

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter Term 6 Issue 3

Friday 21 June 2024

KAREN SLADE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so very lovely to see so many of you in school this week!

On Tuesday evening we welcomed families onto site at the end of the school day for our annual Open Evening event. It was so delightful to see children in all year groups proudly showing their adults around, talking about their learning and school with such passion and enthusiasm! A huge thank you to the many of you who visited with your child, taking the time to look at their books, work and classroom displays whilst also using the opportunity to visit other classrooms across the school too. Well done to those of you who even managed to fit in a visit to our Forest School! We hope that you all enjoyed your visit as much as we did! Many thanks too to all of the staff involved in this event and for showcasing the school at its best. A really lovely evening had by all!

Yesterday saw all of our children participate in our annual Sports Day event, competing in both field and track events, working hard to earn points for their respective classes. It was so very lovely to welcome so many of you down onto the field to share in the fun! Well done to all children for taking part with such enthusiasm and for consistently demonstrating such excellent teamwork throughout the day. All children performed and behaved impeccably throughout with many of them achieving individual recognition, including awards for upholding our school values of Kindness, Inclusion, Honesty and Resilience, which will be presented during my assemblies at the start of next week; well-done Team Slade! Many thanks to all friends and family for your enthusiastic support and to all of the staff for enabling the event to happen. A special shout out to Wendy Ball, our Fitness and Well Being Champion, who organised the whole event with the help of her fantastic Year 5&6 Sports Crew and staff Curriculum Team, ensuring that the day was a huge success from start to finish; thank you Wendy!

If you haven't been able to make it into school yet this week then there is an opportunity tomorrow at our annual PTA Summer Fair to which you are all invited! The fair is taking place on the school field between 12 and 3 and can be accessed via the Hawden Road school entrance. A huge thank you to the committee and parent volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the last weeks in preparation for the big event. Thank you too to all friends and families of the school who have donated so very generously to support with the various stalls and prizes. Things to look out for include children's performances in the central arena throughout the day, including the choir and dance club, the staff 'guess the pet owner' stall and the return of the Silent Auction, too! Don't forget to bring along your sweet and savoury bakes for our 'Save our Wildlife' baking competition entries! Miss Garrett and I look forward to sampling your entries tomorrow!

Next week, parents of our new Reception intake are invited to attend an information meeting here in school on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. This is an opportunity for you to come along to hear key information at the start of your child's learning journey here at Slade and to have any queries that you may have answered. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to visit their new classroom too. The meeting will be held in the school hall and last for no more than an hour with access to the school site via the main playground gate.

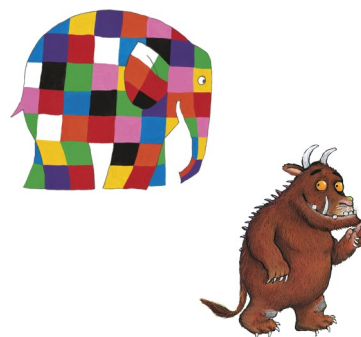
As you are aware we are still in the process of finalising our staffing arrangements for the next academic year and now hope to be sharing these details with you by the end of next week. Thank you all for your patience, support and understanding during this time.

Finally, some baby news this week! Congratulations to Jess Maple, Pixie Class Teacher, on the arrival of her baby boy Raphael who was born safe and well last weekend. We are all very much looking forward to meeting baby Raphael and welcoming him to the Slade family sometime soon! I am sure that you all join with me in sending best wishes to Jess and her family.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the Summer Fair!

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade



DIARY DATES

NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

Next Week:

Day	Event
Saturday 22 June	PTA Summer Fête Full details see page 10 and on the PTA Facebook Page
Monday 24 June	Year 5 Visit to Tonbridge Library
Tuesday 25 June	18:30 - New Parents Information Meeting
Wednesday 26 June	09:30 - New Parents Information Meeting Phoenix Class Haysden Hike
Thursday 27 June	Year 1 Educational Visit to Hastings Seafront Sphinx Class Haysden Hike
Friday 28 June	Wyvern Class Heroes Hike

Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Hippogriff Class Forest School
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Phoenix Class Haysden Hike
THURSDAY	Sphinx Class Haysden Hike
FRIDAY	Wyvern Class Heroes Hike

Further Ahead:

Monday 1 July

HYDRA CLASS HEROES HIKE

Tuesday 2 July

YEAR 2 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO
KENT LIFE, MAIDSTONE

Please make sure consent and
payment has been made via your
Arbor account

Wednesday 3 July

YEAR 5 TONBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DAY

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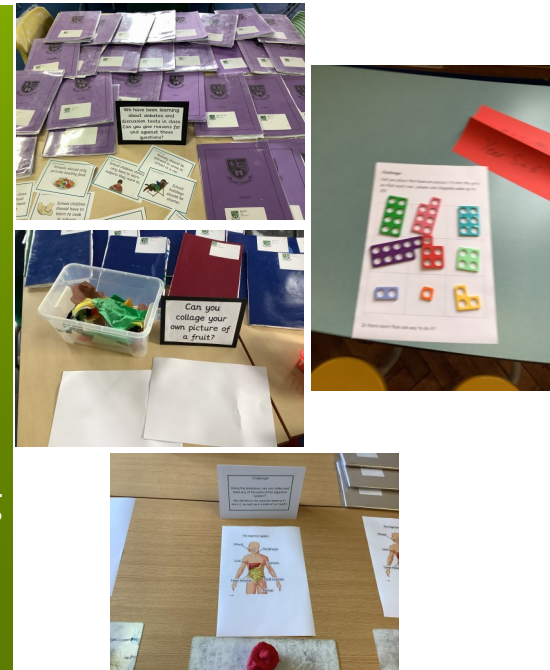
AROUND SCHOOL

A Pleasure to Open the Doors!

What a wonderful atmosphere around the school on Tuesday evening as we hosted the annual Open Evening for parents and carers who were able to pop in and have a look at this years learning, displays of art, craft and topics as well as looking at the children's books in their different subjects.

We would like to thank the hundreds of you who visited through the evening, especially those who had a go at the various challenges laid out by the children and their teachers.

We hope you enjoyed the chance to wander around Slade and down to Forest School having an informal look at what the children get up to each day. We know that your children had a fantastic time acting as your one to one guides for the evening as well!



Autumn Term Bookings for Yeti's

The booking window to secure places at Yeti's in Term 1 of school year 2024/25 will open at 20:00 on Tuesday 16 July.

Bookings will be made via your Arbor account. Before booking, please make sure that your Wraparound account on Arbor is loaded with sufficient funds. If you pay by childcare voucher, please make sure that payment of the voucher is made in advance; Business Manager Jill Westwood will make sure all vouchers that are received on or before Monday 15 July are on your account in time for the window opening.

If you are new to using childcare vouchers to pay for Yeti's Wraparound, please contact Jill as soon as possible with details of your voucher provider and any accompanying reference numbers. This information should be sent to yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Cancelling Wraparound Bookings

Sticking with Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs, please remember that you are advised to refrain from booking sessions that you will not use and that cancellation requests should be sent to us in advance and at or more than 24 hours before the start of the session.

Please make sure cancellation requests are sent to yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk and that the message contains the following information:

- **Child's Name**
- **The Date of the session that needs cancelling**
- **The session that needs cancelling;** this will be one or more of the following:
 - ◇ *Breakfast Club*
 - ◇ *After School Club Session 1*
 - ◇ *After School Club Session 2*



Class Group Photographs

It was great seeing Matthew Walker again on Tuesday morning as he visited us to take the annual end of year class group photographs.

The weather was perfect for the snaps - dry, but not windy or eye distractingly sunny!

We will be receiving the proof cards early next week, which will be coming home with your child.

Purchasing information will appear on the card, and will be made online. Ordering before the stated deadline will ensure free delivery to school although orders can still be made after the date that will appear on the proof card but will incur a delivery charge.



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Come and Join Us!

We have two exciting job opportunities currently advertised on the Kent Teach website, the home of employment vacancies within the education sector across the county.

We are currently accepting applications for both positions with the deadline in 10 days time on Monday 1 July.

We can provide happy, enthusiastic children who are all keen to learn in our inclusive, supportive working environment. We can also offer you the opportunity to grow through the training and development opportunities that we are able to offer to support you in your career at Slade.

Administrative Assistant (Finance Focus)

This is a part time role as we look to appoint a friendly, enthusiastic, committed Admin Assistant with a finance focus to work as part of a hardworking, dedicated office team. You will need to be adaptable as the role is varied and interesting. The role will consist of key duties and responsibilities as listed on the Job Description. You must be able to work as part of a team as well as on your own and show initiative.

The hours will be 3 hours a day, 1pm-4pm, 5 days a week term time only, plus 5 inset days (39 weeks). The successful applicant will be paid Kent Range 3 (pro rata).

We are looking for someone who:

- Is experienced in an administrative and finance role within an educational setting
- Has a strong financial and administrative background.
- Can work as part of a team including the wider school community
- Has excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both verbally and written
- Is organised and effective with an ability to work independently to meet and manage deadlines
- Committed to on-going professional development.

1:1 SEND Learning Support Assistant for a child in Reception with an Education Health and Care Plan for their Speech Language and Communication needs.

In this role, we are looking to appoint a professional, dedicated and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant to join our school as part of our SEND Team.

We are looking for someone who:

- Truly enjoys working with children and is completely motivated by the desire to support them in reaching their full potential
- Has previous experience of working with children with speech and language needs
- Has experience of providing opportunities to develop a child's early reading and writing skills
- Has an excellent knowledge and understanding of childhood development
- Can engage effectively and confidentially with parents/carers and their families
- Is able to think creatively when finding solutions and problem solving
- Is caring, kind and friendly to all
- Can work as part of a team: including both the wider school community and external agencies
- Is committed to on-going professional development

Further Information

Visits to the school are welcomed for applications for both of these roles and can be arranged via email to hr@slade.kent.sch.uk

Slade Primary School and all its personnel are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For more details on these roles and to apply, visit Kent Teach: [Vacancies at Slade](#)

If you have any questions, please get in touch via hr@slade.kent.sch.uk.



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OUR NEWS

The Key to Grade Three

Sprite Class are very proud of their classmate, Erin, who has recently passed her Grade Three certification in playing the piano.

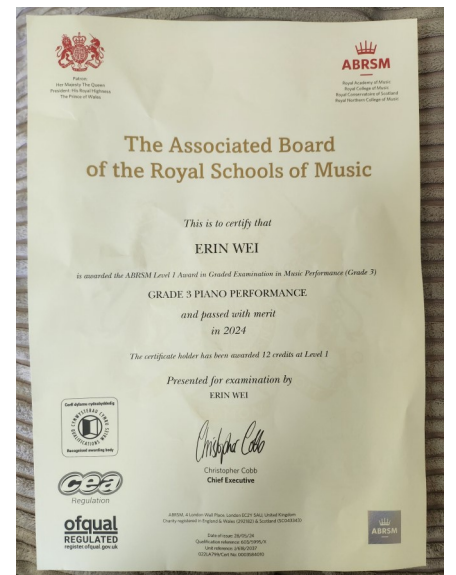
Erin spoke briefly about her success and how she achieved the Level 3 grading - the last of the 'Beginners' levels by playing at home in front of her instructor a piece from Hansel and Gretel.

Erin's favourite piece of music is one she has been playing for a long time; 'The Song of Twilight' - she was emotional when she told us because at home, when she plays this tune, her grandparents always get up and dance.

Erin is now beginning to practise for her Grade 4 certificate. 'I really enjoy playing the piano, it is a lot of fun, the only thing that makes me nervous is playing in front of lots of teachers, which you have to do to pass Level 4.'

We are certain that once she is up 'on stage' she will be in her element, forgetting the audience for the moment and wowing them with her performance!

Thankyou to Erin for speaking to us and to her mummy for letting us use these photographs.



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FITNESS, WELLBEING AND SPORT

Ed's Up for the Juddians

The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been receiving expert coaching in Rugby over the last couple of weeks as we have been joined by Ed Stockbridge from neighbours Tonbridge Juddians RFC.

Ed has taught the children the basics of the sport and they have all taken part in Tag Rugby matches in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to this, they have also been put through their paces using typical drills used by Rugby players in their training and to finish - a fun tournament of Tug o'War. The sessions we witnessed certainly showed that the competitive hunger is alive and well as everyone battled to be the victors!

The sessions at school were enjoyed by the boys and girls, however on Sunday, TJRFC are hosting a 'Pitch Up and Play' event for girls in Key Stage 2 yeargroups; so if your daughter has enjoyed the try-out this month, then do encourage her to pop along from 10:00 on Sunday 23 June, or contact Ed directly for information via edward.stockbridge@hotmail.co.uk

Tonbridge Juddians RFC

Girls Rugby



U8 – U11 'Pitch Up & Play' Event

we're recruiting

Sunday 23rd June 10am to 12pm at TJRFC



- TJRFC is looking for new players to join its growing girls' squad. No prior rugby experience is required
- 'Pitch up and play' events are fun training sessions delivered by our RFU and DBS qualified coaches
- The club is running a 'pitch up and play' event for girls in school years 3 to 6
- Just turn up on the day. Bring trainers, water and plenty of enthusiasm
- The session will be a great introduction to the game. All abilities welcome
- Enjoy a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Go on, give it a try!

For more information, please email: edward.stockbridge@hotmail.co.uk

Tonbridge Juddians RFC, The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HR



Follow Tonbridge Juddians Girls Rugby on:



Kent County Council (KCC) Consultation Announcement

This article has been sent to us to share from Kent County Council. If you wish to engage with the consultation or have any questions, please contact them directly using the methods described below.

We are pleased to announce that the public consultation as part of the review of special schools across the county is now live. The consultation will focus on proposed changes to two main areas: the designation and admission guidance for special schools (both maintained and those part of an Academy Trust), and the development of a school-to-school support model.

The proposals have been developed to ensure Kent's special schools are admitting and educating children and young people with the most complex needs. Our aim is to prepare children and young people with severe and complex special educational needs for adulthood by providing a state-funded special school place as close to their local community as possible. The proposals set out the future designations of special schools, the supporting admission guidance and a school-to-school model of support. These changes are proposed to assist implementation of the wider changes for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across mainstream schools and Special Resource Provisions (SRPs). Your insights and feedback are invaluable to us, and we invite you to also share this information in your school/educational setting newsletters to parents and carers.

Consultation Areas:

1. **Designation and Admission Guidance:** KCC is proposing that there are three designations for special schools across Kent, currently there are five. The proposed changes outlined in the consultation would affect seven schools' designation and admission guidance whilst an additional two schools would be affected by the proposed admission guidance only. In total, nine out of twenty-four state-funded special schools would be affected by the proposed changes to designation and admission guidance; seven of these are maintained special schools and two are part of an Academy Trust. These changes are proposed to enable those with the most severe and complex SEND equity of access to special school places which provide suitable education in or near their local community. Your perspective will help us ensure that these guidelines are clear, fair, and effective for all stakeholders.

2. **School-to-school support model:** We aim to enhance collaboration between special schools (both maintained and those part of an Academy Trust) and mainstream schools through a structured support model. It is proposed that schools share resources, knowledge and best practice to improve educational outcomes for all children and young people. Your experience and suggestions will be crucial in shaping a model that promotes excellence and shared learning.

How to Get Involved:

You can have your say by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/specialschoolsreview to find the consultation information and complete the feedback questionnaire. Please respond by Wednesday 31st July.

Parent and Carer Engagement Events:

We also encourage parents and carers to participate in our online engagement events. These sessions are designed to gather feedback and answer any questions you may have. Please visit our [public consultation webpage](#) and register to attend for the following dates:

- 26th June: 11:00—12:00
- 10th July: 16:00—17:30
- 16th July: 17:00—18:30
- 22nd July: 17:30-19:00

We believe that this consultation is a critical step towards enhancing Kent's special schools' provision and ensuring that there is equity of access to suitable education for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan and severe and complex special educational needs. Your participation and the sharing of this information within your networks are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or require any of the consultation material in hard copy, please email SpecialSchoolReview@kent.gov.uk. For alternative formats and languages, please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.

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SPORTS DAY GALLERY



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SPORTS DAY GALLERY



Sports Day Class Champions 2023/24

EYFS: Gruffalo
Year 1: Elf
Year 2: Gnome

Year 3: Pegasus
Year 4: Sphinx

Year 5: Hydra
Year 6: Griffin



The Summer Fête: Tomorrow Afternoon from Midday!

We're gearing up for a fabulous Fête on Saturday - do come along and join in the fun 12-3pm on the school field....

*We've booked our longest inflatable obstacle course ever and have an under 5s activity bouncy castle and slide

*Classic games including a coconut shy, tin can alley, guess the name of the dolly and a kids tombola

*Can you match the Slade teacher to their pet?!

*Come and enjoy some wonderful performances in the show ring and see the school choirs, signing choir, Show of Hands and Drama Club in action

*BBQ selling Haywards burgers and sausages; vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options available

*Ice pops on sale

*Glitter face paint and tattoos... and lots more to enjoy!!

Free entry, cash preferred, but £5 fun cards will be on sale with a card machine ☹️

**Go Wild at the Slade
Summer Fete 2024
22nd JUNE 2024
SATURDAY
SCHOOL FIELD 12- 3PM**

FUN CARDS AVAILABLE FOR CARD PURCHASE AT £5 OR CASH ON THE DAY

What's on?

- BIGGEST EVER INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE AND BOUNCY CASTLE FOR UNDER 5S
- LEGENDARY BARREL OF BOOZE RAFFLE
- INCREDIBLE SILENT AUCTION
- BUZZING EVENT ARENA FEATURING CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCES
- 'SAVE OUR WILDLIFE' BAKING COMPETITION: PRESENT YOUR CREATIVE SWEET OR SAVORY BAKES TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING FUN CARDS OF £5 TO SPEND ON THE DAY.
- BBQ & BOOZE TENT
- YEAR GROUP STALLS WITH FABULOUS GAMES, GLITTER AND SWEET TREATS TO BE WON!
- ENTERTAINMENT FROM SLADE'S DYNAMIC DUO, DJS MATT & MARK
- DESIGNATED QUIET ZONE FEATURING THE SLADE BUNNIES
- SECOND HAND BOOKS & TOYS AND PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

SLADE SCHOOL

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 17 June	Year 6 Production of Shrek	Year 6 Parents
Monday 17 June	Summer Solstice Menu from Nourish	All School
Tuesday 18 June	Update from Mrs Slade - Dragon Class	Dragon Class Parents
Tuesday 18 June	Drago Class Open Evening	Dragon Class Parents
Tuesday 18 June	Wyvern Class Open Evening	Wyvern Class Parents
Wednesday 19 June	Year 5 Visit to Tonbridge Library	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: classname@slade.kent.sch.uk
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	
Slade PTA	sladeppta@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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

94.4%

Our Attendance
This Year

95.3%

National Average = 94.2%*

National percentile rating for Slade = 75

**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.

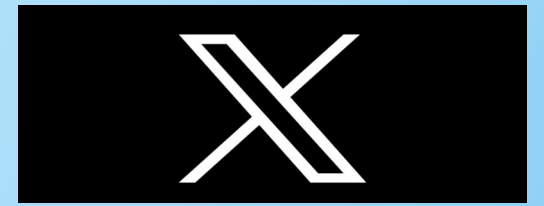
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Pupils Late
This Week

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SLADE ON X

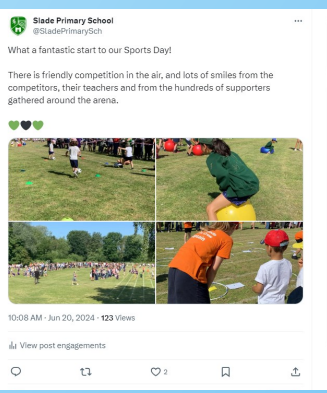
X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



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 15 June	PTA Summer Fête
Saturday 15 June	Summer Solstice Menu from Nourish
Sunday 16 June	Open Evening
Sunday 16 June	Sports Day
Monday 17 June	Today at Slade
Tuesday 18 June	Today at Slade
Tuesday 18 June	Matthew Walker: Class Group Photographs
Tuesday 18 June	Open Evening : Doors Open Shortly!
Wednesday 19 June	Today at Slade
Wednesday 19 June	Landscape Services: Preparing the Ground
Thursday 20 June	Today at Slade
Thursday 20 June	Ready for Action
Thursday 20 June	Morning Session Action
Thursday 20 June	Morning Session Champions
Thursday 20 June	We go Again!
Thursday 20 June	Afternoon Session Champions
Thursday 20 June	Making the Day a Special Success!
Friday 21 June	Today at Slade
Friday 21 June	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

KS1, KS2 French

Year 3 & 4 Choir

KS1, KS2 Football

KS2 Drama

Year 2 & 3 Disney

EYFS,KS1 Multi Skills

Tuesday

Year 4 - 6 Choir

KS1 LEGO

KS1 and KS2

DanceMode

KS2 Cricket

KS2 Sewing

Wednesday

KS1, KS2 Athletics

KS1, KS2 Art

Thursday

Year 3 and 4 Signing

Choir

KS2 Sewing

Friday

Year 4-6 Sports

SAMA 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