

SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter Term 3 Issue 4

Friday 9 February 2024

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week of Term 3 has been another busy one with exciting learning happening across the school. From cross stitch in Year 6, to pasta sauce being created and cooked in Year 4 and children in Year 3 working with our visiting theatre company 'Living History', recreating Roman battles and performing in amphitheatres! Do read on into the newsletter or check out our 'X' feed to find out more about what the children have been up to this week.

Thank you to the team in the kitchen who cooked up a very special meal yesterday to help the children understand and celebrate Chinese New Year - the meal was enjoyed by children and staff alike, especially when they found 'fortune slips' with lovely messages printed on with each meal!

Well done and thank you too to our Year 5 'Safeguarding Champions', who took a lead role in our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. All children across the school were learning how to stay safe online as part of this year's national event, around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Thank you to the children who worked alongside some of our younger children in school too helping everyone in finding out more about staying safe online! Do check out our parent guides that have just been added to our school website, and, as always please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about online safety and keeping your child safe.

Thank you to all children and staff who also participated so enthusiastically in the activities that were planned as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Thank you to Mrs. Ball, senior mental health first aider, for signposting us to the activities to explore. The theme for this year has been 'My Voice Matters', which has focused on empowering all our children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Again, please do reach out and get in touch with your child's class teacher if at any point you are worried about your child's mental health; we are all here to help.

On Wednesday, Miss Garrett and I welcomed our Golden Table Winners to join us at lunchtime, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by our lunchtime staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children!

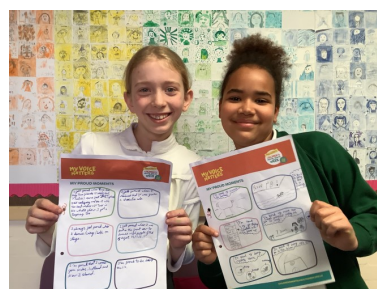
Today in assembly I launched this term's Times Table Rock Stars competition which sees classes pairing up to battle against another class pairing to determine who has the greatest Rock Stars! Whichever class pairing gains the most points in Term 4 will earn a morning Forest School session so definitely a prize worth learning your times tables for! Thank you for all your support in helping your children with this aspect of their home learning and promoting the importance of this key skill. I am looking forward to finding out who the winners are at the end of Term 4!

Hopefully you will have all received the separate communication regarding the Valentine's gift that your child will be today bringing home courtesy of our fabulous PTA. Thank you to all involved in once again arranging this gift for all of the children and setting up the half term fundraising challenge for them too. I look forward to hearing about all of your good deeds children during the half term break!

Once again, the collection of lost property items in school has rapidly grown in recent weeks! So please do take a look and find what you can when the lost property is out on display at pick-up time.

I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19 February.

Karen Slade



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	February Break School Closed to all Pupils
Monday 19 February	First Day of Term 4 School Open to all Pupils
Tuesday 20 February	
Wednesday 21 February	Year 1 Visit to Tunbridge Wells Please see email from earlier today
Thursday 22 February	
Friday 23 February	

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	19/02 Phoenix Class Forest School
TUESDAY	20/02 Sphinx Class Forest School 20/02 Phoenix Class Swimming
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	22/02 Elmer Class Forest School 22/02 Sphinx Class Swimming
FRIDAY	23/02 Gruffalo Class Forest School

Further Ahead:

Thursday 7 March

WORLD BOOK DAY

Details to Follow

Tuesday 19 March

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

FINALS DAY

Slough Town FC

Girls U11 Team representing

Tonbridge Angels

Tuesday 19 March

Thursday 21 March

PARENT - TEACHER

CONSULTATIONS

More details to come in Week 1

of Term 4

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February Break

Term 3 seems to have flown by and as we send out this issue of the newsletter, we are already into the Spring Terms Break.

A reminder that school will be closed for all pupils next week and reopens for the beginning of Term 4 on Monday 19 February.

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy week and we look forward to seeing you all again a week on Monday.



New Home for Sports and Activities

We know how lucky we are to have the services of our Fitness and Wellbeing Champion, Wendy Ball, available to us all at Slade. In addition to her revolution of our in school PE offering and organising of our participation in sporting competitions, events and festivals county wide - not to mention the legacy providing King Charles throne - Wendy has recently taken on the administration of our extra curricular activities timetable and bookings.

Our super selection of activities that take place pre, during and after school each day of the week change on a termly basis meaning there is no one better placed to keep an overview of the smooth organisation and running of the clubs than Wendy.

The Term 4 timetable will be available online soon, followed by details on how and when to book.

For all questions, queries and comment about the extra curricular activities provided at Slade please contact Wendy directly via email: sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk. Please allow up to 48 hours for reply.

Questions and booking queries concerning our Breakfast and After School Wraparound Provision (Yeti's) should continue to be addressed to yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk.



Term 4 Swimming

Our Key Stage 2 Swimming Lessons continue next term at neighbouring Tonbridge Swimming Pool. The next set of dates are as follows, with sign up and payment screens open for Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes now on your Arbor App or Portal.

Tuesday 20 February - Phoenix Class (Last Session)

Thursday 22 February - Sphinx Class

Tuesday 27 February - Pegasus Class (First Session) and each Tuesday until 16 April

Thursday 29 February - Sphinx Class (Last Session)

Thursday 7 March - Hippogriff Class (First Session) Please see your class email for full set of dates



Advance Warning: Roadworks

From Monday 19 February through to Friday 1 March inclusive, there will be local roadworks which will see Annison Street closed for this period, with diversions in place via the High Street and Castle or Bank Street depending on the direction at all times.

This will cause delays to families who are driving to and from school - please allow plenty of extra time when dropping off and collecting children during this time of disruption.

For more details, visit: <https://one.network/uk/kent>



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Children’s Mental Health Week

Children’s Mental Health is an important topic to keep at the forefront of our minds every day, however the targeted week that happens each February with the support of Place2Be is a vital part of giving the tools to help ourselves and each other when we need help.

Find out more about children’s mental health charity Place2Be via their website:

www.place2be.org.uk/

Across the week, each class has had the opportunity to take part in different activities related to the theme of the year: **My Voice Matters**.

Place2Be describe the theme on their website as being about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

They go on to say:

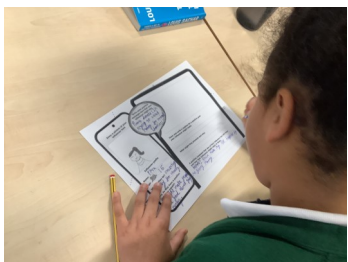
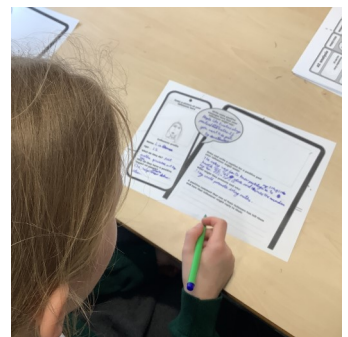
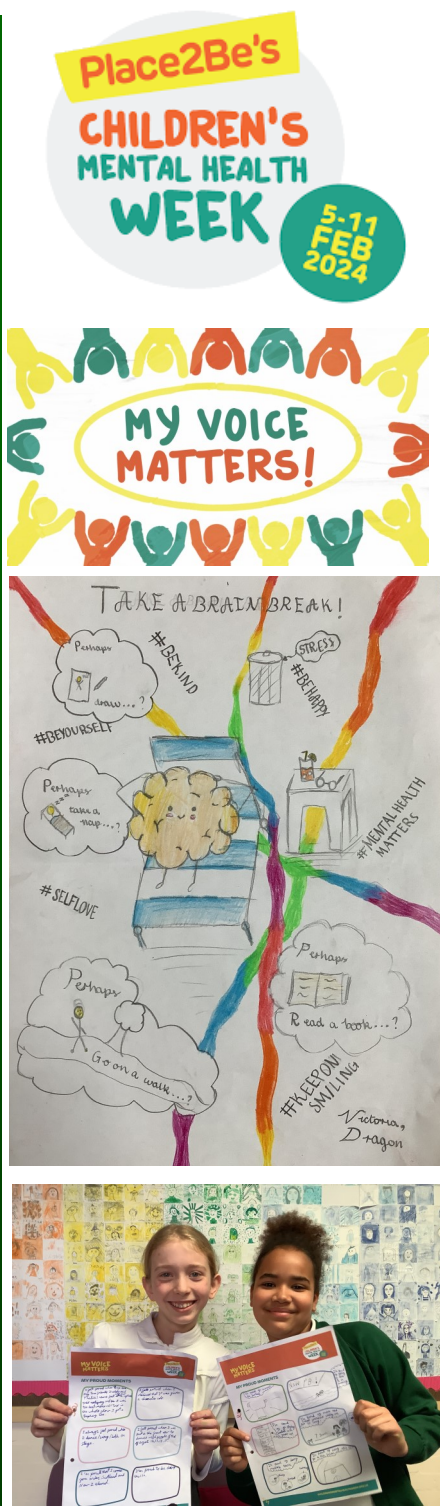
‘When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children and young people who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children’s Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - “My Voice Matters”.’

This subject means something different to each of us and we have published some guides for parents and carers and for the children themselves on the For Families page of the school website, which can be accessed here:

[Top Tips for Families](#)

[Worried about how you, or someone else is feeling?](#)



Safer Internet Day

Always closely aligned with Mental Health Week is Safer Internet Day, which is a global day promoting the use of the internet in a safe and secure way for children and families.

We are acutely aware of the pressure on parents and carers and the difficulty of keeping up to date with the new apps, games and websites used by children on their different devices.

To help the children themselves, we held a series of special lessons on Tuesday, aided by our team of Year 5 Safeguarding Champions, who visited the Key Stage 1 classrooms to take part in activities designed for the younger children on what to do if they feel worried or sad about something online and to take a look back at how technology has developed at an accelerated rate over the last few years.

Also in Year 5, the children have written a Yeargroup Assembly for parents and carers - further details on when this will be held will follow in the new term.

Our For Families section of the school website has been updated with guides for adults on all of the popular apps and games - prompted by conversations that were had at school. There are guides to [TikTok](#), [SnapChat](#), [Fortnite](#) and general [online safety](#) by clicking on the links - or to view them all click [here: For Families](#).

In addition, Internet Matters have a special link for parents of the youngest children with advice on how to build positive online habits from early on: access that information here: [Online Safety Starts Early](#).

For everything in one place visit: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

If you, your child, or anyone in the family would like to talk about any of these subjects, please just contact us in the following ways:

01732 350 354 (Monday - Friday 08:00 - 16:00) office@slade.kent.sch.uk to request a conversation with a member of the team or via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk to write directly and confidentially to Libby Wilmshurst, Family Liaison Officer at Slade.

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SPORT, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Miles Better than the Rest!

With the organisation of Mrs Ball, the willingness and fitness of the children and the amazing support from home, we are delighted to say that Slade are once again Daily Mile (Tonbridge and Malling) Champions.

In the recent Daily Mile Bingo event which took place across the term in all local participating schools across West Kent we achieved the highest number of Gold awards - which equates to marking off all of the challenges set by The Daily Mile and Leigh Academy Tonbridge Sports Partnership.

Congratulations to everyone who took part - especially those who continued to meet the challenges at home in the evenings and weekends.



Poster Perfect Otilie

In addition to the whole school success, we are particularly pleased to report that Otilie in Year 2 has won the Tonbridge, Malling and Tunbridge Wells Daily Mile Poster Competition which ran through all schools in the area.

Otilie's poster was deemed the best by the judges at Leigh Academy and she received her prize this morning in Celebration Assembly.



Kidical Mass Ride Tonbridge

We have been contacted by the local 'Bicycle Mayor' Alice Roberts who organised the recent Kidical Mass cycle ride in Tonbridge.

Alice wrote to thank the school for the publicity offered to the event and to say a big well done and thank you to all of the children and families who took part in the ride through Tonbridge and district.

Alice said, 'We were expecting 20-30 locals join the ride but we had an over 115 riders, from little ones on balance bikes, to older generations on tricycles. The event was marshalled safely by 10 experienced Marshalls and a first aider. The weather was drizzle but this clearly didn't deter the riders.'

If you are interested in finding out about future events, follow on the [Kidical Mass Tonbridge Facebook group](#).

Alice has also been on TV speaking about the success of the Tonbridge ride; you can watch from 15 minutes here:

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kmtv/video/invicta-sport-monday-8th-january2023-58478/->



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Year 3 Roman Day Workshop

We were delighted to welcome the team back from Living History Workshops on Thursday as they came to conquer Tonbridge once again to help the children in Pegasus and Hippogriff Classes understand more, their learning on the Roman times in the UK and across the Roman Empire.

Hippogriff Class spoke to us at lunchtime to explain what they had been doing so far in their day:

The Romans have invaded...again! On Thursday, Year 3 got to experience life in Roman Britain. The day started with the children building an interactive timeline that took them back to Britain just as the Romans arrived.

A small band of children were the Roman army and fought successfully against a Celtic hoard who were armed only with rocks and noise! The defeated Celts were then divided into slaves and citizens and learned how Roman people were treated, pampered, dressed and entertained...by Gladiators!

All children were trained first as soldiers - learning to follow key Latin commands - and then as Gladiators, learning moves and practising fighting techniques before being entertained by their own Gladiator contest.

Even the teachers took part! In addition, Year 3 were able to engrave their own Roman lucky charms, handle armour and investigate the tools and equipment of daily life.

What do we want? BLOOD AND DEATH!



In the afternoon, Year 3 went back to school...Roman school!

They were taught how to use the wax tablets that Roman children would have used to practise their writing and sums.

They were taught some Latin vocabulary and impressed everyone with their excellent memory. Ubi sunt leones?

Finally, the children learned how to dance crazy pantomime storytelling dances that the Romans loved to watch in an amphitheatre and three children were chosen to act out the story of Pyramus and Thisbe, complete with a lion!

Well done to Liam for recognising it as the origin story for Romeo and Juliet.

It was a truly wonderful day!



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FOREST SCHOOL

Term 4 Timetable

Monday 19 February - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Osborne)

Tuesday 20 February - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Thursday 22 February - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

Friday 23 February - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 26 February - Pixie Class (Year 1, Miss Elliott & Miss Maple)

Tuesday 27 February - Elf Class (Year 1, Mr Louth)

Thursday 29 February - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Friday 1 March - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mrs Hill)

Monday 4 March - Pegasus Class (Year 3, Mrs Stephens & Mrs Berrill)

Tuesday 5 March - Hippogriff Class (Year 3, Miss Taylor)

Thursday 7 March - Sphinx Class (Year 4, Miss Lipman)

Friday 8 March - Phoenix Class (Year 4, Mr Osborne)

Monday 11 March - Wyvern Class (Year 5, Mrs Fordyce)

Tuesday 12 March - Hydra Class (Year 5, Mr Duffin)

Thursday 14 March - Dragon Class (Year 6, Mrs Worley)

Friday 15 March - Griffin Class (Year 6, Mrs Burnside)

Monday 18 March - Elmer Class (EYFS, Mrs Pearson)

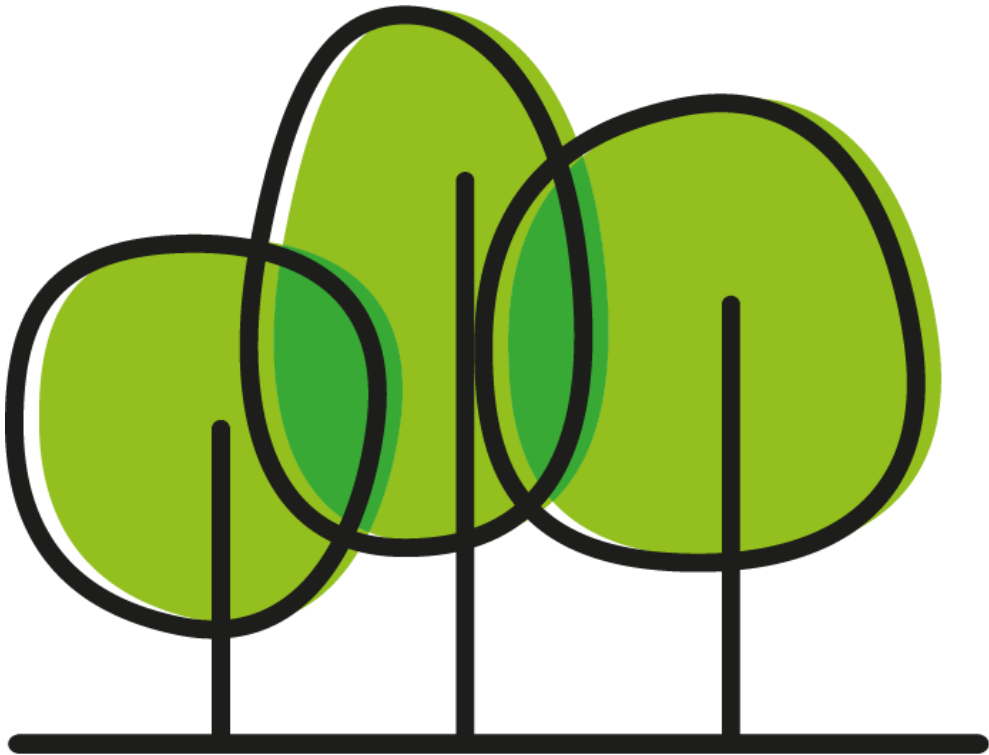
Tuesday 19 March - Gruffalo Class (EYFS, Mrs Hitchcock)

Friday 22 March - Pixie Class (Year 1 Miss Elliott & Miss Maple)

Monday 25 March - Elf Class (Year 1, Mr Louth)

Tuesday 26 March - Gnome Class (Year 2, Mrs Potter)

Thursday 28 March - Sprite Class (Year 2, Mrs Hill)



Sweet Valentine's Day from the PTA

Today, the children will have come home with a special gift from the PTA: A tube of Smarties!
Caroline Zuber from the PTA team has explained why:

'During the half term we are asking the children to enjoy the treat and then collect or earn any loose change to refill their tube with money.

Please could all tubes be returned to their class teachers during the first week back after the half term holiday.
On Friday 23 February the money will be counted and the class that has raised the most for the PTA will receive a reward from Mrs Slade during Celebration Assembly.



Ideas of age appropriate chores for the children to complete to earn money could include:

- Laying the table
- Emptying the dishwasher
- Helping with laundry and putting away clothes
- Washing up
- Cleaning the car
- Vacuuming or dusting
- Taking out the bins
- Cleaning floors or surfaces
- Preparing simple meals

This was such a popular fundraiser last year, and a great opportunity to get some cleaning and tidying done during half term!! Feel free to get family and neighbours involved too if they would like any little jobs done, and do share any ideas or photos of your children raising money via the PTA facebook page or email: sladepta@yahoo.co.uk

We hope this will be a fun way for the children to engage with our fundraising efforts for the school, but obviously there is no obligation and we hope that everyone will enjoy their Valentine's gift.'

PTA Meeting with BSL Signed Translation

The next PTA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 February at 7.30pm.

We are very pleased to say that this meeting will be signed for users of British Sign Language.

Entry on the night via the main playground gates.

Mrs Sturmev (right) has kindly agreed to attend and sign the meeting for any parents that would find this beneficial. The PTA Committee are keen to receive greater input regarding the inclusivity of the events and fundraisers that are organised. We also want every Slade parent or carer to feel able to take an active role in their PTA. If you haven't attended before please consider coming along on the 28th.

This meeting will also focus on how the funds raised over the past few months will be spent across the school, and all thoughts and feedback would be gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Caroline, Eleanor and everyone at Slade.



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 6 February	PTA Gift for Valentine’s Day	All School
Wednesday 7 February	Year of the Dragon Mealday	All School

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	office@slade.kent.sch.uk
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: yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk Late Collections: 01732 377760
Extra Curricular Activities and Representative Sports Events	sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk
School Lunches, Nourish Contract Catering	hildasmith@nourishcc.co.uk
Slade PTA	sladepta@yahoo.co.uk
The Governing Body and Chair of Governors	governors@slade.kent.sch.uk
Complaints	slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk
GDPR Information and Reporting	eugdpr@slade.kent.sch.uk or slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

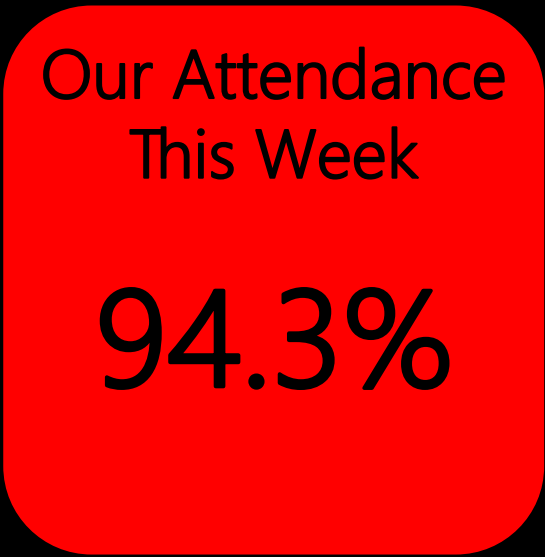
SLADE STATS

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



National Average = 94.3%*
National percentile rating for Slade = 65
**data from schools and MATs who use Arbor MI*

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PUNCTUALITY

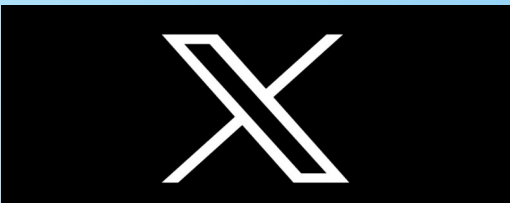
Registers are taken at 08:50.
It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.
Winners are announced via our X (formerly Twitter) feed @sladeprimarysch



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 5 February	Today at Slade + Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 February	Today at Slade + Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day in Wyvern Class
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day Safeguarding Champions in KS1
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day Guides for Parents
Wednesday 7 February	Today at Slade
Wednesday 7 February	Today at Slade
Wednesday 7 February	Golden Table Lunch
Wednesday 7 February	Early Years Internet Safety Link
Wednesday 7 February	Children’s Mental Health Week - For Families Guides
Wednesday 7 February	Chinese New Year Mealday
Thursday 8 February	Today at Slade
Thursday 8 February	Roman Day Activities
Thursday 8 February	Roman Day School and Games
Thursday 8 February	Roman Day Pyramus and Thisbe
Friday 9 February	Today at Slade
Friday 9 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.

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 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 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.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Monday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Tuesday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Wednesday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Thursday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

Friday

Term 4 Timetable not yet available

[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