For future events and term dates please [click here](#) to see the School Calendar on our Website.

Term 1	02.09.2024 - 25.10.2024	Inset Days 2024/2025
Braiswick in for School Photos	30.09.2024	25.10.2024
Flu Vaccinations	02.10.2024	24.02.2025
Year 1 - Beaney Museum Visit	04.10.2024	21.07.2025
West Class Parent Share	10.10.2024	22.07.2025
Imafidon Class Parent Share	11.10.2024	
Forest School Dates		
Amos: 30th Sept, 14th Oct	Packham: 3rd Oct, 17th Oct	
Kariko: 23rd Sept, 7th Oct, 21st Oct	Johnson: 26th Sept, 10th Oct, 24th Oct	
Marhaver: 1st Oct, 15th Oct	Mace: 2nd Oct, 16th Oct	
Agrawal: 24th Sept, 8th Oct, 22nd Oct	Seagull: 25th Sept, 9th Oct, 24th Oct	