



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 3

Friday 27 September 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We might have had a soggy field but there were no soggy bottomed cakes in school this morning! A huge thank you to all those parents and staff who supported our Macmillan coffee morning today by providing and eating cake whilst donating so very generously too! Despite us having to relocate from the field to the hall that didn't dampen anyone's spirits as everyone took the opportunity to catch up with friends. Thank you to those parents who gave of their time serving teas and coffees; it was lovely to see you all there and supporting this very worthy cause! In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed being entertained by the Slade School Choir as we ate and drank as they gave their first public performance this academic year. You all sounded fabulous! Read on into the newsletter to find out the total amount that was raised with every penny going towards the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

Today, we also said good bye and good luck to Emma Potter, Class Teacher in Gnome Class, who is leaving us temporarily to start her maternity leave! I'm sure that you all join with me in sending our good wishes to Emma and her family at this very exciting time as they await their new arrival later in October. Watch this space for pending baby news and updates!

In addition, we said goodbye at lunchtime today to Emma Smith, Midday Supervisor, who is starting her new role as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant at Cage Green Primary School next week. All good wishes to you Emma at the start of your next new and exciting chapter! We are currently recruiting to a Midday Supervisor role in addition to a Teaching Assistant position here in school too, so please do check out the details online at Kent Teach or get in touch should you wish to find out more about either role.

Planning ahead, the parents of children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes are invited to join us in school on Wednesday 9th October at 2pm when we will be holding the Reception 'Meet the Team' Meetings. In addition to meeting the Reception Team of adults, this is also an opportunity for you to find out more about the way that phonics is taught here in school and for the team to suggest ideas and activities for you to support your children with their early education at home too. There will also be an opportunity for you to pop into your child's classroom to say hello to them in their lovely learning environment! We look forward to welcoming many of you into school on this date!

A reminder for all parents that if you have any concerns or queries about your child in school then please do arrange a time to discuss these with your child's class teacher. This can be done by catching the teacher at the end of the day, once all of the class has been dismissed, by telephoning the school office to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time or by emailing the class email address. Don't forget that Parent Consultation meetings are also being held the week beginning 21st October; booking system details for these meetings are due to be shared in the coming week.

Thank you to those parents, carers and staff who took the time to respond to our Forest School feedback survey last term, details of which have now been read and analysed. As a result, information was sent earlier this week regarding children being able to come into school dressed and ready for the day in their Forest School Kit; do speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure of this change in arrangements. Watch out too for upcoming dates for our Forest School tours for parents in addition to our recruitment for parent volunteers to help out with their class during their sessions too.

Finally, thank you again to everyone in anticipation of your support and encouragement for Team Slade around the 'Run Kent' course on Sunday; we very much appreciate it! See you at the finish line!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 30 September 2024

- Dragon Class Forest School
- NHS Flu Immunisation Clinic
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Tuesday 1 October 2024

- Griffin Class Forest School
- Hydra Class Swimming
- Individual Photographs with Matthew Walker
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Wednesday 2 October 2024

- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Thursday 3 October 2024

- Hydra Class Forest School
- Wyvern Class Swimming
- Harvest Festival
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Friday 4 October 2024

- Wyvern Class Forest School
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**



Looking further ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 9 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

Slade Journal: Around School



We were delighted to welcome Wissam to Slade this week. Wissam started in Pixie Class at the beginning of the week and has settled quickly into life in Mr Clark's Year 1 class.

We hope that you have had lots of fun this week, Wissam, especially as your very first day at Slade was in Forest School!

Our welcome is extended to Wissam's family, with whom we look forward to sharing a long, happy and successful relationship.

Earlier this week, parents in Year R through to Year 5 received details of their child's paid educational visit this year.

We have tried hard to organise these visits with the accompanying travel through the summer and this month so we could let you know plans early on. We have also put the visits onto Arbor for consent and payment.

The early planning and announcement of the trips will hopefully allow families more time to budget for payment. Most trips will allow for two instalments to be paid to further assist with this.

Parents of children in Year 6 are aware of details of the Summer Activity Week at Kingswood, Ashford. If you have any questions about this, please contact the class teacher.

Furthermore, next week, we will release the swimming timetable for those children in Year 3, 4 and 6 also allowing for early payment of the increased number of sessions on offer to all Key Stage 2 classes this year.



Educational Visits



Key Stage 2 Swimming



Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6 Bikeability courses will be happening again soon, with courses running from Monday 21 October through to Wednesday 20 November. We are still undersubscribed for these courses and we need to declare the final numbers taking part on Monday.

If you wish to take part and haven't yet, please complete the consent form [here \(direct from the Bikeability website\)](#) over the weekend.

A payment screen (£15.00) will be set up for you next week on Arbor.

Slade Journal: Around School

It was fantastic seeing so many of you with us this morning for the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning, raising funds for [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) whilst also sharing social time with new and old friends as well as staff from the school over a drink and cake or cookies!

Thankyou for your homebaked and bought cake donations that were brought to school yesterday and today for the coffee morning, sold this morning with all proceeds going to the fantastic work carried out by MacMillan Cancer Support.

As ever, we are incredibly grateful to the school PTA for organising this morning's events and for serving the tea and coffee. Thankyou for your time and efforts again today!



You can still donate to the funds for our Coffee Morning by card using this QR code:



NHS Flu Immunisations



Individual Photographs

We are looking forward to greeting Matthew Walker back to Slade next Tuesday where he will be taking the children's individual and sibling group photographs.

Ordering and purchasing details will come out soon and will be repeated in the newsletter.

Matthew's visit follows on from the NHS Vaccination session on Monday. Thankyou to everyone who has provided consent for the NHS to provide the flu immunisation spray to your child, protecting against the flu this winter.

Slade Journal: Around School



Last week we told you about our two school-wide elections that had taken place.

The two elections, one in each classroom to determine the Pupil Councillors was overseen by Mrs Potter and in the other, the whole school came together in the hall to cast their ballot paper in favour of their chosen House Captains. The appointment of the successful candidates was made officially in today's Celebration Assembly.

Congratulations to them, and also to everyone who took part by voting, such an important part of any democracy, and also equally to all of the pupils who stood for election which included speaking in front of large groups of peers - you all did a brilliant job.

On this page we meet your new House Captains, and on Page 7 we find out who will be on the Pupil Council this year.



Slade Journal: Around School



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Olivia The Addick

We are thrilled to be able to share news that former Slade pupil and one of Mrs Ball's National League Cup heroes, Olivia has signed academy terms with Charlton Athletic.

Charlton have always been at the forefront of development of the women's game in England and currently sit top of the Women's Championship and the men's team ply their trade in EFL League One.

The youth and academy set up at The Valley is incredibly strong, so for Olivia and her teammates chosen to be part of the academy this is a remarkable opportunity.

Olivia is now in Year 7 at Tonbridge Grammar School and we are incredibly grateful to her for talking to the newsletter about her development and her feelings after making her debut for The Addicks U12 Girls team.

'I started playing football from Reception age and joined Tonbridge Juniors Young'uns. This was for both boys and girls and was really enjoyable. At Under eights, I moved to their girls only team and played up a year. At around this time Slade started to have a girls football team and we played in some tournaments and won the local competition.

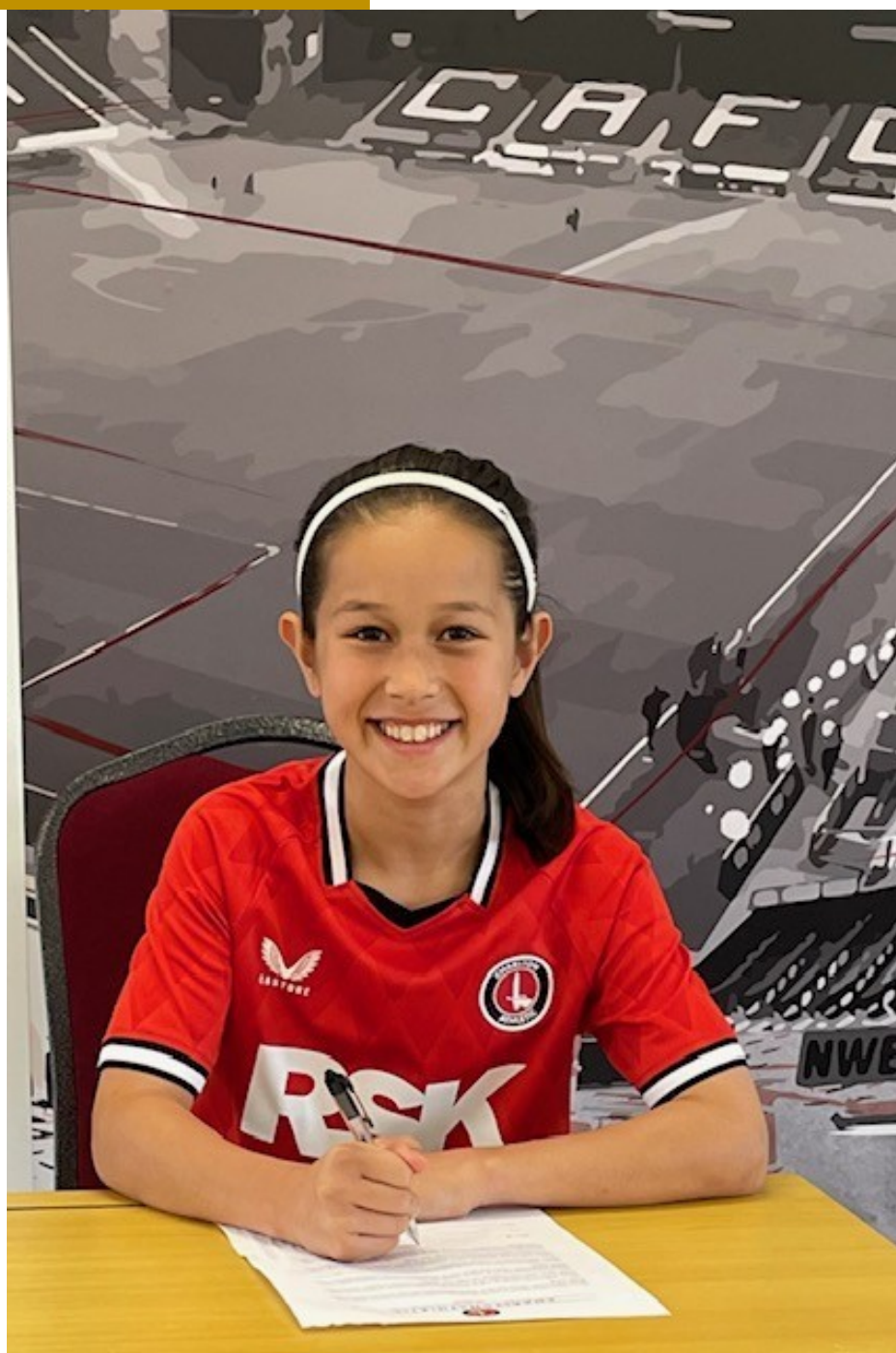
Last year I joined the Tonbridge & Malling district football team and for the last two years have trained at Charlton Athletic's Emerging Talent Centre (ETC). This has been amazing training in a very positive environment that always encourages you to try new ways of playing and not care about the results which is really refreshing.

I was amazed when at the end of last season they offered me a place in their under 12 girls Academy. We play in a boys only league (we are the only girls team out of 80 others) and started our season with a 4-0 win last week. It was cool because I was captain for the game and I scored and assisted goals, so it was an awesome match.'

Just to say it's never too late to take up a sport and I'd encourage anyone to do so. It's been fantastic for my self-confidence and social skill and above all I really enjoy it!

We look forward to following Olivia's progress and good luck to her for the rest of this season.

[Find out more about the Charlton Athletic set up here.](#)



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.

Punctuality

Registers are taken at 08:50. If children arrive after this time, they are registered late.

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.

Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Week = 95.5%

Our Attendance This Year = 96.0%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 30

Congratulations to this weeks winners:

Sprite Class

Attendance 98.7% with no late marks.

A very special week as today is Mrs Potter's last day with us before her maternity leave, and the first opportunity for Miss Ellis to share the success of her new class. They were both delighted to receive the cuddly prizes in this morning's Celebration Assembly.



Slade Journal: Around School



Thursday 3 October is Mr Nourish's birthday and he will again celebrate with a special mealday and birthday card competition.

We look forward to seeing your birthday cards and to celebrating Mr Nourish's birthday with all of the children.

Mr Nourish loves lunch. He also loves numbers! Nourish offer this special mealday for the children at Slade on National Census Day for all community and maintained schools across the country.

The Autumn Census asks schools to record the number of school meals being ordered by families as a way of measuring the effectiveness of the Universal Free School Meals scheme and Benefits Related Free Meals. Funding for schools is therefore determined by the numbers eating lunch on Thursday.

We therefore encourage every child to try out a school dinner on Thursday especially those eligible for Universal or Benefits Related Free School Meals.



Sunday is the big day for our Team Slade runners who will be taking part in the [Run Kent](#) event over various distances including half marathon, 10km and 5km around the local area.

As you will no doubt be aware, our runners, who include Karen Slade, Viki Garrett, Stephanie Stephens, James Duffin, Tina Hall and Alison Burnside, Clare Speirs, Clare Greehy, Tracey Wheeler and other friends of the Slade family are all stretching their limits for the most worthy of causes; the Homicide Team at Victim Support following the death of former Slade Pupil Tom Waugh.

News and Events from the PTA

Next week your children will be coming home with their fabulous Christmas artwork templates.

These templates can be applied to many items that will make wonderful keepsakes and/or Christmas presents for friends and family. Suggestions include Christmas cards, fridge magnets, a new and improved Christmas bauble, mugs, jigsaw, key ring, wrapping paper, cushion covers, coasters, table mats, tea towels, personalised weekly organiser notebooks, tear off notepads.... the list is (almost) endless!

Full instructions and further information will be included with your child's beautiful artwork on how you can order. All orders must be placed online.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ORDERS OR PAYMENT and the deadline for orders is **WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER.**

A percentage of the sales will go towards the PTA fund which goes back to supporting the children and wonderful staff at Slade.

For any queries please email slademasgifts@yahoo.com



The PTA Diary

PTA EVENT CALENDAR

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| OCTOBER 17TH - AGM & COMEDY BINGO | NOVEMBER 8TH - FIREWORK NIGHT REFRESHMENTS @ SCHOOL EVENTS | DECEMBER 13TH - CHRISTMAS SALE 16TH - MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE @ CAROL SERVICE | PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  |
| JANUARY BAGS 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION BINGO | FEBRUARY 7TH - KS2 DISCO 14TH - VALENTINE'S SMARTIES FUNDRAISER | MARCH 12TH - KS1 FILM NIGHT | |
| APRIL 4TH - BREAK THE RULES DAY & EASTER BAKE SALE | MAY  | JUNE 19 - SPORTS DAY 21 - SUMMER FETE REFRESHMENTS @ SCHOOL EVENTS | |
| JULY 11 - PIMMS PARTY & SILENT DISCO | AUGUST  | SEPTEMBER NEW INTAKE PICNIC | |

In Our Community

We are pleased to share details of open events and taster sessions at local secondary schools. These schools have contacted us this week.

Year 5 and 6 pupils who would like to attend these sessions are encouraged to do so. Please just let us know if this will mean being absent from school at any time so we can make sure you have the correct code on the register and your attendance here is not affected!



MASCALLS ACADEMY
Academic Excellence
Character Culture

Open Events

Come along to our Open Events to find out about our high achieving and broad curriculum including our outstanding **Creative and Performing Arts departments** and our **vast sports facilities**.

Open Evening
Wednesday 9th October, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Principal's talks at 5.30pm and 6.15pm

Open Mornings
Friday 11th October, 9am - 11am
Tuesday 15th October, 9am - 11am
Friday 18th October, 9am - 11am
Principal's talk at 10am

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 7th November, 5pm - 7pm

Find out more: mascallsacademy.org.uk | 01892 835366

LEIGH Academies Trust



YOUR JOURNEY TO MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Open Afternoon: 2nd October
Open Evening: 15th October
Open Mornings: 21st & 22nd October

"The ambition for pupils at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls (MGGS) is limitless." Ofsted

Bookings Now Open www.mggs.org



Open Events 2024

Open Evening
Thursday, 3 October 6-9pm

Year 5/6 Open Morning
Thursday, 17 October 9-11am

Year 6 Open Morning
Friday, 18 October 9-11am

For more information on booking visit our website: www.invicta.viat.org.uk

01622 755856 @invictagrammar

What's on at Hillview?

Open Events for 2025-26 entry

Open Morning

Saturday 28 September 2024, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Headteacher talks at 10.15 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

School Tours (morning)

3, 4, 14 and 15 October 2024,
8.50 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. (last entry)

Open Evening

Thursday 24 October 2024, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.
Headteacher talks at 5.20 p.m., 6.25 p.m. and 7.10 p.m.

There's no need to contact us in advance to book a place but we would be grateful if you could register your interest via www.hillview.kent.sch.uk/open-day
Senior staff will be available to answer any questions you may have on the day.

School Tours will be bookable via the box office on our website

Disabled access is available for all of our open events. Please contact the school in advance to arrange this and discuss your needs.

PARKING ON OPEN EVENING

Regrettably, we suffer from traffic congestion in the area so **parking on site is not possible.**



There will be a free shuttle service provided by Hams Travel available during the evening of 24 October 2024 running from Sainsbury's car park to the corner of Brionne Gardens at half-hourly intervals starting from



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Year 5 Taster Lessons & 11+ Preparation

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 10th October

Tours will start at the following times:

| Sevenoaks Campus: | Tonbridge Campus: |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4pm | 5pm |
| 4.45pm | 5.30pm |
| 5.30pm | 6pm |
| | 7pm |

Please book your space



We Are Slade: Contacts & Payments

In class

My child's class learning, class activities, lessons, homework or pastoral support; concerns about bullying and behaviour

classname@slade.kent.sch.uk

Absence

Sickness Reporting, Absence Requests and all Medical Appointments

attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk

School Office

General Enquiries and School Events

office@slade.kent.sch.uk

Wraparound

Yeti's Wraparound: Childcare Voucher questions, session cancellations and all General Enquiries

yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

Sport and Activity

Extra Curricular Activity Clubs (booking and queries) Sports Events and Representative Sports Tournaments

sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk

Slade PTA

Slade PTA

pta@slade.kent.sch.uk

Admissions

In Year and September EYFS Admissions

admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk

Finance

Childcare Vouchers, Payments for Yeti's and School Meals and School Trips and Special Lessons

finance@slade.kent.sch.uk

School Lunches

Comments and questions about school meal provision from Nourish Contract Catering

jasongibbons@nourishcc.co.uk

Family Liaison

If you would like the services of our Family Liaison Officer, Libby, or just wish to talk over a family issue in confidence

flo@slade.kent.sch.uk

01732 350354 / option 4

Complaints

For all complaints, please refer to the [Complaints Policy](#) then contact us:

slaws@slade.kent.sch.uk

GDPR

Reporting of GDPR Breaches, details of our privacy policy and for Subject Access Requests

slaws@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 £2.55 per meal.

Credit should be loaded onto the Meals section of your Arbor account in advance of a meal being taken.

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

Breakfast Club is charged at £5.00 per session After School Club is charged at £5.00 per session:

Session 1 (15:30 - 16:30), Session 2 (16:30 - 17:30)

Payment and Booking should be made via your online Arbor account.

For full information please see our website: [Breakfast and After School Clubs](#)

School Visits, Other Special Events and Swimming Lessons

These payments are all made via your Arbor account. You will receive details of the amount owed and the due date as well as information on the event via email in advance.

Payments

Diary Dates: Looking Ahead

| September | October | November |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday 30 - NHS Flu Immunisations | Tuesday 1 - Individual Photographs Thursday 3 - Harvest Festival Tuesday 22 - Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 24 - Parent Teacher Consultations Friday 25 - Last Day of Term 1 | Monday 4 - First Day of Term 2 Wednesday 13 - EYFS25 Open Event Wednesday 20 - EYFS25 Open Event |

| December | January | February |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 10 - EYFS Performance Tuesday 10 - Year 1 Performance Wednesday 11 - Year 2 Performance Wednesday 11 - EYFS Performance Thursday 12 - Year 1 Performance Thursday 12 - Year 2 Performance Friday 13 - Christmas Sale, Jumper and Meal Monday 16 - Carols by Candlelight Thursday 19 - Last Day of Term 2 | Monday 6 - First Day of Term 3 | Monday 3 - Young Voices 2025 (participants aware of detail) Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3 Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4 |

| March | April | May |
|--|---|--|
| Thursday 6 - World Book Day Tuesday 25 - Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 27 - Parent Teacher Consultations | Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4 Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5 | Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5 |

| June | July |
|--|--|
| Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6 Tuesday 17 - Open Evening Thursday 19 - Sports Day Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford) | Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6 |

More information about these events will appear nearer the time.

Events and dates are subject to change

Additional events will be posted here throughout the year

[2024/25 Term Dates](#)

[Full Online Calendar](#)

Changes and additions to the diary from last week's calendar are written in red for ease of reference