

# SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## School Newsletter Term 3 Issue 3

Friday 2 February 2024



# KAREN SLADE

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for all of your kind words and condolences following the sad news that I shared last week regarding Mrs. Barlow’s unexpected passing. Your messages of support, shared both in person and in writing, have brought comfort to all of us in school during this past week. Thank you too for supporting your children at home as they have each tried to process the news in recent days. As previously shared, as a school community we are planning ways to remember Marian and to celebrate her life here at Slade; I will of course keep you all informed of what these plans are once they are finalized and how you too with your children can be involved in sharing your memories.

Thank you too to our Class Reps who came into school on Thursday afternoon for the first meeting of 2024. It was great as always to catch up whilst hearing your thoughts and feedback on this term’s ‘hot topic’ of Forest School. Many thanks to those parents who had also taken the time to share their feedback for discussion at the meeting too. It was great to hear your ideas and thoughts which will be used to further inform developments down in the forest. A reminder also that we are always looking for parent volunteers to help down in our forest school sessions so please do get in touch if this is something that you feel that you could get involved with and want to find out more.

Some of our children and parents enjoyed a midweek outing (and late night!) at the O2 for the last night of the Young Voices Choir concert, a sensational singing celebration where children’s choirs from across the south east all come together to create one huge arena-sized choir for the night! Congratulations to all of the children involved who were a credit to the school in both the way that they performed and how they behaved. We are very proud of you all! Well done to all the parents who went along and joined in the fun too! Huge thanks to all of the school staff who gave up their evening to accompany the children and special thanks to Mrs Stephens and Mrs Ball for planning and leading the trip. A great time really was had by all!

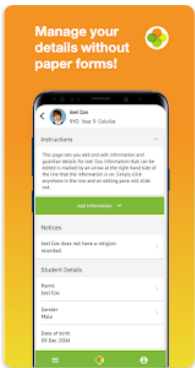
To enable us to keep all of our children in school, a reminder that all parents and carers are asked to regularly log into their Arbor App to ensure that the most recent details regarding your child’s medical conditions are current and accurate. If these ever change whilst your child is at Slade, then please remember that it is your responsibility to update the school via the app as soon as possible and to notify us that these changes have been made too. Do look out for a separate letter next week which will provide further information on this matter and the process to follow when making updates.

Still on the theme of safeguarding your children, a reminder please that as much we enjoy celebrating your children’s birthdays in school we ask that no sweets, cakes, treats or gifts are brought into school for handing out to classmates within or at the end of the school day. Thank you for your help, support and understanding on this matter as we all work together to keep everyone safe in school.

A huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents who have been busily organizing the much-anticipated Key Stage 2 school disco this evening. There is much excitement and expectation amongst the children who are very much looking forward to getting their dancing shoes on later! Huge thanks also to the staff team who are delaying the start to their weekend to be here this evening too. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the dance floor later!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade



# DIARY DATES

## NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

### Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 5 February - Friday 9 February	Children’s Mental Health Week See Page 5
Monday 5 February	13:30 - Hearing Impaired Toddlers Group
Tuesday 6 February	E-Safety Day
Wednesday 7 February	
Thursday 8 February	Year 3 Roman Day Please make sure consent & payment has been made via your Arbor Account
Friday 9 February	Last Day of Term 3

### Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Phoenix Class Cooking at Tonbridge School Wyvern Class Afternoon Session Forest School - Parents informed today
TUESDAY	Sphinx Class Cooking at Tonbridge School Phoenix Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Wyvern Class Morning Forest School
FRIDAY	Hydra Class Forest School

### Further Ahead:

Monday 12 February -  
Friday 16 February  
February Break  
Monday 19 February  
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Tuesday 20 February  
SWIMMING LESSON 6/6  
Phoenix Class

Thursday 22 February  
SWIMMING LESSON 5/6  
Sphinx Class



# SLADE JOURNAL

## AROUND SCHOOL

### Yeti's Wraparound in Term 4

The booking window for securing places at our Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs will open on Monday 5 February.

Please make sure that your SCOPAY account is fully topped up with funds before the window opens - this includes those accounts that are paid for in Childcare Vouchers. We strongly recommend that you process your vouchers shortly to ensure that they are paid into the SCOPAY system in time for bookings to be made.

Term 4 runs from Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March inclusive.

Thankyou to all of our Yeti's customers for using the new intercom system when collecting children in the evening - we hope you are finding this an easy system to use. Please remember to speak clearly into the microphone to ensure swift response.

As with all aspects of life at Slade, we are keen to hear what you think we are doing well and where we can do better. Please do let us have your feedback on Yeti's and the new 'buzzer' system via email to [yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk).



### Good Luck, Sarah: Congratulations Lily

Last week, our contract caterers Nourish said goodbye to Sarah Hollingsdale, our Head Chef.

Sarah has been with us since October and has been a super addition to the kitchen team. We are sad to see Sarah leave us so soon, however wish her well in her new opportunity which is to be leading a kitchen recruitment team nearer her home.

The job to replace Sarah is already on and we look forward to hearing from Nourish as to the identity of our new chef. The children's meals are currently being overseen by Terrence, who is in temporary control of the kitchen during the time of recruitment. Welcome Terrence, we hope you enjoy the time you spend with us in your caretaker chef role here at Slade.

You may remember that Sarah's last act at Slade was to draw out the winning entry in our Numbers Festival lunch. The competition was won by Lily, who picked up her prize on Wednesday from Assistant Cook Jemma.

Thankyou to Nourish for providing the prize of a selection of bird gliders and to the team in our kitchen for adding to the prize bundle with a notebook, pen and sweet treats!

Our next special mealday will take place next Thursday to help Nourish celebrate Chinese New Year. See Page 7 for further details of the menu.

### Safeguarding Champions

Everyone at Slade is fully and constantly trained and remain always acutely aware of the importance of safeguarding the children at school, their families and our team. Strong Safeguarding policies are very much in the school's DNA and we are very proud that we also have a group of Year 5 children who are now the official Safeguarding Champions.

They hosted an assembly last week where they described their role to the rest of the school as 'not just to keep you safe, but also to make you all **feel** safe.' The champions are Izzy, Surina, Swati, Eliz, Gabbi, Hallie and Maya and we thank them for producing and presenting their first assembly, the messages of which have been repeated back in the classrooms.

They link their role to the Zones of Regulation and encourage anyone with a worry (especially at break and lunchtimes) that they are there to talk to whether you are feeling blue, green, yellow or red!

We will catch up with the Safeguarding Champions later in the year.





# Mental health

What's good for your mental health?

what helps your mental health?

- Active
- sleep
- certain good (fish)
- Balanced diet
- exercise
- mindfulness



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## SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

### Multi Activity Festival: Tonbridge School

We were honoured to be the main organising partner of this year's Tonbridge Schools' Multi Activity Festival, held at the Sports Centre at neighbouring Tonbridge School.

In addition to our squad of Multi-Skillers, the Year 5 and 6 Sports Crew helped to run, supervise and organise the event on 23 January which involved obstacle challenges, parachuting pursuits, volleyball, dance, table tennis and 'blindfold' bowls!

There were a host of local schools who joined us for the festival, designed to give everyone a chance to take part in the varied competitions, sometimes representing the school for the first time.

We are very proud of all of the competitors and of the Sports Crew who were a credit to the school in the way they supported the success of the event. Well done to you all, we hope you enjoyed the experience.



### Beginners Badminton

On Tuesday, we took part in the Leigh Academy Tonbridge Sports Partnership Beginners Badminton Competition.

The competition was designed to introduce children from across the borough to the fun sport and was such a success that Mrs Ball has been approached by a number of pupils at Slade to enquire if we could start a club or purchase some badminton equipment to learn and play more during PE lessons.

The children were taught the basic skills and had the chance to familiarise themselves with the court, shuttlecock and racquets used in badminton.

Everyone had a great time and it even turned out that some of our players were not quite at the beginners status we would have previously believed!

Thankyou to everyone at Leigh Academy for their coaching and encouragement and to all of the parents who enabled the children to take part in the event by being the transport for the afternoon. Your support is much appreciated by everyone at Slade.











# Chinese

## NEW YEAR MENU

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN  
VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS <sup>1</sup> VG  
CHOOSE BETWEEN  
SPECIAL RICE OR CHOW MEIN <sup>1</sup>

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JACKET POTATO WITH TOPPINGS <sup>7,8,9</sup>  
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SWEETCORN  
STIR FRIED VEGETABLES  
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ICE CREAM <sup>7</sup>  
JELLY SQUARES  
FORTUNE COOKIES <sup>1</sup>  
FRUIT POTS



Year of the Dragon

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:  
Allergen code: (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) Celeriac/Celery (13) Nuts (14) Lupins (15) Oat Gluten (16) Barley Gluten



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## SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

### National League Trust South East Champions!

Slade's Under 11 (Year 5 and 6) Girls football team are now undisputed champions of Tonbridge. Last year they won the Tonbridge and Malling group of the National League Trust Cup, before narrowly missing out in the next phase which is the South East Regional Finals of the competition that ends at Wembley Stadium in the summer, played before the National League Play Off Final.

This year, they have gone one better (so far!) Before the New Year break, they triumphed once more against nearby schools in the campaign to represent local side Tonbridge Angels in the next stage. On Thursday of last week, the girls were crowned South East Regional Champions in a hard fought day of matches against the primary schools who had won in their own districts representing National League clubs Maidstone United, Eastbourne Borough, Dartford and Welling United.

The teams had to play each other twice with the top two qualifying for the final. The girls put in strong and determined performances throughout the first round with a final tally of Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 2 and qualification for the final.

The final was a typically tight and tense affair played against the primary school representing Eastbourne Borough - the south coast team having looked very impressive in the league stage went down 1:0 to our girls.

The team: Olivia, Sophie, Lily, Malvina, Stella, Keeva, Harriet, Victoria will now progress to the National League South Region Finals day which will take place at Arbour Park, home of Slough Town FC in March and will be a similar day playing against fellow winners from the National League South area which stretches from Devon and Cornwall with teams such as Torquay United and Truro all the way to London and Essex. We will find out our exact opponents soon. Follow <https://twitter.com/TheNLTrust> to see how the other district finals have been going.





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## MUSIC AT THE O2

### Young Voices 24

The 45 members of our Year 4 -6 Choir joined 9000 other performers on the stage at The O2 Arena in Greenwich on Wednesday evening as they took part in the annual musical spectacular, Young Voices.

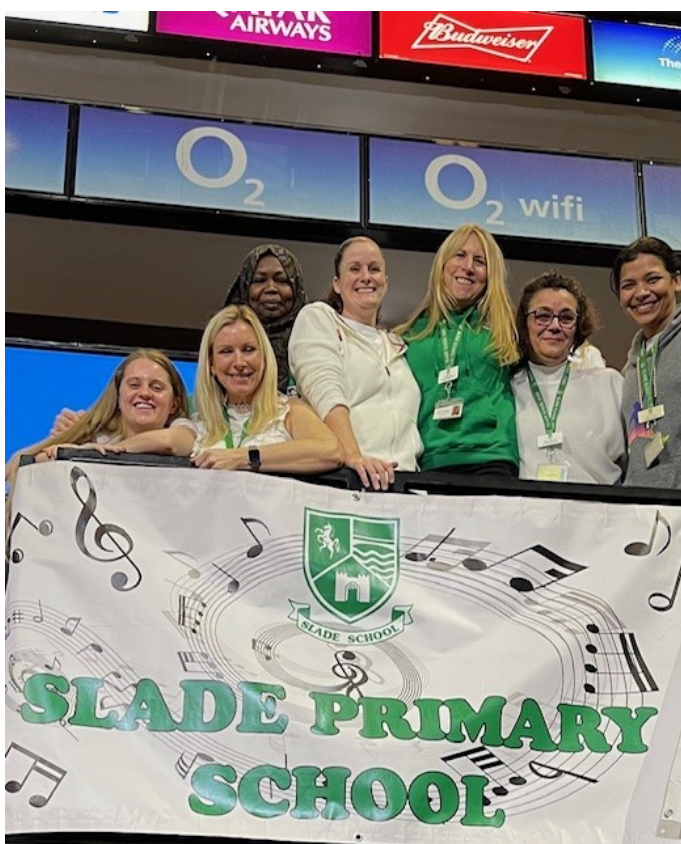
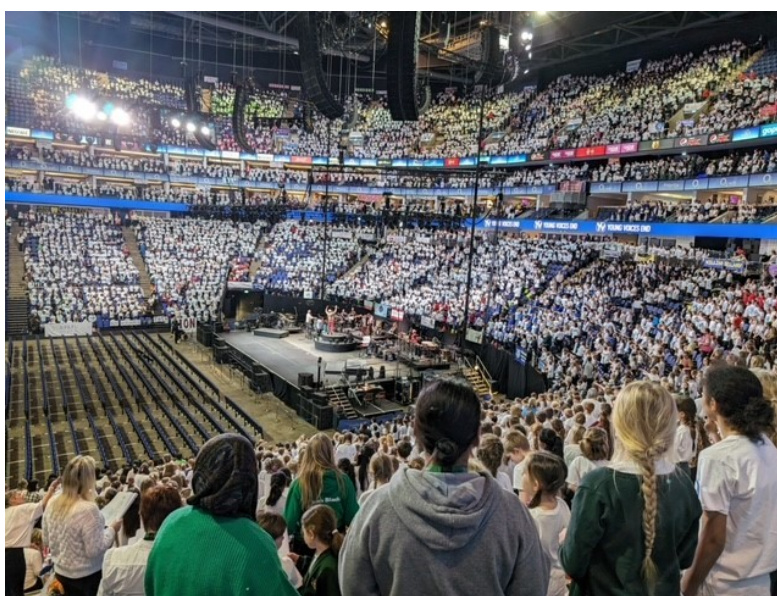
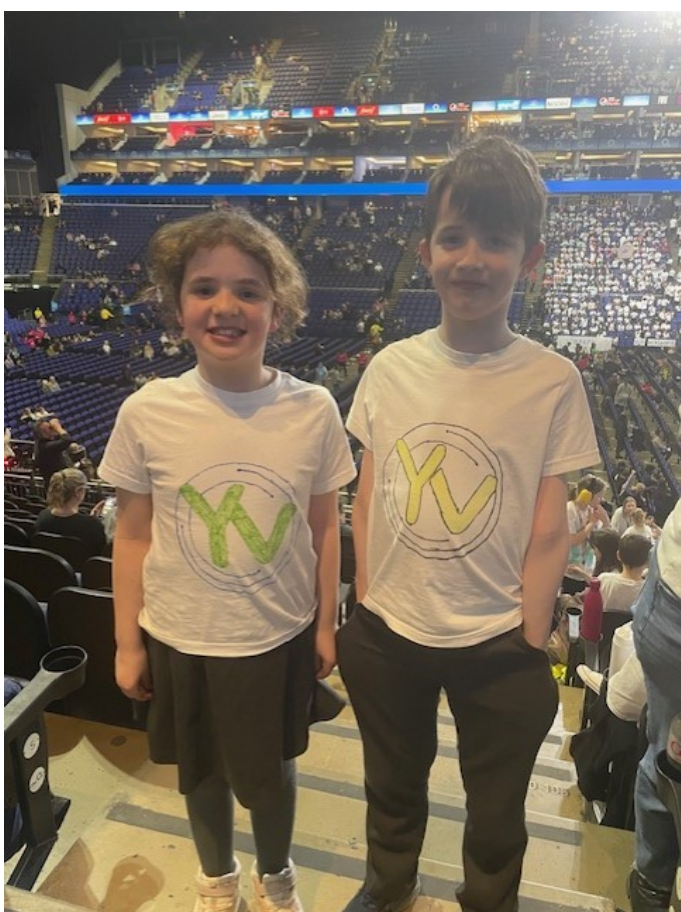
The choir, aided by Music leader Stephanie Stephens, Wendy Ball, Miss Taylor, Mrs Mohammed, Mrs Buckland, Mrs Vokes and Miss Laker travelled up to South East London after an early lunch and took part in a rehearsal as they prepared for the extravaganza in the evening.

The night kicked off with a special Matilda melody before a group of songs themed around 'walking' including 'Walking on Sunshine', 'Walking on the Moon', 'These Boots are made for Walking' amongst others.

The show was given extra stardust when the children were joined by Urban Strides - Europe's largest street dancing educators and 13 year old super drummer Nandi Bushell.

There was a section to thrill the adults in the audience as they played out a 90's club classic dance set - definitely one for Mrs Ball and Mrs Vokes to get their dancing shoes on for!

The whole event was a thrill to take part in and to watch from the stands and everyone from Slade was a credit to the school and to their families, all of who we hope enjoyed the show as part of the capacity crowd in the iconic arena.



Find out all about the Young Voices concerts via their website: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/>



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## PTA NEWS



### Bag2School

After an absolute amazing response, Bag2School have confirmed that we collected an incredible 1,200kg of donations, which means we raised £600!!

Their driver couldn't recall picking up such a large collection before. Thank you so much for getting behind this fundraiser and donating so generously. We hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a good clear out!!

## How will PTA funds be spent in 2024?

### ...Come and Join us!

After a busy few months of fundraising we would love to discuss how this money will be spent across the school and welcome everyone's input.

If you would like to see the Bag2School event repeated, or have any feedback on the other events and activities the PTA are running, please do come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 28th February in the school hall from 19:30 to 20:30.



Find out what happens to your Bag2School donations by visiting their website:

<https://bag2school.com/>

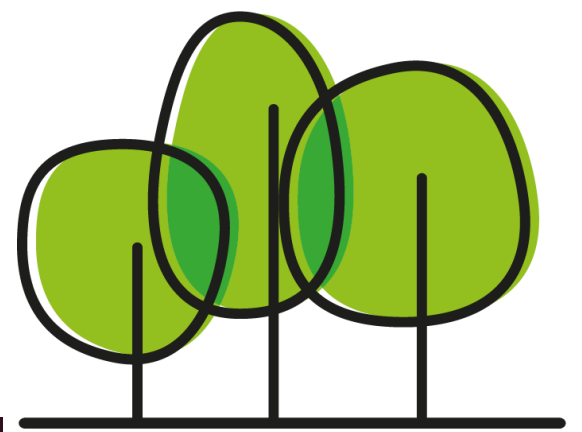
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## FOREST SCHOOL

### Be a Forest Volunteer

Thankyou to everyone who provided feedback to your Parent Reps for their meeting on Thursday in school with special focus on our Forest School provision. It was a very positive meeting which was chaired by Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett.

You will see from Mrs Slade's notes this week that the reps know that there are still lots of parents who are interested in helping out as a parent volunteer - please get in touch if you would like more information.





# 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
Monday 22 January	Laslo Antal in Year 2	Year 2 Parents
Monday 22 January	Elmer Class Forest School Highlights	Elmer Class Parents
Tuesday 23 January	Cooking at Tonbridge School	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 23 January	Titanic Workshop	Year 2 Parents
Tuesday 23 January	Gruffalo Class Forest School Highlights	Gruffalo Class Parents
Thursday 25 January	PTA KS2 Disco	KS2 Parents
Friday 26 January	Letter from Mrs Slade	All School
Monday 29 January	Elf Class Forest School Highlights	Elf Class Parents
Monday 29 January	Animal Encounters of the Wild Kind	Year 6 Parents
Monday 29 January	Pixie Class Forest School Highlights	Pixie Class Parents
Monday 29 January	Gnome Class Forest School Highlights	Gnome Class Parents
Wednesday 31 January	Yeti’s in Term 4	All School
Thursday 1 February	Year 5 Trip to Carroty Wood	Year 5 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 quickly as possible.

My child’s class learning , class activities, lessons, homework Wellbeing or pastoral support, Concerns about bullying and behaviour	Your child’s class email address: <i>classname@slade.kent.sch.uk</i>
School Trips, Payments, School Events Special Educational Needs (SEND) General Enquiries	<a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Sickness reporting, Absence requests and medical appointments	<a href="mailto:attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk">attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Admissions	<a href="mailto:admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk">admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Yeti’s Wraparound	General queries: and Childcare Voucher payments: <a href="mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk">yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>  Late Collections: 01732 377760
Extra Curricular Activities and Representative Sports Events	<a href="mailto:sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk">sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	<a href="mailto:teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk">teresa@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk</a>
Slade PTA	<a href="mailto:sladepta@yahoo.co.uk">sladepta@yahoo.co.uk</a>
The Governing Body and Chair of Governors	<a href="mailto:governors@slade.kent.sch.uk">governors@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
Complaints	<a href="mailto:slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk">slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
GDPR Information and Reporting	<a href="mailto:eugdpr@slade.kent.sch.uk">eugdpr@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk">slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>



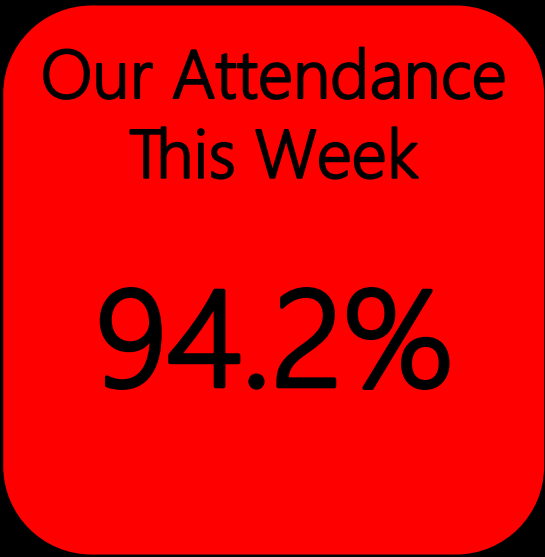
# SLADE STATS

## 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



National Average = 94.3%\*  
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.

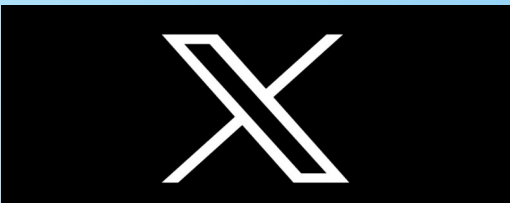
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# SLADE ON X

## 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
Saturday 20 January	ICYMI: Maths Newsletter
Sunday 21 January	Attendance Matters: Advice from the NHS
Monday 22 January	Today at Slade
Monday 22 January	Year 5 Boys Football Squad vs Hildenborough
Tuesday 23 January	Today at Slade
Tuesday 23 January	Year 3 Library Visits
Tuesday 23 January	No Photographs (yet) apologies!
Wednesday 24 January	Today at Slade
Thursday 25 January	Today at Slade
Thursday 25 January	Horsepower Cup Finals
Thursday 25 January	Girls Football Finals Day Team
Thursday 25 January	Horsepower Cup Champions
Thursday 25 January	Thankyou Tonbridge Angels
Thursday 25 January	National League Trust South Finals
Sunday 28 January	Forest School Next Week
Sunday 28 January	Swimming Lessons Next Week
Sunday 28 January	Next Week’s Diary
Sunday 28 January	Bag2School Collections start today
Monday 29 January	Today at Slade
Monday 29 January	Thankyou for your Donations
Tuesday 30 January	Today at Slade
Tuesday 30 January	Leigh Academy Badminton Team
Wednesday 31 January	Today at Slade
Wednesday 31 January	Arrival at The o2
Wednesday 31 January	Putting on a Show
Thursday 1 February	Today at Slade
Friday 2 February	Today at Slade
Friday 2 February	Celebration Assembly



# SLADE+

## YOUR WAYS TO PAY

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](mailto: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 [yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk) 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 [yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk) 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