

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 6

Friday 18 October 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The penultimate week of Term 1 has been another eclectic mix of learning opportunities here at Slade, despite the impact of the heavy rain on some of our outdoor learning. Do read on to find out more of what has been happening across the school this week, whatever the weather!

Many thanks to the many parents, carers and staff who attended the PTA welcome meeting last night which also included the Annual General Meeting too. It was lovely to see so many of you there showing your support and commitment to the school whilst enjoying the Pimms, nibbles and our inaugural Comedy Bingo Night too! The PTA continues to make such a positive contribution to so many aspects of school life whilst raising amazing amounts of money to provide those additional extras for all of the children across the school to enjoy. Special thanks to committee members who continue to work so enthusiastically planning and providing such exciting opportunities for us all to share in; we are very excited and looking forward to all that is in store for us in the coming months! Thank you everyone!

Thank you too to our Class Reps who came into school on Tuesday afternoon, for the first meeting of this academic year during which we revisited the role of the 'Rep' whilst also heard feedback from all year groups on how this first term has gone to date for you and your children. Thank you to everyone who had shared your thoughts with your reps prior to the meeting; they all did a sterling job in ensuring everyone's views were heard during the time that we had! Please be assured that all feedback from these meetings has now been shared with the senior leaders and will now be responded to accordingly with change made if and where required in response. Thank you in particular for your positive feedback to the introduction of the daily email reminder; we're glad that you enjoy it!

One of the concerns that was raised during our discussion with the Reps was the congestion around the school gates beyond the end of the school day, at pick up times following extra-curricular activities and clubs. Please be assured that this will now be followed up and monitored by Miss Garrett and I in the coming week. In the meantime, however, once again a need to remind parents and carers that parking is not permitted outside of the school gates when collecting your child from school, whatever the time of day. In addition, a reminder please that in order to avoid congestion around the school gate all parents are expected to leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped their child at school in the mornings and also when having collected their child from the class teacher at the end of the school day. Please ensure that all dogs, unless an assistance dog, are safely tied to the railings away from the entrance and not blocking entry and exit into the school grounds. Thank you for your support with both of these safety matters and in helping keep everyone safe at these busy times of the school day.

Finally, a huge thank you to all friends, families and the local school community who have all been so very generous in sponsoring those in the Slade team who entered the Run Kent event last month. The amount that we have raised currently stands at £7,550 which is above and beyond our expectations so thank you so very much to each and every one of you who has taken the time to donate. We will be closing the Just Giving page at the end of this term and will provide a final total in the first newsletter of Term 2. Thank you, Team Slade!

Have a lovely weekend,

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 21 September 2024

- Gruffalo Class Forest School (This is a Date Alteration)
- Year 1 Visit to Racecourse Playground
- Bikeability Groups A,B,C Level 1 - Participants will be aware of the details, please refer to email
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Tuesday 22 October 2024

- Elf Class Forest School
- Bikeability Group A, Level 2 - Participants will be aware of the details, please refer to email
- Parent -Teacher Consultations between 16h and 19h

Wednesday 23 October 2024

- Bikeability Group B, Level 2 - Participants will be aware of the details, please refer to email
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Thursday 24 October 2024

- Elmer Class Forest School
- Parent -Teacher Consultations between 16h and 19h

Friday 25 October 2024

- Pixie Class Forest School (This is a Date Alteration)
- **Last Day of Term 1**
- **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



Term 3 Wraparound

The booking window to secure places at Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Club in Term 2 opens on Monday morning.

Please make sure you have booked any activity club or alternative childcare provision you have planned before booking a space at Yeti's as this will reduce the time you spend requesting a cancellation. This also frees up spaces for families who need them.

A reminder that the following activity clubs are cancelled next week due to our Parent - Teacher Consultations happening on those evenings. Please contact your club provider for details of refunds or additional dates where the club will run.

Tuesday 22 October: DanceMode with Emily (both sessions), Marshall's Cricket and Little Sewing School with Fiona

Thursday 24 October : Little Sewing School with Fiona, Nancy Bishop's Musical Theatre, Mrs Ball's Year 2 Sports Club

All other clubs next week including Yeti's Wraparound will be running as normal.

Cancellations



As per the planned timetable, we would like to remind all Year 5 parents that there are no swimming lessons next week or the first week of Term 2 for either Hydra or Wyvern Classes; this is due to other activities happening at Tonbridge Swimming Pool.

Lessons recommence on:

Hydra - Tuesday 12 November

Wyvern - Thursday 14 November

Year 5 Swimming



As a result of next week's Year 1 visit to the Racecourse Playground, there has been an alteration to the Forest School timetable. This has been communicated to parents and updated on our online calendar, repeated here for clarity; Forest School sessions next week are:

Monday - Gruffalo Class (This is a date alteration)

Tuesday - Elf Class

Thursday - Elmer Class

Friday - Pixie Class (This is a date alteration)



Forest Swapsies

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Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded to, where they haven't already, to make sure they [make an application](#) for their child's Secondary School place.

The key details are below and include the deadline which is 23:59 on Thursday 31 October.

Parents should expect to hear the result of their allocated school during the day via email from KCC Admissions on Monday 3 March 2025.



Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Monday 2 September 2024 and closes at midnight on Thursday 31 October 2024

For children born between
1 September 2013
and 31 August 2014,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2025

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Monday 2 September 2024 and closes at midnight on Thursday 31 October 2024**

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 3 March 2025**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 17 March 2025**.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Monday 2nd September 2024	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Thursday 31 October 2024	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 3rd March 2025	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 17th March 2025	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Monday 31st March 2025	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Last week, our Fitness and Wellbeing Champion, Wendy Ball, was delighted to welcome Debs, Valentine, Jodie and Victoria from the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team, who organise and co-ordinate events designed to promote health and wellbeing for children and families across the county.

They look to assist by making early interventions and offering tailored support over 6 to 8 sessions which deal with mild, moderate anxiety, phobias, separation and attachment issues.

In addition, they will run workshops for parents both in person and online on subjects such as behaviour and anxieties.

We hope also at a point in the near future to take part in one of the team's whole school days by running a coffee morning or assemblies on resilience and behaviour which is often triggered by anxiety build up.

Wendy is proud to be co-ordinating Slade's approach to the work of the team and the fact that they have chosen us as a pioneer school in the Tonbridge area. We hope to make good use of this status.

Debs is our allocated colleague and we look forward to speaking with her soon about the projects she has in store working alongside both Wendy and our Family Liaison Officer, Libby Wilmshurst.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Getting help at school from the Emotional Wellbeing Team

Make sure to look out for our upcoming workshops and groups.

We provide digital parent groups every term on topics such as;

- **Understanding Anxiety**
- **Understanding your child's behaviour and many more...**

Talk to your teacher to find out more

www.nelft.nhs.uk/kent-and-medway-mental-health-support-teams

@NELFT
@NELFT_NHS
@kentandmedwaycamhs

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Ref: 2021130



CHEERLEADING

BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Term 2 2024
Wednesday's 8 - 8.40am

Suitable for all abilities and students in Years 4-6.
An exciting opportunity to learn and have a go at
the four elements of cheerleading

STUNTS ★ TUMBLING ★ MOTIONS ★ JUMPS

New starters welcome!

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Nov and 4th, 11th, 18th Dec (£35)

Contact Lauren for further information
lauren@trinitydance.co.uk

or visit the Trinity Dance website
www.trinitydance.co.uk

- ✓ Qualified coach
- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ DBS checked



Slade Journal: Around School



Inaugural Council Meeting

The Pupil Council met yesterday as a group for the first time, and under the stewardship of Mr Louth.

The council introduced themselves and discussed their plans for this year which included electing a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretaries.

The first project they have underway is fundraising for next month's Children in Need. The Council will be briefing their classes next week.

The deadline for receiving free delivery to school for the individual photographs taken by Matthew Walker of Portrait Days comes this weekend.

To take advantage of this offer, please make sure that all orders are made online via the [Portrait Days website](#) by 23:59 on Sunday 20 October.

Each order earns money for the school through commission from Matthew for who we thank for his generous donation each year.



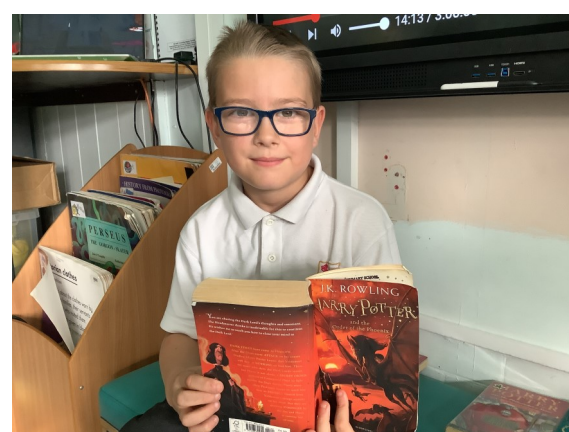
Photo Deadline Looms



Hogwarts Library

It was a very special day in the school library yesterday as Mrs Mills put on a theme day for all of the children to enjoy.

As part of our commitment to increasing the reading opportunities for all children, Mrs Mills has planned a series of school day events in the library, which kicked off with a Harry Potter theme day where children had the chance to read Harry Potter books, listen to the movie soundtracks and draw scenes from the stories.



News and Events from the PTA

We shared a fabulous evening last night which gave the PTA Committee the chance to thank everyone for their support over the previous academic year, and extend our thanks to the many volunteers, seen and unseen, who work so hard to run fantastic fundraising events throughout the year. Our gratitude also went to the Leadership Team, Office and all the Teaching Staff for being so accommodating and for all your help and encouragement throughout the year.

In particular, an enormous thank you went to Eleanor Hoyle, Amy Packard and Annie Denny who stepped down last night after many years of enthusiastic commitment and incredible hard work on the PTA Committee. They have all been involved in raising an amazing amount of money which has directly benefitted every child across the school.

The PTA Committee for 2024/25 has now been voted in as follows:

Chair: Caroline Zuber

Vice Chair: Emily Richardson

Secretary: Gemma Miller

Treasurer: Flora Hudson

Co-Treasurer: Steff Knox

Committee Member: Beverley Pearce

Committee Member: Kate Adair

Committee Member: Lisa Pearson

Committee Member: Mandy Parrett

Welcome to everyone who has so kindly put themselves forwards as a new member. We are delighted to have you on board to guide the work of the PTA this year, and can't wait to kick start the fundraising with our fabulous Firework Night on the 8th November!



Thank you!

Every single one of you made this possible by volunteering, donating and attending!

This incredible amount of money funded:

- Dictionaries & Thesauruses
- Christmas Book Gifts for Every Pupil
- Resources Purchased for Every Classroom, Titans & SENCO
- Class Trip Subsidies
- New Picnic Benches, Parasols & Gazebos
- Cheerleading Uniforms & Team Sports Kit
- Playground Resources for Break Times
- A New Portable Speaker for Whole School Events
- Storage Solutions to Maintain PE Kit
- Contributions for the Care of the Slade Bunnies
- A New Uniform Shed to Improve Access to Second Hand Uniform

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary of PTA fundraising 2023/24

Key Fundraising Events:	Money passed to the school included:
Fireworks - £4,500	Dictionaries/Thesauruses - £1078
Christmas - £2,000	January Classroom funding inc Titans and Senco - £1600
Second Hand Uniform - £975	Christmas books for the school - £434
Bags2School - £400	Class trip subsidies - £3500
Valentines Smarties - £890	Picnic benches/ gazebos - £3254
Disco & Film Nights - £1,000	Cheerleading outfits - £50
Easter - £500	Foam footballs - £35
Fete - £6,000	New Speaker - £354
	September Classroom funding inc Titans, SENCO & Forest School - £1,700
	Paid in advance Dictionaries/Thesauruses for 24/25 - £1,158
	Paid in advance Class trip subsidies 24/25 - £3,500
Current Bank Account total: £19,737.19	
Current Commitments:	
£40 per term for care of School Bunnies	
New Second Hand Uniform Shed - pending location approval	
New PTA BBQ - £120	
New Sport Team kit - £280	
Forest School Parachute - £329.99	
Donation to cover Forest School Resources across the year - £1,000	

Savings Account

Money in the PTA savings account was raised previously for building work. We inherited a balance of £20,000

This money will fund two large projects:

- 5 new air conditioning units to improve classroom learning environments across the school.
- A new outdoor learning structure to replace the three wooden shelters on the field that are now beyond repair.

How some of the classroom funding has been spent

- Expanding and improving class reading corners
- Improving the provision of Fine Motor Skills activities for COOL time
- Creation of sensory/wellness areas within classrooms for all the children to make us of

Our AGM and Bingo was such a fun evening and a wonderful way to start the year. Parents from across so many year groups had chance to get to know one another in a relaxed environment and Kitty kept us all entertained, introducing some of us to Bingo for the first time and making it a hilarious experience for everyone!!



News and Events from the PTA

PTA FIREWORKS EVENING: FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

A Spectacular Evening Awaits.....

- ◊ Join us on the 8th November for an incredible firework display by the internationally renowned Merlin Fireworks team.
- ◊ Enjoy a freshly cooked hot dog from the BBQ; hot chocolate with all the trimmings and an optional shot of Baileys; sweet treats and a wonderful evening with friends fuelled by the fabulous Booze Box.
- ◊ We will be entertained by Slade's Dynamic DJ Duo Matt & Mark who are generously sponsoring the lighting, AV and glow sticks to make this event extra special for us all!
- ◊ The Rainbow Raffle is also back by popular demand – our only Raffle of the year, lets make it bigger, better, and more colourful than ever!!

Grab your tickets in advance by clicking this link to ensure easy access on the night!

SLADE PTA
FIREWORK NIGHT

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER	TICKETS ADULTS £8 CHILDREN £5 PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE	5.30PM-8PM FIREWORKS AT 7PM ENTRY VIA MAIN PLAYGROUND GATES
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DAZZLING DISPLAY BY MERLIN FIREWORKS

THE BOOZE BOX BAR SUPERSTAR DJS MATT & MARK LUXURY HOT CHOCOLATE BBQ HOT DOGS	RAINBOW RAFFLE CALM ZONE SWEET TREATS & DOUGHNUTS GLOW STICKS
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BUY TICKETS ONLINE
SLADEPTA@SUMUPSTORE.COM

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES - ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY - PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Thank you for sponsoring us
Phoenix Events
MARK ONE ENTERTAINMENTS
making parties happen

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 = 95.1%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.6%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 45

Well done to this weeks winners:

Attendance Ted: Hippogriff Class

99.3% Attendance

Punctuality Pup is staying with Mrs Arnold who has to record all of the late children onto the registers. Make Mrs Arnold less busy by arriving at school on time!

Congratulations to Mr Louth and Hippogriff Class for their attendance this week.



In Our Community



Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, has written to us to launch his Annual Survey and we would ask that families take a moment to look at the relevant survey and pass on your views. PCC Scott had this to say:

'This week, I have launched my Annual Youth Survey. I run this every year to ask young people about their experiences of social media, online bullying and safety.

This year, I am asking Parents and Guardians for their views for the first time.

Please find below the links:

Primary School Pupils: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PrimaryYouthSurvey/>

Secondary School Pupils: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SecondaryYouthSurvey/>

Parents: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentSurveyKent/>

We use these results to influence my work locally, which has included commissioning Collaborate Digital to undertake creative and engaging work with schools.'

The surveys are anonymous, they do not ask, or collect your name, contact details or location.

Sticking with Kent Police, we were very happy to welcome back to Slade, PCSO Toni Mathew and PC Bobby Hills. Toni and Bobby came in to give an assembly to the children in Year 5 and 6 on the subject of Bullying and Hate Crime.

The assembly was interesting as it touched on what exactly bullying is, the effects bullying has on victims as well as explaining clearly, the law and offences under the Public Order Act 1986, Malicious Communications Act 1998 and Protection of Harassment Act 1997.

Thankyou to PCSO Mathew and PC Hills for popping in and to Mrs Duffin for arranging this important and interesting assembly



Year 5 and 6 Assembly

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 21 to Thursday 24 - Group A,B,C Year 6 Bikeability Tuesday 22 - Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 24 - Parent Teacher Consultations Friday 25 - Last Day of Term 1	Monday 4 to Thursday 7 - Group D,E,F Year 6 Bikeability 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 Wednesday 18 - Y5/6 Choir at GLA Trafalgar Square Christmas Event Thursday 19 - Last Day of Term 2	Monday 6 - First Day of Term 3 Thursday 16 - Year 1 Trip: Tunbridge Wells	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
Tuesday 4 - EYFS Trip: Godstone Farm Thursday 6 - World Book Day Friday 21 - Year 4 Trip: Mountfitchet 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	Friday 2 - Year 3 Trip: Leavesden Friday 9 - Year 5 Trip: Herstmonceux 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 Year 2 Trip: Maidstone 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

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

