



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils, parents and carers who have joined Blean Primary School this year. I hope your first few days have been positive and that you have felt well supported as you settle into our school community. Our newest children have been absolutely fantastic. One of their many achievements this week was enjoying their first lunch in the school hall. They approached this new experience with confidence, enthusiasm and we were incredibly proud of how well they managed. I hope all of our families had a wonderful summer break and were able to enjoy some valuable time together. We were certainly fortunate with the weather and I hope everyone has returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

As always, our children have not disappointed. They returned to school eager to reconnect with friends, meet their new teachers and embrace the opportunities that a new academic year brings. Their positive attitudes, enthusiasm for learning and readiness to challenge themselves have been a pleasure to see.

I am extremely proud of how they have started the year and have every confidence that this enthusiasm will continue throughout the months ahead.

For those families who are new to Blean Primary School, I would encourage you to read our newsletter each week. It contains important information, key dates and updates about life in school, helping you stay informed about everything that is happening across our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Miss Satterley and I are available on the University site gate at the beginning and end of each school day and we will always be happy to help.

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P.E Days - September 2026

Please see below the days your child will have P.E. in September. May we remind you that your child should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on these days.

Reception - Friday - **TERM 2**

ONWARDS

Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

Meet the Teacher Days - September 2026

To start our new term, we would like to invite parents/carers to meet your child's new class teacher. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about the expectations and highlights for the exciting year ahead. Please note that **you must collect your child/ren first and keep them with you; they will not be able to play outside whilst waiting.** These meetings will take place in the school hall from 3.30pm on the following dates:

Year 3 - Monday 7th September

Year 2 - Tuesday 8th September

Year 1 - Wednesday 9th September

Changes to Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income.

To check eligibility or apply, please visit the Kent County Council [free school meal application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 01227 471254 or office@blean.kent.sch.uk.

Flu Immunisations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please ensure that the electronic consent form is completed no later than **Thursday 17th September**.

This programme is **available for children in Years R to 6**.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form. You will need the school code: **KT118356**.

For more information, please see the links below.

[Parent Flu Invitation](#)

[BIMA Flu Vaccination Guide](#)

[Protecting your child against Flu leaflet](#)



Celebrating Success

If your child has participated in something or achieved something outside of school that they would like to share with their peers, please email enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk and this will be passed on to Mrs Todd or Mrs Coleman to be shared in our Key Stage assemblies.

We look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things you have been involved in.

Extended School

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope you've had a lovely break and are looking forward to the new term. We are especially excited to welcome our new Reception children and their families from next week. We can't wait to get to know you all!

A reminder that all **Term 1 payments are due today**. Thank you for your prompt payment.

New School Lunch Menu

From September, please [click here](#) to see the new Menu. We also have information for [Gluten Free](#) & [Diary Free](#) options.

The Big Future Survey - Have Your Say

The Children's Commissioner is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future survey.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, hopes, dreams and ideas for the future. Every child's voice matters, and the responses will help shape a picture of childhood that will be shared with Government.

We would really encourage our pupils and families to get involved and make their voices heard!

Take part in [The Big Future survey here](#).



Forest School Newsletter

We are looking forward to starting our Forest School sessions with the KS2 children this term.

With this in mind, please could we ask that all children come prepared with **waterproof coats, wellies or waterproof boots**, and, as the weather becomes colder, **gloves and hats**. It would also be helpful if children could bring a **spare plastic bag** in case they need to change and to store any muddy belongings afterwards. Our sessions will continue whatever the weather, including rain and snow, so appropriate clothing is essential to help everyone stay warm, dry, and comfortable. Please let the office know if you would like help with this.

The children are encouraged to explore independently, which includes spending time in our muddy area. A quick heads-up: we may get messy at times, but it is always worth it to see the huge smiles after each Forest School session. The muddier we are, the more fun we have had! Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Each term, we work hard to create new areas for the children to play, learn, and explore. We also aim to involve the children in the process of developing and refreshing our Forest School site. It is still a work in progress, but we will keep you updated as soon as these exciting new areas are ready.

This term, our focus is on seasonal changes and wildlife on our site. If your child has a particular interest in either of these topics, please encourage them to come and speak with us and share their knowledge. We love hearing their ideas and learning together.

Year 3 - Monday

Irie – 7th, 21st Sept, 5th & 19th Oct

Ohana – 14th, 28th Sept & 12th Oct

Year 4 - Tuesday

Amigo – 8th, 22nd Sept, 6th & 20th Oct

Tomodachi – 15th, 29th Sept & 13th Oct

Year 5 - Friday

Kavod – 11th, 25th Sept, 9th & 23rd Oct

Sisu – 18th Sept, 2nd & 16th Oct

Year 6 - Wednesday

Latif – 9th, 23rd Sept, 7th & 21st Oct

Timon – 16th, 30th Sept & 14th Oct

Evergreens - Thursday

10th, 17th, 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct

Wildlife Watch

What can you spot this September?

 Check out the RSPB's Wildlife Calendar to discover what's happening in nature this month: [September Wildlife Calendar](#)

 Bird lovers! Find out which birds to look out for this month and how to help feed our feathered friends: [September Birds of the Month](#)



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

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

Year 1
99.4%

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

Chesnut
98.4%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 1	01/09/2026 - 23/10/2026	<u>Inset Days 2026/27</u>	<u>P.E Days</u>
Meet The Teacher - Year 3	07.09.2026	01.09.2026 22.02.2027	Year R - Friday - TERM 2 ONWARDS
Meet The Teacher - Year 2	08.09.2026	19.07.2027 20.07.2027	Year 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
Meet The Teacher - Year 1	09.09.2026	21.07.2027	Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Kent Test	10.09.2026		Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday
Uniform Sale	11.09.2026		Year 4 - Monday & Wednesday
			Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday
			Year 6 - Monday & Thursday

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