

# SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**School Newsletter Term 6 Issue 4**

Friday 28 June 2024

# KAREN SLADE

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of a very warm week during which all classes have taken advantage wherever possible of our fabulous outdoor learning spaces and the shade that they provide!

The heat didn't stop our Year 4 children who still managed to get out and about during the week to learn more of our locality on their hike to Haysden Lake, finding out more about the local environment and applying many of the skills that they have acquired this year in Forest School. Thank you to Miss Hall for organising and leading these hikes and to all of the staff involved too. Next week it's the turn of our Year 5 pupils who head off on their 'Heroes Hike'; look out for details of where they end up and what they get up whilst hiking on our 'X' feed on Monday. In addition, Year 1 have also been out and about this week, this time a little further afield as they took a trip to the seaside where a great time was had by all down in Hastings! Look out for a more detailed report of the Year 1 adventures further on in this newsletter and again on our 'X' feed. Thank you to all the parent helpers who gave of their time to enable this visit to happen; we really do appreciate it.

A huge thank you too to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fair last week, whether by being part of the army of volunteers or by coming along and spending lots of money! Well done to everyone who organised stalls for us all to enjoy and to all of our fabulous children who gave such amazing performances across the afternoon for us all to watch in the summer sunshine! A special mention to our fabulous PTA committee for their hard work before, during and after the event too; many thanks to you all. I am delighted to share that everyone's fundraising efforts on Saturday has raised the amazing total of £6,000, with every single penny made benefitting all of the children here at school. A massive thank you from us all for a really successful fundraising event!

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw us welcome the parents of our new Reception pupils into school at the start of their child's learning journey here at Slade. We are so excited to be welcoming and meeting the new children next week when they will be joining us for their settling in sessions in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes! Thank you to all who attended; we hope that you found it helpful. Many thanks too to the staff and parent volunteers that were involved in making both meetings such a welcoming event for our new parents. Well done Team Slade!

As you are aware, we have been busy working on the class and staffing arrangements for September and I am now delighted to tell you that after a rigorous recruitment process we are now fully staffed for the next academic year. Therefore, a letter will be sent out on Monday outlining these staffing changes, notifying you who your child's class teacher will be and informing you of some of the planned transition arrangements for the remainder of this term. This information regarding classes for next year will also be shared and discussed with your children on Monday afternoon. If you have any queries regarding these arrangements then please talk to your child's current class teacher in the first instance.

On the theme of transition, the children will all be spending next Thursday 4 July in their new classes with their new teachers getting to know each other ahead of September. Further information regarding the plans for this day, including the end of the day pick up arrangements for carers, will also be shared with you all at the start of next week. In addition, we will also be sending out details of the plan for parents and carers to meet the children's new class teachers and visit their new classrooms during this period of transition too. Watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Karen Slade**



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# DIARY DATES

## NEXT WEEK AT SLADE

### Next Week:

Day	Event
Monday 1 July	Hydra Class Heroes Hike 13:30 - HI Toddlers Group
Tuesday 2 July	Year 2 Educational Visit to Kent Life
Wednesday 3 July	Year 5 at Tonbridge School Community Day
Thursday 4 July	Kent Transition Day Children visiting new schools and new classrooms: More details next week
Friday 5 July	Year 6 Leavers Party 17:00- School Field

### Forest School and Swimming Next Week:

MONDAY	Hydra Class Heroes Hike
TUESDAY	Elmer Class Forest School
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Gruffalo Class Forest School

### Further Ahead:

Monday 8 July -  
Friday 12 July  
YEAR 6 CARROT WOOD  
RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY WEEK

Monday 8 July  
EYFS VISIT TO TONBRIDGE  
LIBRARY

Monday 15 July  
REPORTS TO BE UPLOADED FOR  
FAMILIES TO VIEW

# SLADE JOURNAL

## AROUND SCHOOL

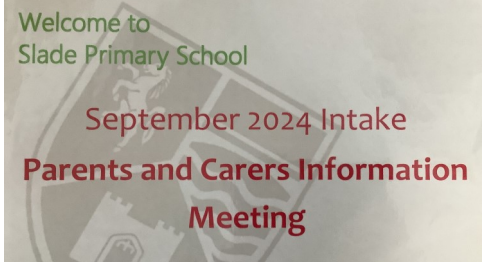
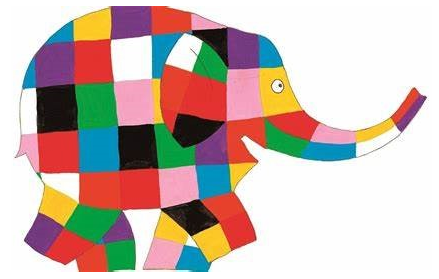
### Meeting our New Families

It was a pleasure to meet many of our new parents and carers this week as we held our two Information Meetings for families of children joining us in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes in September.

They met and heard from the class teachers as well as from Mrs Slade, Miss Garrett and Mr Laws about some of the practicalities of what to look forward to when their children start school and how to prepare themselves and the children for the time that they become our youngest learners in early September.

Thankyou to everyone who came along, we look forward to seeing you again at next Thursday's Settling In Sessions. Special thanks also to Caroline, Violette, Michelle, Michelle and Sahar from the PTA who were at both meetings serving refreshments and holding a school uniform sale, which proved very popular as you would expect!

Anyone who did not attend will be receiving their September Home Visit appointment time via email over the next few days.



### Exciting Week Ahead in Year 2

Everyone in Gnome and Sprite Classes are looking forward to their trip to Kent Life on Tuesday, where they will be experiencing different workshops which will help to explain how different foods reach our shops and eventually, our plates.

Their healthy living and eating learning has excited the Year 2 children all term, and they will be starting next week by creating their own vegetarian wraps. They have each been given a different item to bring in on Monday in order to make the wraps.

They will then share out the produce and learn how to safely cut, slice and grate them to make the perfect wrap - before tasting the results later in the day.



### Class Group Photographs

Thanks to photographers Matthew Walker and to Tracey Arnold in our school office for delivering the class group photograph proof cards and then ensuring that every child brought their copy home on Monday.

Orders are made online via the [Portrait Days website](#) before putting in the correct Access Code and your email address. The email address means that Matthew can keep you updated with your order, which must be made by Wednesday 3 July to receive free delivery to school.

In case you missed it, the codes all begin with 241066 then (dash followed by 5 digits as follows):

Elmer -82547	Pegasus -16462	Dragon -72362
Gruffalo -89275	Hippogriff -95218	Griffin -18749
Pixie -21246	Phoenix -47797	
Elf -87471	Sphinx -14750	
Gnome -15585	Wyvern -80531	
Sprite -90464	Hydra -52930	

By logging in, you will be able to see the proof photograph if you haven't had a chance to view the card sent home this week.



# SLADE JOURNAL

## AROUND SCHOOL

### Carrot Wood Medication

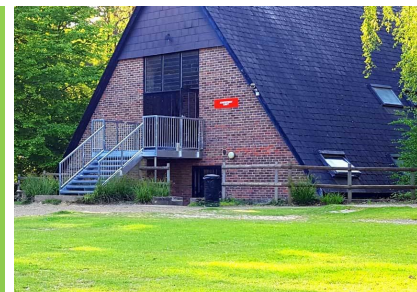
Preparations are nearly complete for the Year 6 residential activity week at Carrot Wood, which takes place from Monday 8 July.

Parents can help us by bringing in all non prescription (over the counter) medications that may be required by the children during the week (for example, hayfever medication) and be submitted to school for the attention of Jayne Laker before the end of the school day on Wednesday 3 July.

The medication should also be furnished with the following information:

- Child's Name
- Name of Medication
- Dosage and time or circumstances that the medication should be given

In addition to this, if you have any prescribed medication that can be handed over in advance, please do so at the same time.



### Café Français de Classe Griffin et Dragon

We were honoured to be invited to a very special lunch date today as the children in Dragon and Griffin Classes hosted their own French style café.

The children were busy welcoming their visitors, before both taking our orders from their already prepared menus, putting together the lunch and then serving us.

After we had finished we were wished well for the rest of the day!

The café helped to give confidence to the children in using spoken French that they had been learning this term - vocabulary such as greetings, food and drink and friendly questions that would be typical of a family owned café found across the land of our closest neighbours in France.

Merci pour l'invitation au café Dragon et Griffin.

Votre café était merveilleux, tout comme la nourriture et les boissons servies.

La gentillesse du personnel était excellente. Nous reviendrons!

### Slade Votes '24

It is vitally important that children of all ages begin to learn the importance and relevance of democracy and why we vote in the different elections we have in the UK (Local Parish and Council Elections, County Council Elections and of course General Elections such as that happening next Thursday as the country goes to vote for their local Member of Parliament which will result in the appointment of a Prime Minister and ruling political party for the next term of Government.)

By learning about voting and the different politics behind the different votes, it will make for responsible and informed voters of the future.

The Year 6 children are therefore busy preparing for the Slade general election next week, which will take place during the Monday and Tuesday assemblies next week for KS1 and 2 respectively. They have been learning about the purpose of the general election and will explain this to the rest of the school. They will then, in groups, represent the main political parties by putting forward a brief summary of their manifestos and leaders. After the political broadcasts, children will be given a voting slip to complete to cast their votes for the party and leader they think should be chosen to run the country. They will then cast their votes in ballot boxes as they leave.

Year 6 children will be on hand to help the younger children complete their voting papers.

**We will be able to compare the results of the national ballot versus that of the children at Slade in next week's newsletter!**

# SLADE JOURNAL

## FITNESS, WELLBEING AND SPORT

### Colour Run 2024

Participants from Year 1 through to Year 6 took part in this year's Colour Dash after being nominated for their enthusiasm and great potential for longer distance running by both Sports Champion Wendy Ball and the class teachers.

The run, at Juddians Rugby Club took place over various distances depending on age - but all were over a mile.



### Kent School Cricket

The Year 3 and 4 Cricket team this week won the Tonbridge and Malling Finals and now qualify for the Kent County Finals which will happen before the summer break.

They were not the only ones successful on the cricket pitch this week; Our First Time Cricketers were undefeated throughout their own Kent wide tournament, beating Grange Park School (Wrotham), Jubilee Primary School (Maidstone), Meadowfields (Sittingbourne), Bradbourne (Ashford) and Medway Green (Rochester) - not a bad days' work!



### Tonbridge Netball

Congratulations to our KS2 Netball team who performed so well in their recent Leigh Academy West Kent Partnership festival of the sport. It was the first time they had performed competitively together.

### Angels' Football

On Thursday, we played in the KS2 Football Tournament at Longmead, home of Tonbridge Angels. The football festival was designed for children who would normally be hesitant at putting their names forward for sports events, and we are proud of all of the team for playing in a wonderful spirit all day in some soaring temperatures.

# SLADE JOURNAL

## FOREST SCHOOL: IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Year 4 Haysden Hikes

This week children from Slade have been pounding the community this week.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Year 4 Phoenix and Sphinx Classes went on their all day Haysden Hike: an opportunity to appreciate the glorious countryside on our doorstep.

They used Ordinance Survey mapping to find their next call point as they took a route to and around the lakes at Haysden.

They then took the chance to take part in child led activities, just like in our own Forest School, but this time in a remote location next to the lake. The children enjoyed food under the sun with their picnic packed lunches.

There were challenges along the way in addition to using their mapping skills - there were plenty of trees to identify and also bugs and creatures to keep an eye out for as well.



### Year 5 Heroes Hikes

And then today, Wyvern Class have been on a Heroes Hike around the closer community as they split into two groups of fifteen, one travelling around a loop from the park and castle and the other turning left outside of school and around the Memorial Gardens, before the groups met back up in the Recreation Ground Play area.

The purpose of the morning walk was to aid in the cleaning up of Tonbridge; armed with newly procured litter pickers - they went around their routes making the paths, grass areas and bushes litter free, with a desire to understand the importance of keeping our community free of rubbish - for the pollution it could cause to the River Medway, the danger to animals and birds and the heightened risk of fire if glass is left lying on dry grass in the sunlight. The effect of a dirty neighbourhood can also have a negative with the local economy with less people wishing to visit and spend time in a dirty town versus a clean and welcoming environment. Hydra Class will be repeating the walk round on Monday.



# SLADE JOURNAL

## FOCUS ON YEAR 1

### Educational Visit to Hastings Seafront

Pixie and Elf Classes chose a wonderful day to be beside the sea as they travelled yesterday, to the East Sussex coastal resort of Hastings.

Year 1 have been learning this term about the features of a coastal town and the functions of the town that are different to those inland.

They visited the Hastings Royal National Lifeboat Institution building where they were greeted by members of the volunteer crew who described the role the RNLI has in keeping people safe on the seas around the island of the UK. They also showed them the kit they used and the boats that are sent out on search and rescue missions.

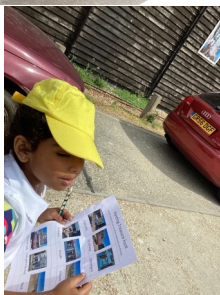
The children then went for a meander around the old town, where they were shown a fisherman's hut where freshly caught fish and seafood was being sold. In age related terms they learnt about Hastings' proud fishing heritage and the contribution that fishing makes to the local economy.

In the afternoon, the 60 seaside investigators got to work as they went on a scavenger hunt; looking out for all of the actual locations of some of the important coastal features that they have been learning about in class.

They were tasked with looking for places such as the pier, sand, stones, the sea and for the eagle eyed, different habitats that can be found in rock pools and around the cliffs. In the pools they hoped to find bladder wrack, shore clingfish, shore crab and starfish. They know that habitats can be very large - or (like a rock pool) very small. All a location needs to be a habitat is food and sufficient shelter for a creature to survive.

Finally, and topically, the children have also been learning about pollution and the devastating and adverse effects pollution has on the sea life and as a result for the coastal towns themselves. In particular, they knew that human produced litter was a major contributor to the problem of pollution. They spotted where rubbish had been discarded and even picked it up to dispose of it responsibly using litter pickers produced by Mr Louth just for this job!

Thankyou to everyone who assisted with this successful trip - without your help these visits cannot take place.



UEFA  
**EURO2024**  
**EUROS FOOTBALL  
THEME DAY**  
THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024



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

# SLADE JOURNAL

## PTA NEWS

### An Incredible £6,000 Raised at the Summer Fête!!

Caroline Zuber: Slade PTA

#### Thank You!

The gazebos have been put away, the bunting has been de-tangled and the dust has settled after this year's Summer Fete... ..and what a spectacular afternoon it was with you all!!

An enormous thank you from the PTA Committee for all the effort that went into this year's event. Whether you volunteered on the day; fielded the millions of whatapp messages in the run up; put gazebos up or took gazebos down... ..whether you collected donations and organised prizes; made, designed or printed signs; filled rotas; gave your time, money or skills; or carried wooden tables up and down the field... ..every single contribution you all made enabled the Fete last Saturday to be so enjoyable and so successful.

Thank you to all the staff for their help producing amazing decorations with their classes, and for setting up and manning a fabulous stall on the day. Thank you to the office staff for their incredible support for weeks in the run up to the event, and to everyone who organised and took part in the wonderful showing performances. Our thanks to our fabulous sponsors, Matt and Mark our two wonderful DJs who made sure the music, showing programme and overall event ran smoothly and without a hitch. Thanks also to Bracketts Estate Agents who generously sponsored our advertising boards, and to the wonderful companies and individuals that supported our Silent Auction with donations.

There are so many people to thank, so please forgive us if we have forgotten anybody, but you're all amazing!!

#### Baking Competition

It was wonderful to receive so many creative entries for the Save our Wildlife baking competition. Congratulations to our worthy winners, Ellie, Hettie, Max, George & Violet – we hope you enjoyed spending your fun cards on the day, and eating your creations when you got home!!

#### Coming Up

As term draws to a close, watch this space for details of our new Pimms event coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup> July... ..an opportunity to relax and celebrate together with a glass of Pimms before the Summer Holidays and bring back the Silent Disco that everyone loved last year!!



# 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 24 June	Class Setting and September Timetable	EYFS24 Parents
Monday 24 June	Year 4 Haysden Hikes	Year 4 Parents
Tuesday 25 June	Warning of Roadworks	All School
Wednesday 26 June	Carrot Wood Medications	Year 6 Parents
Wednesday 26 June	Yeti's Wraparound: Paying and Booking	EYFS24 Parents
Wednesday 26 June	Parent Information Meeting: Screen Presentation	EYFS24 Parents
Friday 28 June	Update from Mrs Slade: Phoenix Class	Phoenix Class Parents
Friday 28 June	Update from Mrs Slade: Wyvern Class	Wyvern Class Parents
Friday 28 June	Update from Mrs Slade: Hydra Class	Hydra 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 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: <a href="mailto:classname@slade.kent.sch.uk">classname@slade.kent.sch.uk</a>
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	
Slade PTA	<a href="mailto:sladeppta@yahoo.co.uk">sladeppta@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

**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

94.5%

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.

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

Pupils Late  
This Week

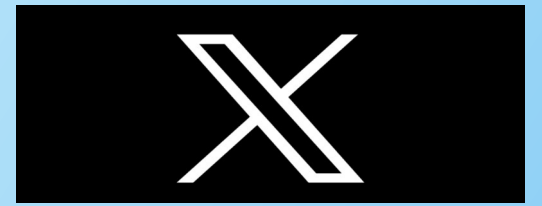
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This is the largest number in one week this school year

Every class had at least 3 late marks through the week

# SLADE ON X

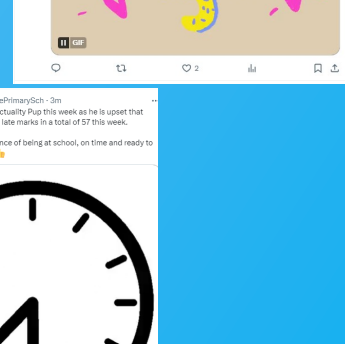
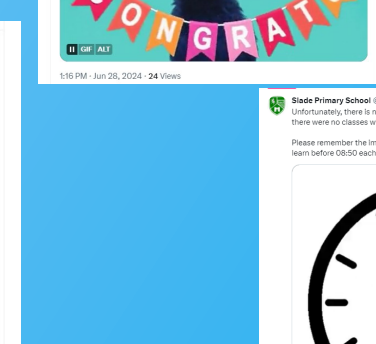
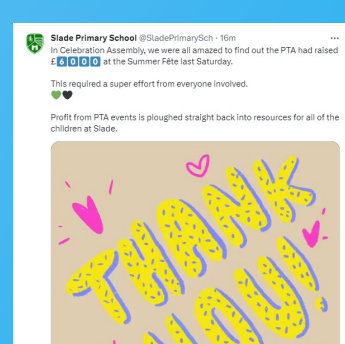
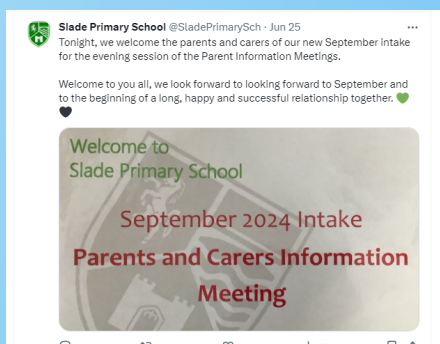
## X-POSTS (Formerly Twitter)



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 24 June	Today at Slade
Tuesday 25 June	Today at Slade
Tuesday 25 June	Local Roadworks: Expect Delays
Tuesday 25 June	Welcome to our New Families
Wednesday 26 June	Today at Slade
Wednesday 26 June	Year 5 Open Days at St Gregory's Catholic School
Wednesday 26 June	Year 4 and 5 Open Events at Maidstone Grammar School for
Thursday 27 June	Today at Slade
Thursday 27 June	Year 1 On Their Way
Thursday 27 June	Repost from Hams Travel
Thursday 27 June	Year 1 Hastings RNLI
Thursday 27 June	Year 1 Hastings Fishing
Thursday 27 June	Repost from RNLI
Thursday 27 June	Arrival Home!
Friday 28 June	Today at Slade
Friday 28 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](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

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