



# Slade

## Primary School

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Smiles of Champions!

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# From the Headteacher

## Mrs Slade

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been lots of visits and visitors this penultimate week of Term 5!

Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children who competed on Monday in the West Kent football finals where we saw two of our three finalist teams being crowned winners and champions! Yay! Both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 girls' teams triumphed in their final matches which included a nail biting penalty shoot-out for the younger of our teams! Well done too to the Year 5/6 boys' team who came a very respectable fourth overall in the boys' tournament. Many thanks to all of the staff team who enabled these winning performances and to all of the parents for your support and encouragement on the day. Read on into the newsletter for match reports and photos! Well done Team Slade!

Children in Dragon and Sprite classes were also out and about this week, when on Thursday they joined with children from Long Mead and Bishop Chavasse schools at Judd Grammar in order to showcase the learning from their music lessons this term. This was the finale to a series of music lessons that both classes have received from Judd's music teacher, Megan Pitts, who has been coming into school across the year to teach our children and develop their love of music. Huge thanks to Megan and to all at Judd for organising the event. Every child involved gave a fabulous performance and should be very proud of their singing and signing. Well done to all of you; I'm sorry to have missed it.

Still with Year 2, this week it's been their turn to sit their SATs tests. Just like our year 6 pupils last week all the children in Year 2 who completed their 'special workbooks' have remained positive throughout the week, each of them taking the opportunity to demonstrate all that they have learned during their time in Key Stage 1. Well done everyone; we are very proud of you all!

Visitors into school this week included many of you from our parent community. Thank you to those who took the time at the beginning of the week to come and explore our Forest School, spending time in the woods to see first-hand the transformation that has taken place in our school grounds whilst also getting to see some of our children enjoying their learning in the outdoors. It was lovely to hear your positive feedback from all that you saw and heard. There are some spaces still available on the upcoming tours so do contact the school office for booking details.

Then on Wednesday we welcomed parents of children in Reception and Year 1 into school to see what a typical morning in these year groups entails and to familiarise themselves with some of the children's learning experiences. It was so lovely to see and hear you enjoying the opportunity to be in the school building; we hope that you enjoyed your visit as much as we did!

All parents are invited to our annual Open Evening event, planned for the evening of Tuesday 21 June, which is an opportunity for you to come into school to see your child's learning. More details to follow at the start of Term 6.

Next week begins the start of our Platinum Jubilee week of celebrations here at Slade which culminates on Friday with a red/white/blue non-uniform day and street party, details of which were shared in a separate letter. I look forward to sharing news of the celebrations with you all next week!

**I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.**

**Karen Slade**

# For Your Diary



## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 23 May - Friday 27 May	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Week: See page 10
Monday 23 May	
Tuesday 24 May	
Wednesday 25 May	Hugh Christie School to visit their new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
Thursday 26 May	
Friday 27 May	Last Day of Term 5 Jubilee Week Non-Uniform Day (Dress in Red, White and Blue)

## Forest School Next Week:

MONDAY	Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mr Osborne)
TUESDAY	Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meerso)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)
FRIDAY	Hydra Class (Year 6, Miss Lidlow)

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	Y5/6 Netball, First Class Football, Active Sports Gymnastics, Learn Chess, mSPORTi Multi Sports
TUESDAY	YR/1 Book Club (Lunch), Y3/4 Board Games, YR-2 Train Club, Gary Marshall Cricket, Dancemode
WEDNESDAY	Y5/6 Yoga (Before School), Y4-6 Choir(Lunch), Y2/3 Singing, West Kent Athletics
THURSDAY	Y3/4 Cricket (Before School), Y3 Signing Choir (Lunch), Y4-6 Dance, Art Trolley, First Class Basketball
FRIDAY	Y5/6 Cricket (Before School), SAMA Karate

Clubs in Green are Free Clubs with spaces available, Clubs in Red are Free Clubs currently full, Clubs in Black are Paid For , check with organiser for availability

## Further Ahead :

Monday 30 May - Monday 6 June	Summer Terms Break - School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 7 June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 7 June - Friday 10 June	KS1 Statutory Phonics Screening - Year 1 KS2 Statutory Times Tables Screening - Year 4 If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher
Thursday 9 June	Deadline for Free Delivery for Group Photographs from Matthew Walker
Thursday 23 June	Sports Day: Full details in next week’s newsletter Parents are invited to watch at the following times: Year R,1,2,3 from 09:00 to 11:30 Year 4,5,6 from 13:15 to 15:00
Friday 10 June	PC Olivia Munday to see Year 6 Pupils as part of Key Stage 2 to 3 Transition
Tuesday 28 June (18:00),Wednesday 29 June (09:30)	EYFS22 Parent Information Meetings - Details in Welcome Packs
Thursday 7 July	Transition Day : Year 6 children to Secondary Schools, Year R-5 to new classes, EYFS22 Children Induction Visit (Further information to follow nearer the time)

All timetabled events and scheduled clubs and activities are subject to short notice alteration, postponement or cancellation and are correct as of the date of this newsletter



# Around School



## Victoria's Vision

Every week in assembly, Mrs Slade sets the children a challenge; this week following a set of clues the children should have thought of the Dame Kelly Holmes statue at St Stephens Church.



Victoria in Sphinx Class was our hot spotter this week. To finish the challenge, Victoria found out that the sculpture was created by local artist Guy Portelli and has been erected on a plinth by St Stephens Church. When she find out in the articles online that the sculpture has been mounted on a plinth incorporating the artwork of children from three local primary schools which include The Slade, Woodlands and Sussex Road Community School.

Here is Victoria, recreating the moment that Dame Kelly visited her sculpture.

## Term 6 Yeti's



For the final time this school year, the Yeti's Wraparound Care Provision has a new booking window to fling open.

The SCOPAY booking system will be open from midday on Monday 23 May to book places at Breakfast and After School Clubs for Term 6 (Tuesday 7 June - Thursday 21 July inclusive).

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for information about booking for Term 1 in September; the date we can open this window will largely depend on the speed of return of information from parents joining Slade in Year R, which we are awaiting at this time

## Matthew Walker Photography



It was fantastic to welcome Matthew Walker back to Slade on Tuesday as our school photographer took the annual class group pictures for 2021/22.

We are expecting the proof cards for you to view to be ready by the beginning next week. Ordering will be online via [portraitdays.net](https://portraitdays.net) with free delivery to school if ordered by Thursday 9 June.

The class group photographs are a lovely souvenir of a year at school to keep for ever!



## EYFS and Year 1 Open Event

We hope that the 93 parents and carers who came along for our open event on Wednesday had a lovely time having a chance to visit the school for the first time since their child started at Slade.



In place of the normal pre start parent information meetings, which the two yeargroups missed due to the pandemic, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett hosted an open morning with an information presentation and then a chance to find the children, some of who were in the classroom, others on the field and for the Reception Year parents, a walk down to the field!



# Around School



## Sprite and Dragon Classes Sing at Judd



Over the past few months, Sprite Class (Mr Louth, Year 2) and Dragon Class (Year 5, Miss Meers) have been having special music lessons provided by Teacher of Music at The Judd School, Megan Pitts.

Megan has also been working with groups of children at Longmead Community School and at Bishop Chavassee School, and we all joined together for a finale music concert held at Judd School on Thursday afternoon. The concert was held in front of a very impressed audience of parents, carers and friends.

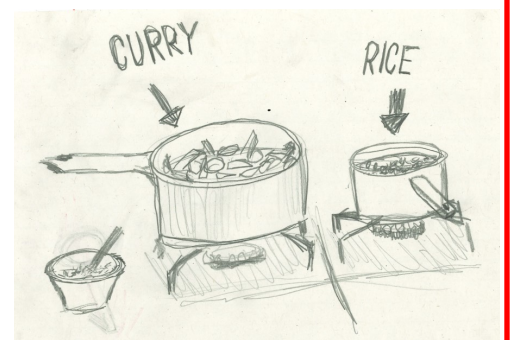
Songs sung by our Year 2 and 5 children included 'Brave', 'Power in Me' and Coldplay's 'Something Just Like This'. Miss Meers was particularly happy and proud of the performances from all of the children representing Slade, for many of them singing was something they never thought they would do in public and the concert has helped a great deal with increasing their self confidence, especially in front of a crowd and in an imposing auditorium as well.

Thankyou to all of the parents who were able to watch the concert and support the children, to Megan for her wonderful teaching and to Judd School for hosting a lovely afternoon and evening of music.

## Year 6 Out For a Curry

Griffin and Hydra Classes have spent the latter part of the week sharing time at neighbouring Tonbridge School, with kind use of their Cooking Classrooms to prepare, make, eat and enjoy a vegetable curry that they have been planning in class during the term.

The children have learnt independence in a kitchen environment and found out the best way to use utensils such as vegetable peelers and how to safely handle food, before tasting for themselves the fresh benefits of eating fresh produce cooked up by themselves! When they returned, the children wrote a detailed evaluation of their cooking, including this super drawing by Sophia in Griffin Class.



## Sunshine Summer at Slade

As we are coming into warmer weather season (hopefully), we thought it would be a good idea to talk about the sun.



In and around the school we have many shady areas that the children can shelter in the hotter days. However, it is still sensible to take some precautions during the warmer days.

Therefore, could we ask parents to please remember to bring in a sun hat for the children, apply long lasting sun cream in the mornings and make sure their children have their water bottles with them every day.

In some circumstances and following discussion with your child's class teacher it may be necessary for your child to bring in suncream to school to reapply independently in the middle of the day. This **must** have their name clearly labelled on the bottle and the teacher informed.

Due to recent developments concerning some ingredients of specific suncreams, we ask that you check them to see if they contain any kind of nut oil or nut milk. This is important as we are a nut free school with a number of children and adults with live nut allergies.

Thank you for your continued co-operation on this and look forward to some sunny days ahead



# National Numeracy Day



## Competition Time

Today is National Numeracy Day and Mr Duffin is pleased to present the National Numeracy Day Number Heroes Competition, free for all pupils to enter from home, the details are below for each yeargroup. Entries for the competition should be made by the end of the month. For more information visit <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk>. If you require a printed copy of the entry form, please contact us via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk)

### National Numeracy Day

### Number Heroes Competition



**Bobby Seagull**  
National Numeracy Ambassador  
and competition judge!

### Overview:

When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to do a cool job like a vet, teacher, engineer or footballer? Or do you dream of spending your days dancing, baking or saving the planet?

Create a picture of you doing your dream job or hobby and tell us how it uses numbers. Let your imagination run wild and win a fantastic prize for yourself and a prize bundle for your nursery, school or youth group.

### Prizes:

- There are six categories. One winner in each category will win:
- A Number Heroes prize pack for your chosen nursery, school or youth/community group. Each prize pack is **worth at least £1,000** and contains all the **games, books and resources** needed to get everyone in your community feeling like a Number Hero!
  - A **£50 gift voucher and certificate** for the child who created the winning entry.
- Three runners-up in each category will win:
- A **£20 gift voucher and certificate** for the child who created the entry

The categories are:

Pre-School	Primary A	Primary B	Primary C	Secondary A	SEND/EHCP
Open to all pre-school age children	England/Wales R, Y1, Y2 Ireland Y1, Y2, Y3 Scotland P1, P2, P3	England/Wales Y3, Y4 Ireland Y4, Y5 Scotland P4, P5	England/Wales Y5, Y6 Ireland Y6, Y7 Scotland P6, P7	England/Wales Y7, Y8 Ireland Y8, Y9 Scotland S1, S2	Open to children or young people in receipt of SEN support or an EHCP

### How to enter:

- 1 Use this sheet or grab a piece of paper.
- 2 Create a picture of yourself doing your dream job or hobby – you can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you’d like to create your picture!
- 3 Tell us how you will use numbers in your job or hobby.
- 4 Don’t forget to add your first name, last initial and age for we can identify you if you win. (e.g. Bobby S, 9 years)
- 5 Ask a grown-up (e.g. parent, carer, teacher or group leader) to upload your picture through our online form. Entries must be submitted before 23:59 on 31 May 2022.
- 6 If you win we will contact the grown-up who submitted your entry before 23 June 2022.
- 7 In the meantime, why not share your entry on social media using #NationalNumeracyDay – we’d love to see and share them!

### Winning criteria:

Bobby Seagull will pick the winning entry based on:



The most imaginative picture, showing great effort

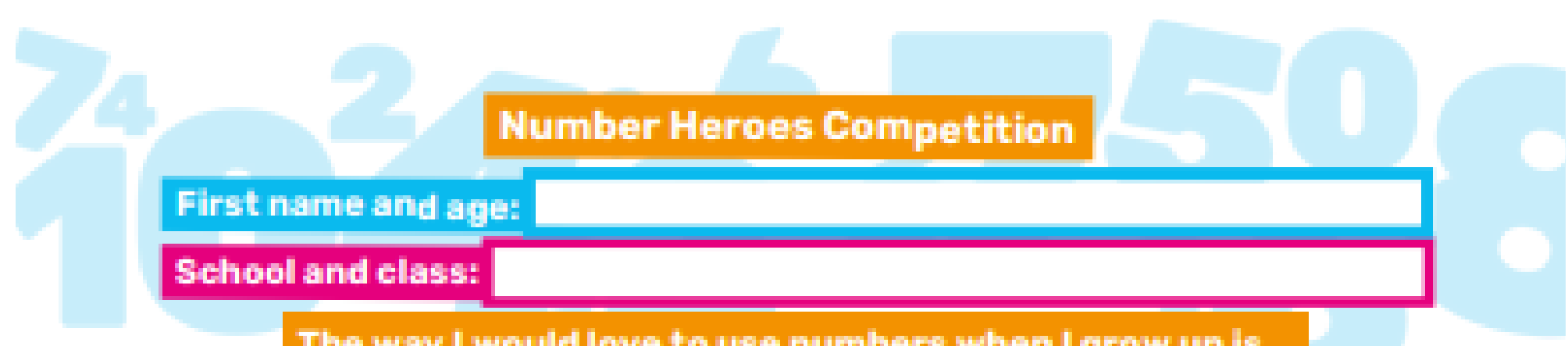


The most creative uses for numbers



For online entry and full terms and conditions visit: [nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition](https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition)



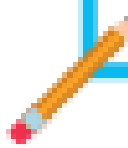


Number Heroes Competition

First name and age:

School and class:

The way I would love to use numbers when I grow up is...



Write here



Draw here





# Slade Sport



## Recent Tournaments

### Handball

**Slade finished a brilliant third place out of twelve competing schools in the recent Handball tournament at St Gregory's School in Tunbridge Wells.**

The tournament hung on a close battle with St James' School also in Tunbridge Wells, who were narrow winners following our route to the semi finals which included victories in 4 group stage matches and 2 in the final part of the competition.

Well done to all of our squad for the day: Ethan, Iris, Oliver, Tolu, Olivia, Sophie, Harry, Nylah, Gabby and Jacob. Ethan excelled in goal, Sophie and Tolu had a great relationship up and down the court and Ollie didn't stop running for the cause!

### Tri Golf

Earlier this week, we sent a team of Year 3 children for their first taste of Tri-Golf, the junior sport that is a very useful introduction to the main form of the game.

The tournament was won by hosts, St Matthew's of Tunbridge Wells and Slade were runners-up in second place, of which the children involved should be rightly proud.

The sport involves chipping a ball and then putting in to the target - with most 'chips' needing to be in excess of 10 metres.

Congratulations to all of the squad: Archie, Izzy, Malvina, Swati, Lenny, Harrison, Sai and Emilia





# Champions!



## Slade Sport Special

### Girls in Green Bring Back The Double!

The Road to Culverden is the branding of the Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and West Kent Sports Partnership's football tournament for primary schools in the region. The road, as it happens leads directly to the Culverden Stadium, home of SECFL Premier League side Tunbridge Wells FC.

The Royals were hosts for the finals of the tournament, which started with qualifiers with 39 girls teams and 42 boys teams playing at local secondary schools in the last few months - ours took place at Hayesbrook School.

We qualified in three of the sections: Year 5/6 boys and girls and Year 3/4 girls.

The boys team played well and finished 4th overall as losing semi-finalists in the competition won by St James' School in Tunbridge Wells, who were themselves inspired by a player with close connections to Slade; the son of Elmer Class teacher and EYFS Leader Natalie Pearson!

And then the girls took to the field.



Our Year 3 and 4 girls team were unbeaten throughout the tournament. Football's newest 'Invincibles' won the final on penalties against an excellent Yalding side. The winning penalty was scored by Sophie, with vital saves in the shoot-out from Olivia.

Our girls squad on the day was Victoria, Olivia, Sophie, Violet, Keeva and Mia.

The Year 5 and Year 6 girls team battled so well as a team throughout qualifying and in the finals at Culverden, by the end of the tournament you could see the confidence oozing from their performances, they eventually triumphed with a 1:0 victory in the final match, with a goal from Tabitha enough to defeat Claremont School. There were fantastic performances across the field, notably from goalkeeper April who did what all great keepers do - maintain concentration and when called upon, to produce the match winning saves.



The squad of Tapasya, Charlotte, Momo, Tabitha, Ellie, Emi and April lift the trophy to cement our double win of the morning.



# Jubilee Week



## Monday 23 May - Friday 27 May

### Jubilee Education Co-Ordinators Nicola Hill and Julie Hitchcock

We are very excited at school to be making arrangements to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee next week at Slade.





Each child will be receiving a Jubilee mug which they have designed themselves, as well as a commemorative book to mark this historic occasion.  
From Monday, the children will be learning about the Queen and why her Jubilee is being celebrated not only in this country, but also around the Commonwealth.

They will be learning a dance from the 50’s and completing lots of exciting craft activities. The week will end with our own Slade Platinum Jubilee street party during lunch time on Friday 27 May. The whole school will eat their lunch together in a street party setting with lots of bunting and music around them all dressed in Red, White and Blue for a special non-uniform day.

**In order to fund this memorable week of fun we would like to ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per child. The link you need to donate can be found on your Arbor Account; just choose Trips and follow The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

We know the children will enjoy the week and will be sharing what they have been up to with you all at home.

In addition to the festival being organised by Slade, we are really happy to say that our contract caterers, Nourish, will be joining in the fun with a special menu for the week. Please find that menu below.

<div><div><div>Nourish</div><div>contract catering</div><div></div></div></div>				
JUBILEE CELEBRATION WEEK				
WEEK COMMENCING 23RD MAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ENGLISH BRUNCH	BRITISH FAVOURITE	TRADITIONAL ROAST	ROYAL FAVOURITE	FISH & CHIPS
Sausage, Bacon & Omelette 1.65, 2.09	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Bangers & Mash with Gravy 1.6	Fish Fingers 1.8
Vegetable Sausage & Omelette 1.4, 2.02, 2.0 V	Shepherdess Pie 3 Vg	Vegan Cornish Pastie 1.3 Vg	Cheesy Flan 1.7 V	Welsh Rarebit (Cheese on toast fit for a Queen) 1.7 V
Baked Spud with a Choice of Toppings 2.8, 2.9	Baked Spud with a Choice of Toppings 2.8, 2.9	Baked Spud with a Choice of Toppings 2.8, 2.9	Baked Spud with a Choice of Toppings 2.8, 2.9	Baked Spud with a Choice of Toppings 2.8, 2.9
Baked Beans	Green Beans	Cabbage	Peas	Mushy Peas
Baked Tomatoes	Cauliflower	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
Saute Potatoes	Eton Mess 2.9	Roasties	Victoria Sponge 1.9	Cucumber Sticks
Apple Crumble & Custard 7	St Clements Biscuit 1	Strawberry Jelly	Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Chips
Vanilla Shortbread 1	Fruit Pots	Jammy Biscuit 1.6	Fruit Pots	Jubilee Cake 1.9
Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Yoghurt 7	Fruit Pots
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<div><div><div>SELECTION OF SALADS AND HOMEMADE BREAD SERVED DAILY</div><div></div></div></div>				
<div><div>Key: Vg Vegan V Vegetarian</div><div>Allergen codes: 1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten</div></div>				



# Slade Stats



Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target

97.0%

Attendance This Week

95.5%

Attendance This Year

94.2%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close at 08:50.

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.

Pupils Late This Week

15

## Attendance Matters

### Procedure if your child is unwell

If your child is not well and not able to come to school then we ask that parents telephone the school office on 01732 350354 **everyday** of their child's absence. With the current COVID pandemic, please follow government guidelines, but please still let us know if your child will be absent from school. If they are having to self-isolate but are well, then they will need to be taking part in home learning.

Please see below some guidance from the government regarding illness and your child's education.

<https://www.gov.uk/illness-child-education>

### Procedure for appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for **any** reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment. Please could you inform the school office **prior** to the appointment along with any supporting evidence of the appointment.

This is so that we can authorise the absence where we can and your child is not marked as unauthorised in our register. Please see below guidance from the government regarding school attendance.

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

# Dear Parents and Carers
















Please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don’t miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.

For your convenience, in each newsletter we include this reminder of everything sent out in the current week:

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 16 May	Today at Slade	
Monday 16 May	Elmer Class Tuition Cancellation	Tuition Attendees 
Monday 16 May	Board Games Club Cancellation	Board Games Attendees 
Monday 16 May	Champions!	
Tuesday 17 May	Pick Up Arrangements Following Activities	All School 
Tuesday 17 May	Today at Slade	
Tuesday 17 May	Matt Walker Photography	
Tuesday 17 May	Tri Golf Competition	
Wednesday 18 May	Secondary School Allocation Survey	Year 6 Parents 
Wednesday 18 May	Queen’s Jubilee Week	All School 
Thursday 19 May	Today at Slade	
Friday 20 May	Today at Slade	
Friday 20 May	Year 3/4 Cricket Cancellation	Year 3/4 Cricket Participants 
Friday 20 May	Celebration Assembly	