



# Slade

## Primary School

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# Mrs Slade

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a hot-one it's been this week! Let's hope that the good weather remains for the bank holiday weekend.

Next week, beginning 25<sup>th</sup> May, is the half term break during which school remains partially open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils although will be closed on **Monday 25 May** for the Bank Holiday. Many thanks to the team of staff who have made themselves available to be in school and make this happen for our children; not just those staff who will be in the building but all of those too who are on standby for the week. Huge thanks from us all; we couldn't be open without you. Don't forget that as a critical worker if your circumstances change over half term and you require childcare then please do contact us via the school office email address.

As we enter into the half term break I do hope that you and the children all get to enjoy some downtime and have a break from what has been your home learning routines. There will be no work uploaded to the portal during this week to ensure that all children and adults can enjoy a break. School work will be uploaded and available for children to access from the start of Term 6, Monday 1 June. A reminder that any concerns that you have during this time should be emailed to the office email address which will continue to be monitored during the holiday.

Earlier this week I wrote to the parents of children in Reception, Years 1 and 6 to share some of the arrangements that are now in place to welcome these year groups back into school. The Senior Leadership of the school have used the guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE) and that issued from the Local Authority (LA) to inform our planning process for this phased re-integration of pupils. We have discussed the plan with Simon Griffiths, Chair of Governors, and Tel German, our LA School Improvement Adviser, who both support the measures that we are taking to safely welcome the children back. Thank you to those parents who have already responded to our survey indicating whether your child will be returning; a reminder that the deadline for these responses to be submitted is Tuesday 26 May.

Therefore, for those who may not yet be aware, we will be opening our doors to Elmer and Gruffalo classes week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June to those children whose parents wish them to return followed by the return of Pixie and Elf classes from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June then sees the welcome return of pupils to year 6. School will continue to be open to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children from Monday 1 June. Please be assured that the safety of all children and staff continues to remain the primary concern in our reintegration process as we endeavour to meet the requirements expected of us by the government including any forthcoming changes to the guidance that may be made.

Teachers will continue to provide work for all pupils not in school through the online portal as is current practice. This includes the setting of work for children in Years R, 1 and 6 who will not be returning to school and for those children in these groups on the days that they are not in class.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my staff for enabling us to be in a position to welcome children back into school and to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding with us during the planning process. It is all very much appreciated.

**I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.**

**Take care, stay alert and be kind x**

**Karen Slade.**

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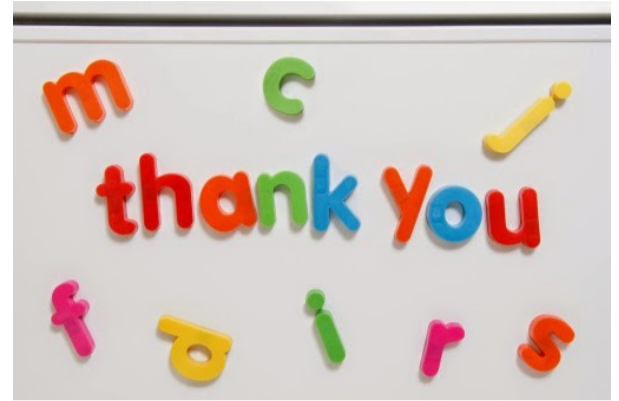


# Around School

## Slade Together

Everyone at Slade would like to thank all of the many parents and carers who have sent supportive and kind messages to us this week, especially as a result of the letters concerning the phased re-introduction of some children to school in June.

Sorry that we have been unable to reply to each one individually, but please be assured that each of these messages means so much to the staff at school.



## At Home with Spike

Since the closure of schools and other public buildings, the Learning Team at Maidstone Museum have been working from home and have been creating some fun info-activities for children.

Roz Meredith, Learning and Events Officer at Maidstone Museum tells us more:

'The activities focus on Spike, our dino mascot, and his inquisitiveness in learning about objects in the museum. They are called 'Spikes Daily Activity'. Each activity has a selfie photo of Spike with an object, some information about the object and an activity linked to the theme. They are a mixture of activity types. We are posting them daily on social media and they are all on our website to download.

The direct link is <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/learn/learning-with-spike-at-home/>

We are also using Tuesdays for more focused learning opportunities – alternating between a curriculum linked day and family craft day. So far these have focused on the Ancient Egyptians and the Romans, Anglo Saxons, Dinosaurs and Toys. These include a short video, an information pack and a craft linked to the theme. '



### **Maidstone Museum Socials**

The museum also has a YouTube channel where they are uploading videos related to the museum. The Learning Team have put the Romans and Egyptians videos from the website onto this, as well as 5 other videos on 5 different themes. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkOfSj8\\_2YiGphDnIOcn\\_Cg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkOfSj8_2YiGphDnIOcn_Cg)



Follow the activities, or post up any of your own Spike inspired learning to [@maidstonemuseum](https://twitter.com/maidstonemuseum) on Twitter

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## Happy Birthday!

It was Rohan's 5th birthday on Monday and we were delighted to receive this picture of his celebrations at home.

Rohan's mummy told us, 'Rohan had really good virtual birthday celebration with family and friends and definitely he missed his school, Teachers and friends this time.' A big hello to Rohan, and to everyone in Elmer Class - Rohan says Hi!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish a very happy birthday to the children and adults of the school who will be celebrating their birthdays this week. Many happy returns and congratulations to:



Friday: Kayla - Hydra

Sunday: Anaïs - Pixie

Tuesday: Reece - Gruffalo

Wednesday: Neela - Dragon, Carmen - Hydra

Thursday: William - Hippogriff, Ellie - Gnome

Saturday - Miss Paige

Sunday - Mr Louth

## PTA News

Kerry Taylor-Smith, Joint PTA Chair

Have you/your kids learned a new recipe during the lockdown, or do you have a favourite gingerbread you make every Christmas? From pies to puds, cakes to canapés, fudge to frittata – we need your recipes for Slade Family Recipes (working title!), a cookbook compilation of the school's favourite foods. Teachers and staff that includes you too!



If you have a recipe you'd like to include, please send your recipes (ingredients, instructions and a photo), together with your child's name and class/year to [sladepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sladepta@yahoo.co.uk). It would also be lovely if you could include a bit of history behind the recipe, for example, the first cake your child ever made, or mention if it's something they really love.

This is a fantastic idea and will be a lovely gift or keepsake for every child that is at Slade, especially this year! This is also a great way to help the PTA raise funds for the school at a time when other traditional money-raising events are cancelled or postponed.



If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, we'd love to hear them: head to Slade Primary School PTA on Facebook and add your idea to the pinned post at the top of the page.



## Vote for Slade - Win for You

A reminder that, now in its 7th year, the National Book Tokens annual £5000 / €5000 prize draw and book token design competition is open.

By visiting the National Book Tokens website and voting for Slade, we could be the winners of this amazing prize to put in to new books for the school library. Add your vote, and you go in to a prize draw where you can win £100 / €120 of book tokens for yourself and your family.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



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of National Book Tokens for your school library

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## Being Kind to your Mind

**This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week.**

**This is an important issue everyday of every year, at this time of continued lockdown and disruption to normal life it is even more so.**



In last week's newsletter, we carried details of links for support for families and individuals from Kent County Council and the Kent NHS teams.

We are pleased to share with you, the following which provide information, awareness and support for children and adults alike if you, or someone you love is feeling low.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxIDKZHW3-E> Click here for a video called We All Have Mental Health, an animation designed to give young people a common language and understanding of what we mean by mental health and how we can look after it. It has been created by young people in Key stage 3.



[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw?xtor=ES-211-\[32200\\_PANUK\\_SOT\\_20\\_SNO\\_SendAS1to4Opens\\_RET\]-20200519-\[bbcbitesize\\_fivewaystomanageyourwellbeingasaparentduringlockdown\\_parenting\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw?xtor=ES-211-[32200_PANUK_SOT_20_SNO_SendAS1to4Opens_RET]-20200519-[bbcbitesize_fivewaystomanageyourwellbeingasaparentduringlockdown_parenting])

From the BBC, this link gives 5 ways for you to look after your personal wellbeing during lockdown.



[https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/child-mental-health-practitioner/zhjbcqt?xtor=ES-211-\[32200\\_PANUK\\_SOT\\_20\\_SNO\\_SendAS1to4Opens\\_RET\]-20200519-](https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/child-mental-health-practitioner/zhjbcqt?xtor=ES-211-[32200_PANUK_SOT_20_SNO_SendAS1to4Opens_RET]-20200519-)

[\[bbc\\_tinyhappypeoplehowtolookafteryourchildrensmentalhealth\\_parenting\]](#) And finally, from the BBC and Tiny Happy People, tips and advice on looking out for your child's mental health..

**All of these links include videos and written pieces, we hope you find them helpful, whilst always remembering to talk and know that it is always okay not to be okay.**

It's okay  
not to be  
okay

**Further to this, Joe Wicks, the Body Coach and ambassador for the Children in Need charity wrote to teachers this week to express his and their thanks for the work they have been doing in lockdown and in preparation for the phased reintegration of more children, he also had words for children and parents with Mental Health Awareness in mind:**

We know that some children may be struggling with their mental health/wellbeing being impacted by feelings of unease and anxiety. We also know that it's an incredibly stressful time for parents, who are trying to support their children through this. So I wanted to share [Dr Radha's really useful, top tips to help parents and children](#) cope better in these strange and uncertain times.

I'm really looking forward to the autumn, when I really hope to be able to see you as part of BBC Children in Need's Appeal Week!

Thanks again for everything you're doing – you're all amazing!

**Lots of love,**

**Joe**



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# Slade Stats

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions as the children are registered in the morning at 08:50 and in the afternoon at 13:15 for KS1 and 13:30 for children in KS2.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted. Find out the winners by following our Twitter feed on a Friday afternoon.

### ATTENDANCE TARGET

We would like to see overall school attendance be at or above

**97%**

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

This week we recorded an overall attendance of

**-**

### ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

This year we are presently recording an overall attendance of

**96.3%**

Registers are taken at 08:50 each morning, with the gates open 10 minutes earlier. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week - Find out the winners by

### PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

**0 Children late this week**

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# Dear Parents and Carers

We communicate to parents and carers all week long through our Twitter feed, keep up to date with what is happening and what is about to happen by following us: log on at [www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch](https://www.twitter.com/sladeprimarysch) or via the app @sladeprimarysch.

Letters and general information are sent via ParentMail. Every parent should have a ParentMail account linked to their personal email address, please download the ParentMail app from your chosen app provider and always read and act on the communication we send to you. School letters are only sent to you if the content applies to your child.

Urgent messages can also be sent via SMS. Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number. We use Teachers to Parents SMS.

*Below is a list of communications sent this week:*

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 18 May	Mental Health Awareness Week <b>#BeKind</b>	
Monday 18 May	@GeorgeCrockf	 
Monday 18 May	Key and Critical Workers May Break Requirements	Critical Worker Registered ParentMail
Monday 18 May	Year 1 Zoom	Year 1 ParentMail
Tuesday 19 May	<a href="#">@AlisonMPeacock</a> Mental Health <b>#BritainGetTalking</b>	 
Tuesday 19 May	<a href="#">@PieCorbett</a> Free English Home Schooling Booklets	 
Wednesday 20 May	Dragon Class Zoom	Dragon Class ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Year 6 Zoom	Year 6 ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Letter from Mrs Slade re phased re-integration to school for some children + attachments (First Aid and Medical Emergency Plan and Frequently Asked Questions)	EYFS Year R ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Letter from Mrs Slade re phased re-integration to school for some children + attachments (First Aid and Medical Emergency Plan and Frequently Asked Questions)	Year 1 ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Letter from Mrs Slade re phased re-integration to school for some children + attachments (First Aid and Medical Emergency Plan and Frequently Asked Questions)	Year 6 ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Letter from Mrs Slade re phased re-integration to school for some children + attachments (First Aid and Medical Emergency Plan and Frequently Asked Questions)	Critical Worker Registered ParentMail
Wednesday 20 May	Beautiful Plants	
Thursday 21 May	@louise42335641 Thank You!	 
Friday 22 May	Key and Critical Workers Confirmation	Critical Worker Registered
Friday 22 May	The Slade Staff Choir <b>+video</b>	

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# CHECK OUT... SLIPPER'S HOUSE



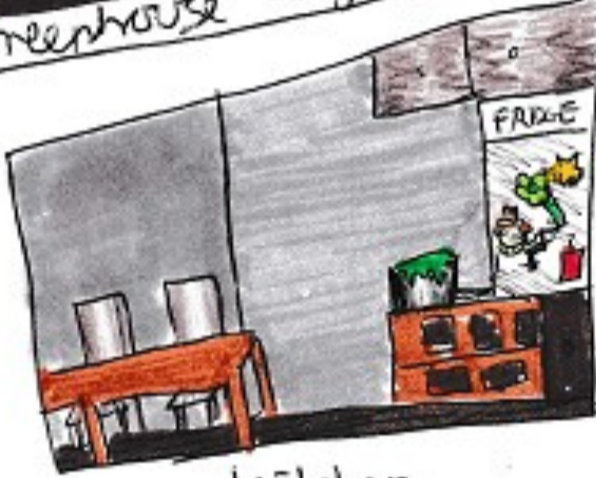
The LOFT



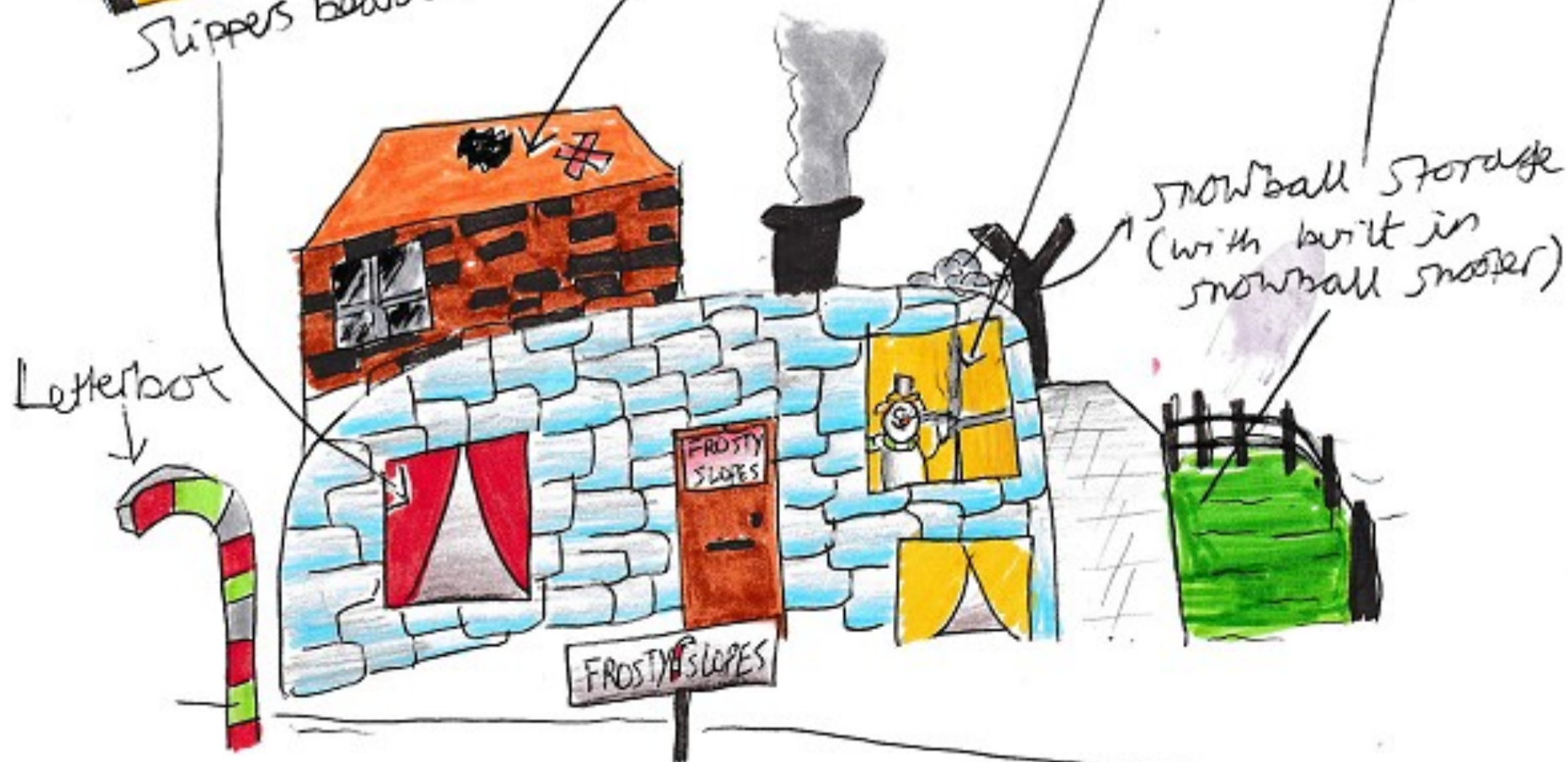
Greenhouse & garden



Slippers bedroom



Kitchen



# Focus on Year 4



We loved this collection of Art, all drawn, coloured and presented by Charlotte.

Looking for somewhere to go after Lockdown ends?

Connor would like to invite you to Zargon 10. This is his descriptive setting, described below:

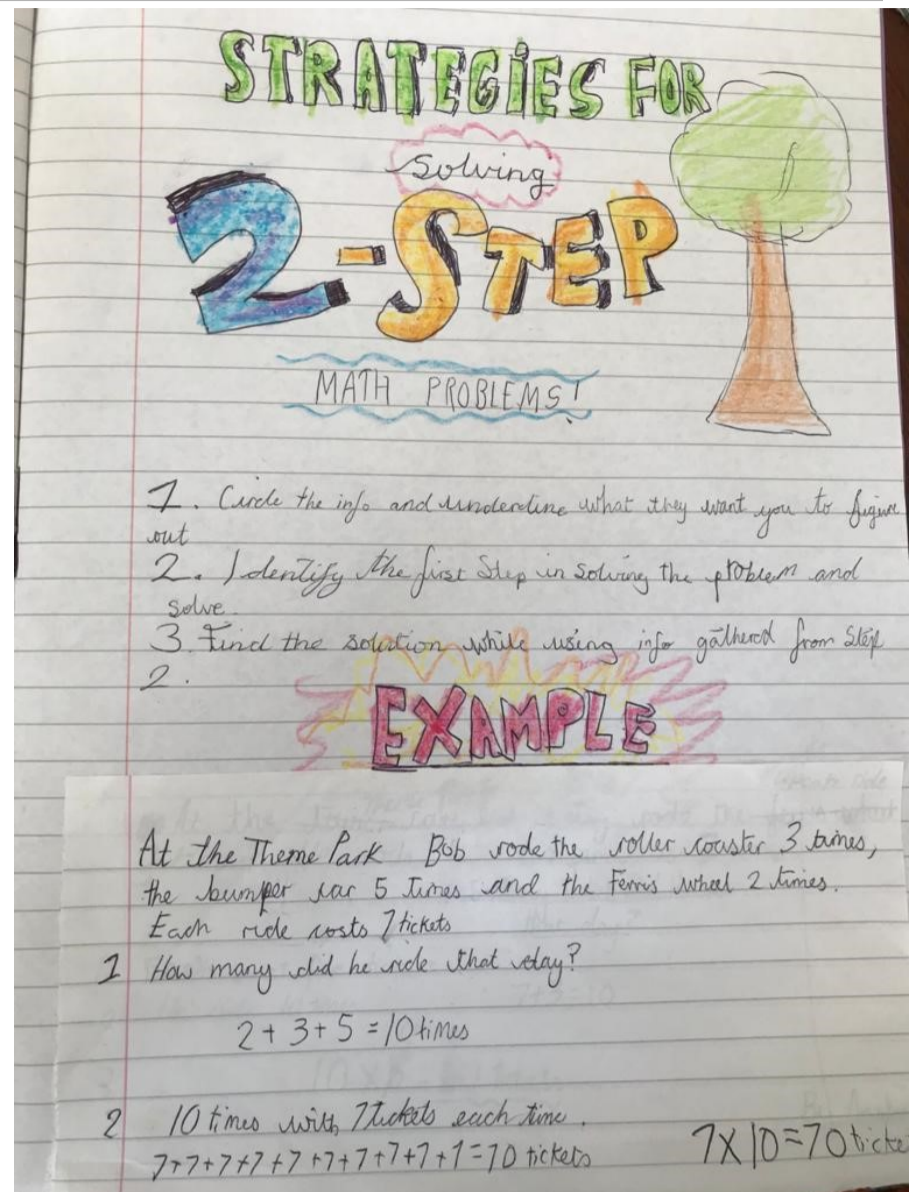
Zargon 10 is a very cool place to go.

It has so many places you can visit like Caring Castle, Boat Bay and others.

It is 250 km long and 6 miles wide! It is very colourful as well; fiery forest is a good place to go but only if the fire isn't there. You can see lots of strange creatures inside the forest.

And also, there is a place called Fisher Lake where you can get lots of fish if your'e out of food.

Next is Bonkers Beach where you can have a nice relaxing nice day when the sun is out. Furthermore, there is a place called Vicious Village and Treehouse Town. Vicious Village isn't a place you would want to go every year because there is a lot of vicious people there and they will treat you badly. Treehouse Town is a place you would want to go every year because they let you have dinner and play in their treehouse. Marornia Mountain is a great place to go if you want to see the whole place from up high. Next is Tower-watching Tower is another great place see what everyone is doing all over the place. And lastly Boat Bay, if you ever want to go on a boat all you need to is go to boat bay.



Anshika helps you out if you are stuck on how to solve two step maths puzzles. Thankyou for your advice, Anshika!



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# Coming up...

## NEXT WEEK

Day	Event
Monday 25 May	May National Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 26 May	May Break Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Wednesday 27 May	May Break Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Thursday 28 May	May Break Please see separate notices regarding exemptions
Friday 29 May	May Break Please see separate notices regarding exemptions

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	Lunchtime Chess, Silhouette Dance, First Class Football, KS2 Gardening, Year 5 & 6 Netball
TUESDAY	Craft'd Sewing Club
WEDNESDAY	Gary Marshall Cricket, Silhouette Dance, The Art Trolley
THURSDAY	Active Sports Group Gymnastics
FRIDAY	Lunchtime French, The Art Trolley, Sama Karate

All clubs are suspended until further notice

## FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 1 June	First Day of Term 6, school open only for these groups:  Years R, 1, 6 on specified days only - please refer to letters from Mrs Slade and subsequent information from class teachers. Conditional on parental consent and ongoing government advice.
From Monday 1 June until further notice	School Open only for these groups:  Years R, 1, 6 on specified days only - please refer to letters from Mrs Slade and subsequent information from class teachers. Conditional on parental consent and ongoing government advice.
Wednesday 3 June	KS2 Orienteering
Wednesday 3 June	Tonbridge Schools Swimming Gala - Tunbridge Wells Pool
Monday 8 June - Friday 12 June	KS1 National Phonics Screen (Year 1)
Thursday 11 June	PTA Meeting
Monday 15 June - Friday 19 June	Year 6 Residential Trip. See separate messages about reimbursement of payments made to date
Tuesday 23 June	School Sports Day

All events are suspended until further notice. Those in grey are cancelled.

