



MESSAGE FROM MISS SATTERLEY

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our whole school community for their incredible support in helping Blean achieve the Gold Wilder Kent Award. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the dedication, enthusiasm and care shown by our pupils, staff and families in looking after our environment.

A special thank you goes to our Year R team and the wonderful parent helpers who accompanied the children on their beach visit today. The children represented the school beautifully and truly demonstrated that they are "not too small to make a difference." From taking part in a litter pick on the beach to learning more about marine life back in the classroom, it was a rich and meaningful experience for all involved.

As we head into the final week of term, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting few days ahead. Fingers crossed that we will also be able to open the field at lunchtime if the weather continues to improve!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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Change of Forest School

A reminder of the following updates regarding upcoming Forest School sessions:

- Monday 30th March (morning) – Year 2 Forest School for **Cooper Class**. *Please be aware this is a change from the original date shared in the newsletter.*
- Wednesday 1st April (morning) – Year 1 Forest School for **King Class**.
- There will be **no Forest School for Saplings on Wednesday**.

Last Day of Term - Early Finish

Please can we remind you that on the last day of term, **Thursday 2nd April, the children will finish at 2:30pm**. If your child(ren) will be attending Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from 2:30pm - 5:00pm.

Year 6 - Leavers' Hoodie

Each year, the Year 6 children have the option to purchase a leavers' hoodie. Further details about the hoodies will be shared with you in due course. There is no obligation to purchase a hoodie.

If your child is known by a different name from the one registered (e.g. Lottie for Charlotte, Tom for Thomas), this may be used. Please note that nicknames should not be used. **Please ensure the form is completed no later than Wednesday 1st April**. A form must be completed for every child, even if you do not wish to purchase a hoodie.

Please [click here](#) to complete the consent form.

Safe Parking

Can we please remind you to park with care and consideration when dropping off and collecting your children. We've had a few concerns recently about parking at busy times, particularly in the lay-by on Whitstable Road outside the front of the school. We kindly ask that you take extra care when parking.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding our Parent Consultations for Year R - 6 on **Monday 30th March** and **Wednesday 1st April from 3:40pm – 6:40pm**.

Bookings are now closed, however if you still wish to book, please contact the school office.



Inset Days - 2026/2027

Our inset days for 2026 - 2027 have now been confirmed and are as follows:

- Monday 1st September 2026
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Monday 19th July 2027
- Tuesday 20th July 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

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. This change has become necessary due to the rise in the national minimum wage and ongoing increases in food costs. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Clubs & Extended School - End of Term Update

Please note the following arrangements for the final week of term, week commencing Monday 30th March:

- **There will be no after school clubs running during the last week of term.**
- **Extended School** will run as normal throughout the week, except on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April, when it will **finish early at 5:00pm.**
- **Art Club & Eco Club** have now finished for Term 4. There will be **no sessions on 25th March or 1st April.**
- **Just Dance Club** has now finished for Term 4. There will be **no sessions on 24th March or 31st April.**
- **Tennis Club will not run on Thursday 2nd April.** The final session for Term 4 will be Thursday 26th March.
- **Martial Arts & Rocksteady** will continue as usual, including during the final week of term.

Year 6 Activities Week

The remaining balance for Year 6 Activities Week is now available on ParentPay. You can pay in instalments or use the card machine in the school office.

The deadline for payment is **Friday 1st May 2026.** If you are having difficulty with the cost but would still like your child to attend, please contact the School Business Manager in confidence to discuss 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.

Don't miss out! Visit our school website to find out more about [Saplings Preschool](#) and to complete your [registration form](#).

Tennis Doubles Competition

Are you in Year 2-6 and have tennis lessons out of school?

If so, there is a Tennis Doubles Competition in the summer term that you can enter. As entries need to be booked well in advance, I am asking now for who would be interested in taking part so we can pair up players and send in our entries. If you would like to enter, please let the office know your name, year and the colour ball that you play (red, orange or green). We have had some good success in the past 2 years and it would be great to enter more teams this year. Thank you, Miss Irons

Active Life - Half Term Guide

If you are looking for some half term inspiration, then take a look at [Active Life's Half Term Guide](#). It has lots of information about the local sports centres and swimming pools in the local area and exciting activities that are happening during half term.

Free Tennis Lessons for Year 1 & 2 Pupils

[The Appeti Tennis Centre](#) at Canterbury Academy are offering 4 free tennis sessions for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools.

For more information about this opportunity and to sign up for the sessions, [please use this link](#).



Forest School Newsletter



KS1, EYFS, and Saplings have now enjoyed several Forest School sessions. It has been wonderful to see how well all the children have understood and followed the Forest School rules, keeping themselves safe while taking part in a wide range of activities.

A big thank you to all parents for ensuring the children came dressed appropriately. This has made a huge difference, allowing them to explore freely and confidently without worrying about their school uniform.

We have been incredibly impressed with the children’s enthusiasm and engagement. They have shown fantastic creativity, strong problem-solving skills and demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the sessions.

Some of the most popular areas have included the mud kitchen, digging area, creative table, slack line, tyre swing, and, of course, tree climbing. The children have also been busy making bird feeders using natural materials, which I’m sure the local wildlife are very grateful for!

Thank you for your continued support, the Forest School team.



Wildlife Calendar & Events

Check this link for March’s wildlife calendar: [Wildlife in March](#)

For all the bird lovers follow this link to learn more about what birds we can spot in March - [RSPB - Birds & Wildlife](#)



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Catman - Evelyn** for trying new things.
- Pettman - Kai** for using root learning purposefully.
- Dore - Ihsan** for a fantastic first week settling into Year 1.
- King - Sarah** for producing a fantastic letter to the confused dinosaur.
- Bailey - Jasper** for settling in so well to Bailey class.
- Cooper - Felix** for quick thinking in Maths.
- Moses - Luna** for brilliant, confident reading out to the class in guided reading and also for always showing excellent learning behaviours in class. Well done.
- Russo - Esme** for incredible knowledge in her SPaG and Maths learning.
- Barnes - Esme** for amazing contributions to Parent Share.
- Delahunt - Alexander** for great effort in all his learning.
- Denly - Otto** for showing great progress in your Maths learning.
- Gurnah - Maria** for sharing her Science learning excellently.
- Shariff - Remi** for great effort in her work, especially her writing.
- Thomas - Alice** for her effort in completing her Maths tasks independently.

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

Year R
98.8%

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

Chestnut
97.7%

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

Year 6 - Thomas
Class
15 children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 4	24/02/2026 - 02/04/2026
Parent Consultations	30.03.2026
Parent Consultations	01.04.2026
End of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish	02.04.2026
First day of Term 5	20.04.2026

<u>Inset Days 2025/26</u>
20.07.2026 21.07.2026
<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>
01.09.2026 22.02.2027
19.07.2027 20.07.2027
21.07.2027

Forest School Dates

Year R - Monday
Pettman - 30th March

Year 1
King - Wednesday 1st April
(change of date)

Year 2
Cooper - Monday 30th March
(change of date)

Evergreens -
Every Tuesday,
starting from 3rd March

Additional P.E. Days

Tuesday 31st March -
Year 1 & 6

P.E Days

- Year R - Wednesday**
- Year 1 - Monday & Friday**
- Year 2 - Tuesday & Thursday**
- Year 3 - Thursday & Friday**
- Year 4 - Monday & Friday**
- Year 5 - Wednesday & Friday**
- Year 6 - Monday & Friday**