# SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## KAREN SLADE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

It has been a busy first full week back with lots of learning taking place both indoors and out in spite of the wet, cold and sometimes snowy conditions! It really has been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, catching up with friends and sharing their news at the start of their learning journeys for this term. A special mention and well done to the children and staff who have this week modelled our 'resilience' value, braving the weather when down in Forest School! I hear that everyone enjoyed the opportunity to experience our fire pit when needing to take the edge off the chill! Well done and thank you everyone for a great start to Term 3.



Do check out the year group newsletters that were sent out on Monday to find out more of what your child will be learning across the coming weeks. As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their class email address should you have any queries or concerns about your child in school. However, a reminder that these inboxes are only monitored at the beginning and end of the school day following which a response will be sent out within 48 hours. Therefore, any information for class teachers to be aware of during the school day should be sent by calling the school office, following which the message will be shared with your child's teacher.



On Wednesday we held our third and final Open Morning for prospective parents currently looking to choose a school for children who are due to start in September 2024. The morning was an opportunity for our visitors to hear once again about the provision on offer here at Slade followed by time to explore and see a typical Wednesday morning in action! As you would expect, our visitors were once again full of praise for all that they saw and were especially complimentary about our fabulous children! Well done to everyone involved, including our PTA team for providing the refreshments. A reminder that the closing date to apply for a Reception school place is this coming Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, using the online application form on the KCC admissions website.



At the start of this new year a reminder please of our expectations with regard to school uniform; all of our children are expected to wear regulation school uniform to school every day; a list of all permitted school uniform items can be found on our school website. In addition, a reminder that all items of clothing worn to school should be named in order that we can return any uniform that becomes misplaced to their rightful owner. Our lost property boxes are already full of unnamed items that haven't been claimed so the boxes will be now be placed outside at Friday pick-ups for you to take a look to try to retrieve your child's missing uniform. Moving forward, any unclaimed and unnamed items each week will now be donated to the PTA pre-loved uniform store for re-sale.



Having experienced snow flurries earlier this week, a reminder that following heavy snowfall any decisions around whether to open or close the school will always be made on the basis of the safety and welfare of all pupils and staff. This includes a daily risk assessment of the school building and grounds whilst ensuring that there are enough staff able to travel into school to enable us to operate safely. A text will be sent to all parents as early as possible once this decision to open or close the school has been made in addition to being communicated through all of our social media channels too, including the KCC school closures website <a href="https://www.kentclosures.co.uk/">https://www.kentclosures.co.uk/</a>



Finally, for those of you planning ahead, term dates for the next academic year 2024-2025 will be available on the school website at the start of next week.



Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade



## Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 15 January	Closing Date for Primary School Applications - See Page 5
Tuesday 16 January	EYFS Vision and Hearing Screening - See Page 4
Wednesday 17 January	
Thursday 18 January	
Friday 19 January	Nationwide Building Society visit to Year 3  Money Matters Workshop

## Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Wyvern Class Forest School
TUESDAY	Hydra Class Forest School  Phoenix Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Dragon Class Forest School Sphinx Class Swimming
FRIDAY	Griffin Class Forest School

## Further Ahead:

Monday 22 January

**TONBRIDGE LIBRARY VISIT** 

10:00 - Pegasus Class

11:00 - Hippogriff Class

Thursday 25 January

HORSEPOWER CUP FINALS DAY

Year 5 - 6 Girls Football

Tournament

Tonbridge Angels FC

Friday 26 January

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY
IN SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Variation of Character

Year 4 Classes

# SLADE JOURNAL AROUND SCHOOL

## Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had a enjoyable and healthy Christmas and New Year Holiday; it has been fantastic seeing you all in school this week.

We are pleased to have sent out our Term 3 Newsletters to every class in Key Stage 1 and 2 on Monday. These newsletters are written by the class teachers and detail and highlight the learning and other activities that will be going on this term by individual yeargroup.



#### Lots To Do in Year 3

The Year 3 Teaching Team are pleased to be putting on plenty of supporting activities this term to help compliment their curriculum - and with news dropping soon about a very special school trip later in the year, now is the time to be in Pegasus or Hippogriff Class!



#### Library Card Applications

A reminder to parents in these classes that if your child does not currently have a Library card to complete the form sent to you on 4 January and send it back to us; Mrs Stephens will be submitting them to Kent Libraries on Monday so that cards are prepared in time for the yeargroup visit to Tonbridge Library on Monday 22 January.



#### Roman Day Workshop

We are also awaiting the payment to be made and make-up consent forms to be sent back for many children who will be hoping to take part in the Living History workshop on the Romans. Please make sure payment of £9.00 has been made via your Arbor account (follow links to Trips) and that the form sent on 5 January has been completed and sent back, either in paper form to the school office or class teacher or by email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Thankyou for your help in making these events viable and successful for the children's learning.

#### **Tina's Tree Thanks**

Tina Hall, our Forest School Teacher, would like to thank every parent, carer and friend of Slade who was able to donate to us their used real Christmas Tree this week.







### **EYFS Hearing and Vision**



We look forward to welcoming the Kent Community Health NHS team to Slade on Wednesday. They will be carrying out hearing and vision screening on our youngest children in Gruffalo and Elmer Classes. Our NHS colleagues will contact you in due course with the results, please do not ask the school for these results as we are not provided with them. If you have any questions please call 0300 123 5205 or email kentchft.schoolhealthscreening@nhs.net.

## **SLADE JOURNAL** AROUND SCHOOL

Primary school

gov.uk/primaryadmissions

## **Primary School Applications: Deadline** Looms

Parents and carers of children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 will no doubt be aware that the deadline for making applications for their children to start their Primary School journey is fast approaching.

The online application portal from Kent County Council closes at 23:59 on Monday 15 January (just after this weekend).

If you have not yet made an application - including for any siblings of children already at primary school in Kent - please log on to the portal via the KCC website by clicking this link

**Applying for Primary School Places** 

The allocation of school places is made centrally by Kent County Council, who will contact parents via the email address used on the application form from mid morning on Tuesday 16 April.

If you have any concerns or questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact us via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk, or use the KCC Education Helpline on 03000 41 21 21.

### The Winter Reading Challenge is on!

We shared the launch of the Winter Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency via our X Feed on 16 November and we are delighted that many of the children at Slade have been taking part.

There is still time to enter and Mrs Stephens and Mrs Pearson are keen to know what you are reading.

All you need to do is visit the challenge website via the link below, create your account and away you go - enjoying a world full of books as you try to beat your own personal challenge.

Winter Reading Challenge Website - information and join up here

The Reading Agency also have information to help parents through the challenge, here: **Challenge Home Zone** 

There are activities, book suggestions and lots more on the website, and we are here to help as well if you need some advice, just ask Mrs Stephens and Mrs Pearson via the School Office: office@slade.kent.sch.uk. The challenge ends on 19 February, so get online and get reading to take part!

Furthermore, our book worms on the Senior Leadership Team are looking out for you reading your favourite book. Mrs Stephens and Mrs Pearson are creating a brand new display aimed at inspiring all of us to read more and to try different types of books as we strive to find 'the one' that spurs us on to a live long love of reading.

To help with the display, please just send us a picture of your child, indeed anyone in the family, reading a book - it can be the current read, an all time favourite, or something that jumped out at you when browsing in the library or book shop. Send pictures to us via office@slade.kent.sch.uk to be included.



# SLADE JOURNAL NOURISH NEWS

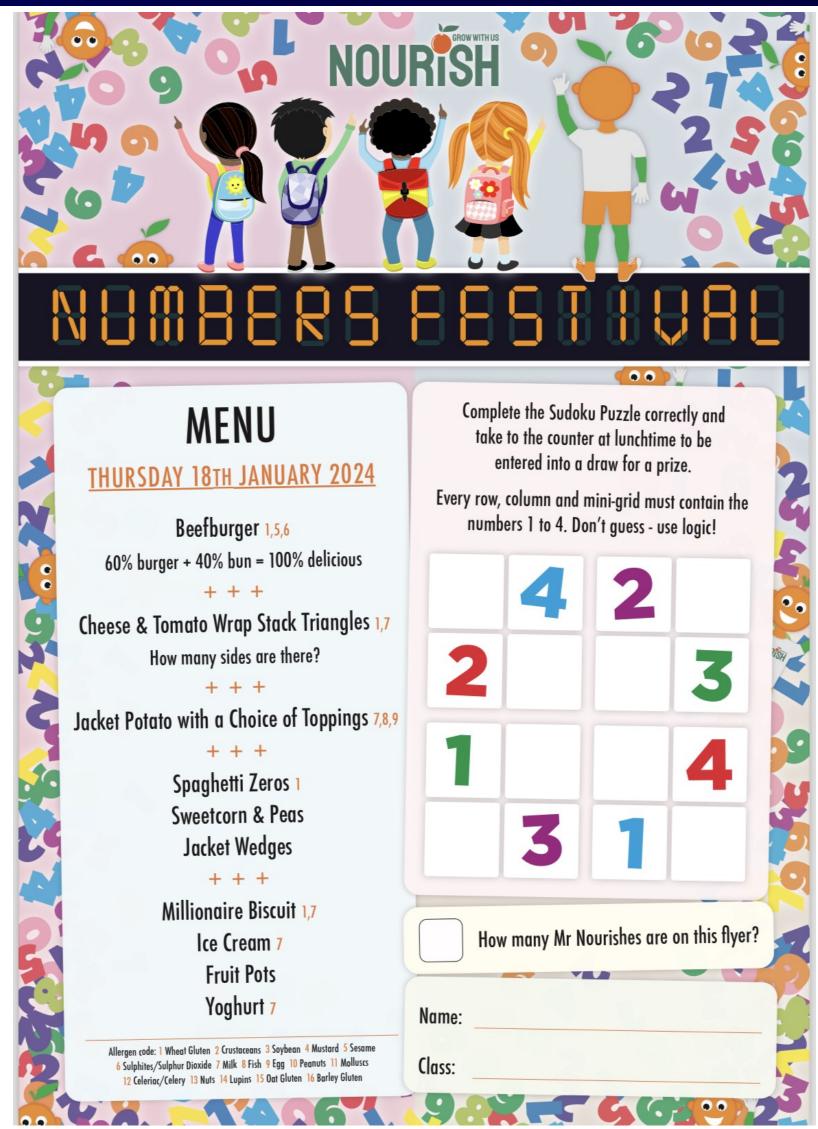
### **Numbers Festival Lunch and Competition**

New Head Chef, Sarah Hollingdale, is incredibly happy to be announcing her first special mealday of 2024!

Nourish are doing their maths and have produced a special Numbers Day menu to be served next Thursday (18 January). This replaces the menu due for that lunchtime and is featured below.

There is also a chance to win by entering the Sudoku puzzle on their poster - please submit entries to the school office or kitchen - or for the younger children, can you count the number of times Mr Nourish features on the poster. Enter in the same way.

Meals remain free for children in receipt of Benefits Related Free School Meals and/or in EYFS and KS1 Classes and are charged at £2.45 for all other children paid in advance via your Arbor Meals Account.



# SLADE JOURNAL SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING





### **Daily Mile Bingo**

Download your personal Daily Mile Bingo card below for your chance to win, whilst also boosting the chances of Slade success against other local primary schools.

The challenge has been set by the Leigh Academy Sports Partnership who help to coordinate most of the local sporting competitions we take part in.

We have been completing some of the challenges as a class group in school, but it would be great if you could join in at home. Any challenges completed out of school should be signed off by an adult on the bingo card and submitted to Mrs Ball or to the school office in time for the end of the competition on Friday 26 January at Midday.

There are personal awards for completing 10,15 or 20 challenges.

Download the bingo card via the Slade website here: <u>Daily Mile Bingo is Back!</u> or request paper copy through the school office.

# SLADE JOURNAL YETI'S WRAPAROUND

#### **Welcome Back**

School Business Manager, Jill Westwood, has kindly provided an update from our wraparound provision, Yeti's. We spoke to Jill this week:

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas and New Year holiday to sll of our Yeti's children and parents.

Thankyou also to the parents to provide us with feedback about the provision in Yeti's, this is invaluable and we always encourage information to know where we are getting things right and where we could do better. Let me and the team know of your experiences at Yeti's via email <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>.





### **New Intercom System**

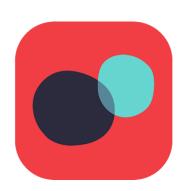
One thing both parents and the Yeti's team have asked us for is for a secure intercom system for families to use when dropping off or collecting from Breakfast or After School Clubs.

I am delighted therefore to say that we have installed such a system, which will mean a speedier and safer service from the team and less waiting around in the cold or in the corridor for the children. You can find the intercom at the foot of the stairs in a position that can successfully be used by wheelchair users as well as those standing.

### **Busy Days**

We are thrilled that Yeti's remains as popular as ever; this week has seen our first consecutive 'full to capacity' days this school year and demand is increasing.

It is therefore important that you manage your account well to avoid disappointment - please check ahead to make bookings via your SCOPAY account, and to cancel sessions where they are no longer needed (up to 24 hours in advance). Please contact myself, Stephen or Emma in the office via <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> for any help required in making bookings with childcare vouchers or amending bookings where your child attends an after school activity as well.



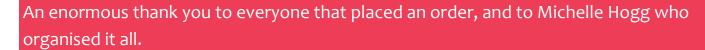
Best wishes, Jill.

## SLADE JOURNAL PTA NEWS

#### **Happy New Year from the PTA**

We hope that 2024 has got off to a great start for you all, and that the Christmas gifts many of you ordered with your child(ren)'s designs were well received.

For every order placed for one of the Christmas gifts the PTA receives a donation, and we are delighted to confirm that this activity alone raised an incredible £930 this year.





### Looking Ahead: Bag2School on Tuesday 30 January

On Tuesday 30 January we have arranged a collection with Bag2School to start our fundraising off for 2024....we bring in our good quality, unwanted items, and they will pay us based on the total weight.

Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools and charities raise funds through textile recycling. Their aim is to promote the reuse of clothes and shoes to benefit those who rely on second hand clothes. For every 1kg we collect, they will pay us 50p. All money raised through this scheme will go straight back to the school for additional resources for all our children.

Below is a list of what we can, and cannot, collect. All items should be in good, reusable condition.

#### What we can collect:

- Adult and Children's clothes
- Shoes tied together in pairs
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Bras
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding

#### What we cannot collect:

- · Duvets and blankets
- Pillow and cushions
- · Carpets, rugs and mats
- · Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothes
- · School uniform with and without logos
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
- · Furniture and large items
- Batteries

Wet items cannot be collected, so we will be keeping an eye on the weather when we decide the collection point!

Friends and family are welcome to join in too! Donated items can be collected in bags and we will let you know when and where to bring them in. For further information please see the Bag2School website: <a href="mailto:bag2school.com">bag2school.com</a>



#### **KS2 Disco is Back: Save the Date!**

The KS2 Disco is back, with our resident Super Star DJ Matt, on Friday 2 February.

The Disco for years 3&4 will take place from 5-6.30pm; and the Disco for years 5&6 will take place from 6.30-8pm.

Please save the date in your diaries and details of how to purchase tickets will be shared in the coming weeks.



# DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS ARBOR EMAILS SENT THIS WEEK

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.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Tuesday 2 January	This Week at Slade	All School
Tuesday 2 January	Term 3 Activity Clubs	All School
Wednesday 3 January	Car Park Closure	All School
Thursday 4 January	Year 3 Visit to Tonbridge Library	Year 3 Parents
Friday 5 January	Daily Mile Bingo	All School
Friday 5 January	Year 3 Roma Day	Year 3 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 1	Year 1 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 2	Year 2 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 3	Year 3 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 4	Year 4 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 5	Year 5 Parents
Monday 8 January	Yeargroup Newsletter: Year 6	Year 6 Parents
Monday 8 January	Pegasus Class Forest School Highlights	Pegasus Class Parents
Tuesday 9 January	Hippogriff Class Forest School Highlights	Hippogriff Class Parents
Wednesday 10 January	Year 6 End of Year Residential: Initial Letter	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 11 January	Hippogriff Class Forest School Highlights: Reissue	Hippogriff Class Parents

## HERE TO HELP

### HOW TO CONTACT US

We are always keen to hear from you if you have a positive, negative comment to make about anything going on at school, or if you have a question or need clarification on anything we have sent or said.

We have a number of ways for you to reach out to us; please see the guide below to see where you should direct your question or comments in the first instance in order to make sure we are able to answer you as guickly as possible.

Comments in the first instance in order to make sure we are able to ans	swel you as quickly as possible:
My child's class learning, class activities, lessons, homework	Your child's class email address:
Wellbeing or pastoral support, Concerns about bullying and behaviour	classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Trips, Payments, School Events	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
Special Educational Needs (SEND) General Enquiries	
Sickness reporting, Absence requests and medical appointments	attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk
Admissions	admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk
Yeti's Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments:
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Yeti's Wraparound	
Yeti's Wraparound  School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	<u>yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</u>
	vetis@slade.kent.sch.uk  Late Collections: 01732 377760
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk  Late Collections: 01732 377760  teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering Slade PTA	yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk  Late Collections: 01732 377760  teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk  sladepta@yahoo.co.uk

## **SLADE STATS**

## ATTENDANCE

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.

Registration takes place at 08:50 in the morning and after lunch in the afternoon.

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

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Winners are announced via our X (formerly Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch

Our Attendance Target

97.0%

Our Attendance This Week

93.8%

Our Attendance
This Year

95.2%

National Average = 94.2%\*

National percentile rating for Slade = 65

\*data from schools and MATs who use Arbor MI

# SLADE STATS PUNCTUALITY

Registers are taken 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.

Winners are announced via our X (formerly Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch

Pupils Late
This Week

35

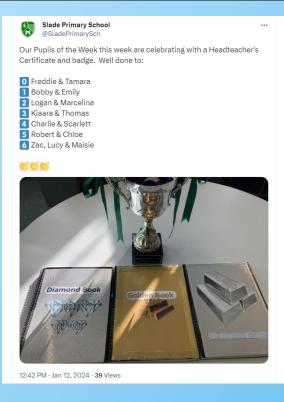
# SLADE ON X X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



We encourage you to follow us on the social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

We post a daily diary Today at Slade at 07:15 each morning as well as reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Date of Post	Subject
Monday 18 December	Clubs and Activities Timetable
Tuesday 19 December	Booking Window Open
Monday 1 January	Happy New Year!
Tuesday 2 January	Clubs and Activities Update
Tuesday 2 January	This Week at Slade
Wednesday 3 January	Welcome Back
Wednesday 3 January	Car Park Closure
Thursday 4 January	Today at Slade
Thursday 4 January	Train to London - House Captain + Pupil Council
Thursday 4 January	Historic and Important Places of Government
Thursday 4 January	Westminster Hall
Friday 5 January	Today at Slade
Friday 5 January	Daily Mile Bingo is Back!
Friday 5 January	Celebration Assembly
Friday 5 January	Next Week at Slade: Forest School
Friday 5 January	Next Week at Slade: Swimming
Friday 5 January	Farewell, Sarah Luffingham
Monday 8 January	Today at Slade
Tuesday 9 January	Today at Slade
Tuesday 9 January	Happy Birthday, Ray Dolley!
Wednesday 10 January	Today at Slade
Wednesday 10 January	Christmas Trees
Thursday 11 January	Today at Slade
Friday 12 January	Today at Slade
Friday 12 January	Celebration Assembly









We have tried to make paying for special lessons, wraparound provision, school trips and visits amongst other events that happen through the year as easy as possible. Please see our handy guide here on the current prices and 'Way to Pay' when required.

We always make sure that all trips and special events are priced as fairly as possible but are acutely aware that extra costs can be tricky for our families. If you would like to discuss payment options for any extra spend at Slade, please contact us at anytime and confidentially via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

#### **School Dinners**

School Dinners provided by Nourish Contract Catering are free to the following groups:

EYFS Classes, Year 1 Classes, Year 2 Classes, EYFS, KS1 AND KS2 pupils eligible for benefits related Free School Meals

School Dinners provided to KS2 (Year 3-6) children are charged at £2.40 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account.

#### Yeti's Wraparound Provision (Breakfast and After School Clubs)

Breakfast Club is charged at £4.20 per session

After School Club is charged at different pricepoints:

Until 16:30: £4.20 // Until 17:30: £8.60

If your child participates in an after school activity, please let us know via <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> and we charge only for the 16:30 - 17:30 time at £ 4.40.

Payment should be made via your online SCOPAY account. Please email <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> if you require a login to SCOPAY.

## School Trips and other Special Events

You will be notified of the dates and costs of school trips or special events by email.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account.

## Paid For, Independent Clubs and Activities

Slade does not take payment for independently run clubs. All payment and correspondence should be directed to the club organiser.

#### **Swimming Lessons**

6 Swimming lessons are taken by all KS2 classes at a cost of £17.00.

Payment and consent will be made via the Trips section of your Arbor account once you have been advised of the dates of the sessions.

## SLADE+ EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

#### Monday

Year 1-4 French

KS2 Football

KS2 Drama & Musical

Theatre

EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills

KS1 and KS2 BSL

**KS1 Pottery** 

#### Tuesday

Year 3 and 4 Choir

KS1/KS2 Street Dance

KS2 Cricket

Sewing

#### Wednesday

Year 4-6 Choir

KS2 Sports

KS1 and KS2 Athletics

KS1 and KS2 Art

#### Thursday

Sewing Club

Year 5 & 6 Signing

Choir

KS1 Yoga

#### Friday

Year 5 and 6 Sports

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Karate

Full Details: Times, Prices, Ways to Book and more via the school website

Clubs run by staff at Slade with spaces

Clubs run by staff at Slade Currently Full

Independent Clubs: Contact Organiser for full details