



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 1, Issue 7

Friday 25 October 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 1!

A special mention this week for pupils in Year 6 who have enjoyed spending their days across the week, whatever the weather, outside completing their Bikeability training. Bikeability is a cycling course that teaches children the practical skills of cycling whilst also providing an understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads. Well done Year 6; we look forward to hearing of how your training progresses in the coming weeks!

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended this week's parent consultation meetings. We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher, hearing of how your child has settled into their new class and learning of the progress that they have already made this term too. For those that were unable to attend, then please do contact your child's class teacher at the class email address to arrange a meeting or a telephone call at a mutually convenient time for the start of Term 2.

Still with your child's learning, please take a look at this term's Maths newsletter which dropped into your inboxes earlier this week. This month's edition is once again jam packed with maths-based activities for you to enjoy as a family at home and is a great opportunity for you to find out more about ways in which you can support your child with their maths learning too. The newsletter also explains how to get involved in this month's maths at home competition and provides lovely ideas for some Halloween themed maths learning; a really Spooktacular edition for us to enjoy; thank you Mr Duffin!

A reminder too for all Year 3 parents to check out the first of this year's Forest School Blogs that dropped into your inboxes earlier this week and provides a lovely insight into what your children get up to during their sessions. Many thanks to Miss Hall for creating and sharing our blogs for all to enjoy and which can be found on the school website; do have a read in the coming days if you can. <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=521&type=pdf>

Still with Forest School, we are now looking for parents or grandparents that enjoy being outdoors and would be willing and able to help out with class sessions down in our forest, ideally on a regular basis. If this is something that you would be interested in finding out more about then please do drop us an email at the office email address or catch me on the gate next term to find out more. Thank you!

Or, if you're not so keen on being outdoors, then there is also an opportunity for you to support us indoors instead, as we are looking for some more 'Reading Angels', parents or grandparents with a love of reading who would be able to come into school on a weekly basis to hear some of our children read. A letter was shared earlier this week so please do take a look and get back to us if you can help.

Finally, well done and thank you to the children and staff who have worked incredibly hard to create the new British Sign Language (BSL) Learning Page on our school website. A special mention to Susie Martin for leading this fabulous project which aims to encourage everyone whatever their age to take up the challenge of learning BSL as we continue to promote its use across our school community. Do take a look and see how much BSL you can learn over the half term break! <https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=British+Sign+Language+%28BSL%29+Learning+Page&pid=67>

I hope that you all have a restful half term next week and look forward to seeing you back in school at the start of Term 2 on Monday 4 November.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 4 November 2024

- Hydra Class Forest School
- Year 6 Bikeability, Groups D,E and F (Level 1)
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Tuesday 5 November 2024

- Wyvern Class Forest School
- Year 6 Bikeability Group D Level 2
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Wednesday 6 November 2024

- Year 6 Bikeability Group E Level 2
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Thursday 7 November 2024

- Dragon Class Forest School
- Year 6 Bikeability Group F Level 2
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**

Friday 8 November 2024

- Griffin Class Forest School
- **Extra Curricular Activity Clubs**
- **PTA Fireworks Night from 17:30. Purchase advance tickets here: [Slade PTA Sum Up Store](#)**



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



This has been the eighth and last week of term 1.

We hope that the children have a relaxing and recharging week, full of fun.

The break is for one week and we are back in school on Monday 4 November. Full diary dates for events happening between now and December are contained on page 16.

More details about these events will be published nearer the time.

Congratulations to the first three groups of Year 6 children taking part in this year's Bikeability programme.

They have successfully tackled both Level 1 which involves learning how to handle a bicycle, the maintenance of a bike and what to do when in a road situation. Level 1 takes place on the school playground.

On Day 2, the children experience real roadway conditions, putting into practise the learning from Level 1. They go out onto the local streets to demonstrate that they can safely travel alongside pedestrians, traffic and other hazards.

We have three more groups taking part from the first day of Term 2.



Karen Slade
Slade Primary School
The Slade
Tonbridge
Kent
TN9 1HR

02/10/2024

Dear Karen,

Thank you and all involved for your very generous donation of £7,350 to Victim Support in memory of Tom Waugh.

This wonderful gift in memory of Tom is a lovely tribute to him. Your support will enable the Homicide Service to continue their work supporting and empowering people dealing with the challenging consequences of crime and traumatic incidents.

The total that you raised is truly remarkable and I want to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of Victim Support. Congratulations to all who took part and made the event such a success.

If you would like further information on the impact of this gift or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Kempen
Chief Executive Officer

We were thrilled to receive a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of [Victim Support](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk), Katie Kempen (above), congratulating the school on our recent fundraising efforts for the charity.

Our total, currently standing at a unthinkable £7550 earned Mrs Slade and the rest of the Slade runners the Gold award for fundraising. We also received a special medal in recognition of the amount raised for this amazing charity.

Slade Journal: Around School

Last call for parents of children in Year 6 who 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.



Secondary School Transfer



Year 3 Forest Bloggers

On page 13 of today's newsletter, you will see next term's Forest School timetable, which is already reflected on our online diary.

If you wonder what happens in a typical session at Forest School, check out Year 3's latest [blog](#), which they have helped put together with Forest School teacher, Tina Hall.

[The Term 1 Blog is available here](#), and on the website following Parents and Forest School from the main menu.

We have long been proud of our provision for the profoundly deaf community and the growing use of BSL here at Slade, and more widely in society with this beautiful language now officially recognised by the British government as highlighted in the newsletter over the last year or two.

Our fantastic team in Titans Class along with children from across the school have put together some learning videos so everyone can have a go!

With videos covering emotions, family, school vocabulary, greetings, colours, the alphabet and animals, there is plenty of fun to be had by starting to learn a new language this October break. The videos sit pride of place on a new page on the school website, so anyone can appreciate and have a go at BSL!

Find the BSL Learning Page by clicking here: [BSL Learning by Slade](#)



Learn BSL With Slade



You can use your newly learnt knowledge of BSL animal vocabulary by visiting Wingham Wildlife Park near Canterbury, who are also keen supporters of BSL.

They provide opportunities to learn the language and scan for Sing and Sign classes across the UK on information posts across the park.

More information on [Wingham Wildlife Park can be found here](#).

Slade Journal: Around School

A huge well done to everyone in Year 5, who have won this term's Times Tables Rockstars points competition, winning themselves an extra session down at Forest School at the beginning of November.

They had been in 4th place for the majority of the term, but have been slowly catching up. This week they scored more than double the other three KS2 yeargroups combined!

Mr Duffin would like to mention Rohan, Ollie, Bodhi and Reece who all scored over 5000 points for Year 5 this week alone!

They are joined by Amelia (Hippogriff), Lochie (Phoenix) and Olivier (Griffin) as weekly winners in the individual competition this week.

The termly class and yeargroup competition returns next month, can your child add points to their class tally, helping them to win the next big prize.

The final results, announced in today's Celebration Assembly are:

1: Year 5 (265,043 points overall) 2: Year 6 (188,237 points overall)

3: Year 3 (169,867 points overall) 4: Year 4 (136,756 points overall)



Reading Corner



New Library Selection

We are very happy to have received a brand new set of books for our school library, bought with the proceeds of the commission earned from last year's Scholastic Book Fair.

The books are unlike anything we have already in the library so further enhancing choice and information for both the children who visit and for the class teachers to choose and use in their classroom learning.

The books are relevant to current conversations and are a representation of the world we live in with topics as diverse and important as climate change and pollution, different types of families and communities.

We also have a selection of books on grief and loss and on the LGBTQ+ community that are also available in school.



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



On Wednesday afternoon, both Year 4 classes made the short walk to Tonbridge School where they took part in an intra-school football tournament.

It was a chance for all of the children to have a go at the sport on the top class 3G pitches available at Tonbridge.

They had a great afternoon. After some coaching and instruction, Phoenix and Sphinx Classes were divided up into six teams of ten players, and the competition begun!

There were notable and exceptional performances throughout the afternoon in particular from Sophie and Jacob. And the referees choice of players of the tournament were Millie and Daisy.

The referees also deserve a lot of praise for their super control of the matches and knowledge of the laws of the game as well as they way they communicated their on field decisions. Our officials are all members of the Sports Captain team in Year 6; well done and thankyou to Harriet, Jack, Lenny and Hayden.

Also congratulations to the eventual winners of the Slade Tournament, suitably the Green Team of Sami, Michael, Tigerlily, Beau, Liam, Harry, Sophia, Dexter and Rhaele.

These opportunities are not possible without our volunteers and many thanks to all of the parents and carers who joined us for the walk to and from Tonbridge School and to support the children throughout the afternoon.



Mrs Ball is incredibly pleased to have been able to present our new Sports Crew with their t-shirts today as they lined up together for the first time.

The crew will be helping out with playtimes in school, at events run by the Leigh Academy Sports Partnership and for numerous activities that Mrs Ball will host during the year for children in different yeargroups, culminating in Sports Day at the end of the school year.

The crew have had training on how to present and assist with different activities and are looking forward to getting on with the job!

Nourish News



On page 9 of today's newsletter we are pleased to be able to present the new winter and spring menu from our contract caterers, Nourish. This menu will be served from the beginning of November to the end of March.

We hope your child enjoys the school meals provided by Nourish. If you have any feedback on the menu, please direct it directly to them via Area Manager Jason Gibbons at jasingibbons@nourishcc.co.uk

One member of the kitchen team who won't be referring to her Cook's Notes will be Vanessa Hammond. Vanessa will be hanging up her oven gloves and returning to her first love: the classroom.

Formerly a Teaching Assistant at Sussex Road School in Tonbridge, Vanessa has secured her dream job as a Learning Mentor at Leigh Academy Tonbridge, a popular destination for our Year 6 leavers.

We caught up with Vanessa in her last week at Slade:

'I will be incredibly sad to leave the ladies in the kitchen here at Slade, they are a fabulous team to work with - we all slot in and help each other with the only aim being to make lunchtime a happy one for the children.'

'I would like to wish every child at Slade so much luck and success in the future, it has been a true pleasure serving them. I look forward to seeing the Year 6 children who join Leigh Academy next year!'

On her departure day, Vanessa has one wish though, 'I would like to find out from Kirsty and Gemma that the children have stopped accidentally throwing their forks into the food bin!'

Looking forward, Vanessa is excited at going to 'big school', 'It is a new venture for me to be working in a secondary environment, but Learning Mentor is very similar to the Teaching Assistant role I performed previously. I can't wait to get back into the classroom and to working directly with the children. I am looking forward to the biggest reward of all in this job, which is seeing the pride a child has when they achieve their goal. To see their confidence grow gives me a great deal of pleasure.'

And which subject is she most looking forward to? 'That's an easy one; Science. It ticks all the boxes of interest, real world questions and allows for children of all learning styles to access knowledge fit for adulthood.'

We will miss Vanessa, and wish her much happiness and success in her new job.

Early in Term 2, we will be in a position to share with families, the special menu for our Christmas Meal, which this year will be held on Friday 13 December.

Like all businesses, Nourish are mindful of costs and have asked us for accurate numbers for Christmas Day. We will be issuing a form to complete with the menu, which will be used for food ordering. We urge you to look out for this in early November and complete it as soon as possible to ensure your child received the order they would like.



LOOK OUT FOR
OUR THEMED DAYS!

WEEK ONE

4TH NOVEMBER
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
2ND DECEMBER
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers
6TH JANUARY
Rice Pudding & Syrup 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
3RD FEBRUARY
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
10TH MARCH
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK TWO

11TH NOVEMBER
Herby Tomato Pasta Twists 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
9TH DECEMBER
New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas
13TH JANUARY
Ice Cream 7
10TH FEBRUARY
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
17TH MARCH
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK THREE

18TH NOVEMBER
Cheesy Pasta Bake 17V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
16TH DECEMBER
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers
20TH JANUARY
Chocolate Whip 7
24TH FEBRUARY
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
24TH MARCH
Fruit Pots VG

WEEK FOUR

25TH NOVEMBER
Meatfree Meatballs in Tomato Sauce VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
6TH JANUARY
Rainbow Pasta 1VG, Sweetcorn, Peppers
27TH JANUARY
Strawberry Mousse 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
3RD MARCH
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
31ST MARCH
Fruit Pots VG

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3,7,9. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

VG Vegan Vegetarian
1Wheat Gluten 2Crustaceans 3Soybean 4Mustard 5Sesame 6Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7Milk
8Fish 9Egg 10Peanuts 11Molluscs 12Celeriac/Celery 13Nuts 14Lupins 15Oat Gluten 16Barley Gluten

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MONDAY

Cheese & Bean Lasagne 1,3,4,7,9 V
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers
Rice Pudding & Syrup 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Herby Bread 1,3,7,9, Green Beans, Carrots
Apple Crumble 1VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Falafel Burger 1,5 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes
Cauliflower, Broccoli
Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY

Chicken Arrabiatta Pasta 1
Biryani Balls in a Curry Sauce 1,5 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate & Vanilla Cake 1,7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers 1,8
Cheese & Tomato Puff 1,7V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9
Ginger Biscuit 1,15 VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

MONDAY

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie 1
Herby Tomato Pasta Twists 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas
Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY

Mild Chillli Beef 4
Pesto & Pea Penne 1,7V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Seasonal Vegetables
Toffee Apple Pudding 1VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Vegan Sausage Roll 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes
Cabbage, Sweetcorn
Chocolate Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY

Macaroni Cheese 1,7V
Rice & Bean Burrito 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Baked Wedges
Green Beans, Cauliflower
Fruit Loaf 1,3,7,9
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY

Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks
Jaffa Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7
Fruit Pots VG

MONDAY

Katsu Chicken Nugget 1
Cheesy Pasta Bake 17V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers
Chocolate Whip 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY

Cheese & Onion Pinwheel 1,7V
Spaghetti Vegetable Bolognaise 1 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
New Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots
Syrup Sponge 1VG & Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY

Savoury Beef & Yorkshire Puddings 1,7,9
Samosa Puff 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas
Fruit Jelly VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY

Sweet Chillli Chicken Noodles 1,3,16
Potato & Vegetable Cake
with Tomato Sauce VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Garlic Bread 1,3,7,9, Seasonal Vegetables
Cinnamon Roll 1,3,7,9
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY

Sausages 1,6
Quorn Sausage 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas
Baked Beans, Roasted Onions
Apple Flapjack 1,15VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V
Meatfree Meatballs in Tomato Sauce VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rainbow Pasta 1VG, Sweetcorn, Peppers
Strawberry Mousse 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

TUESDAY

Chicken Curry
Tomato Spaghetti 1VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rice, Seasonal Vegetables
Banana Loaf 1VG & Chocolate Custard 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Fruit Pots VG

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork & Gravy
Chinese Tofu Wrap 1,3,16 VG
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Rustic Roast Potatoes
Green Beans, Carrots
Ice Cream 7
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

THURSDAY

Beef Bolognaise Penne Pasta 1
Cheesy Cajun Wedges 4,7V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Cauliflower, Broccoli
Jam & Vanilla Cake 1VG
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1VG
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers 1,8
Bruschetta 1,7V
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
Chips, Peas
Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9
Coconut Cookie 1,7
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG



EAT YOUR VEGGIES!

3 OPTIONS

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

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

BUY TICKETS ONLINE
SLADEPTA@SUMUPSTORE.COM

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

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Phoenix Events



MARK ONE ENTERTAINMENTS
making parties happen

News and Events from the PTA

The new PTA Committee met for the first time on Wednesday evening and they are excited for an excellent year ahead.

The new year starts with one of our most popular events, the Fireworks Night, this year on Friday 8 November from 17:30.

The PTA are very keen on hearing from anyone who would like to be part of this brilliant evening of fun and money raising for the children at Slade.

If you are able and willing to volunteer some time at the event, especially to help out on one of the stalls on a rota basis, please do get in touch - without helpers, the evening cannot run as well as we would all like it to do so, and we would love to have you on board, for as much or as little time as you wish or can give.

If you are able to help out on the night in any capacity, please get in touch via the PTA email:

pta@slade.kent.sch.uk. We are grateful to everyone who is able to help make this a great evening.

SLADE PTA
FIREWORK NIGHT

RAINBOW RAFFLE
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ON FIREWORKS NIGHT!
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Win a coloured hamper full of treats for the whole family to enjoy!

We would be so grateful for Raffle donations in the designated colour of your child's year group:

Year R	Red
Year 1	Pink
Year 2	Yellow
Year 3	Blue
Year 4	Green
Year 5	Orange
Year 6	Purple

Donations can include: food items (not perishable and nut free), soft/alcoholic drinks; sweets; chocolates; snacks; new books, games, toys, hair accessories, stationary, toiletries etc....

Tickets on sale before and during the Firework event
£1 PER TICKET

One of the highlights of Fireworks Night is our Rainbow Raffle, back this year by popular demand following its success from previous events.

To make this event the success it is, we need donations of items to be prizes on the night.

Donations can be made at Drop Off and Collection times throughout the week leading up to the Fireworks Night.

The boxes will be situated at the Deacon House and Main Playground Gates between Monday 4 November and Thursday 7 November and we would be grateful for anything you can spare in line with the information on the poster (left).



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 = 95.6%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.8%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 23

Well done to this weeks winners:

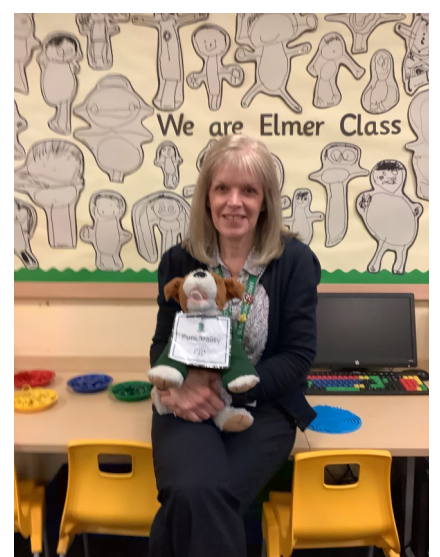
Attendance Ted: Pixie Class

98.8% Attendance

Punctuality Pup: Elmer Class

0 Late

Congratulations to Mr Clark for his first win and Mrs Hitchcock in her birthday week and to everyone in your classes.



Term 2 Forest School

The woodland that plays host to our Forest School always looks beautiful in the Autumn and Winter months, and this week has been spectacular in the low sunlight.

It is important that children are appropriately dressed when participating in Forest School for their own safety and well-being.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School kit on their Forest School days, but please don't forget their school uniform, a spare pair of socks and a separate large carrier bag for all of their wet/muddy clothes.

Forest School Kit Checklist

Autumn/Winter (less than 15°C)	Spring/Summer
<input type="checkbox"/> Base Layer – long sleeve t-shirt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin long sleeve t-shirt
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Layer – Jumper and jogging bottoms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin long trousers
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick/warm waterproof coat (or warm coat with waterproof layer over the top)	<input type="checkbox"/> Light weight jumper/fleece
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof over trousers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots.	<input type="checkbox"/> Trainers/walking boots ok when dry
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick welly socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves - waterproof	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen
<input type="checkbox"/> Hat	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Snood (<i>not essential</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof trousers
<input type="checkbox"/> Large carrier bag for muddy clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof jacket
	<input type="checkbox"/> Large carrier bag for muddy clothes

Monday 4 November - Hydra, Mr Duffin *

Tuesday 5 November - Wyvern, Mrs Fordyce*

Thursday 7 November - Dragon, Mrs Worley

Friday 8 November - Griffin, Mrs Lipman

Monday 11 November - Elf, Mrs Mulhern

Tuesday 12 November - Pixie, Mr Clark

Thursday 14 November - Phoenix, Mrs Bowker

Friday 15 November - Sphinx, Mrs Burnside

Monday 18 November - Pegasus, Miss Elliott and Miss Meers

Tuesday 19 November - Hippogriff, Mr Louth

Thursday 21 November - Gruffalo, Mrs Pearson

Friday 22 November - Elmer, Mrs Hitchcock

Tuesday 26 November - Wyvern, Mrs Fordyce

Thursday 28 November - Elf, Mrs Mulhern

Friday 29 November - Gnome, Mrs Manktelow and Mrs Stephens

Tuesday 3 December - Sprite, Miss Ellis

Thursday 5 December - Griffin, Mrs Lipman

Friday 6 December - Dragon, Mrs Worley

Monday 9 December - Wyvern, Mrs Fordyce

Tuesday 10 December - Hydra, Mr Duffin

Thursday 12 December - Phoenix, Mrs Bowker

Monday 16 December - Sphinx, Mrs Burnside

Tuesday 17 December - Pegasus, Miss Elliott and Miss Meers

Thursday 19 December - Hippogriff, Mr Louth

* Hydra and Wyvern Classes have an extra session as a result of the Year 5 children winning the Term 1 Times Tables Rockstars Competition. See Page 6 for details.

On Monday 25 November (Wyvern Class) and Monday 2 December (Hydra Class) will be at Tonbridge School for a cooking experience.

More details about these special lessons will be sent nearer the time.



In Our Community

Half-term Spooky Craft!

Free Activity – Creative Paperworks
Wednesday 30 October 1.30pm – 3pm
Tonbridge Library

A magical seasonal craft session where families can work together to make a variety of seasonal craft items, including ornaments, decorations, and cards.

Suitable for children aged 3 – 11 years old. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Booking essential. This is a Kent Adult Education, Family Courses activity. For further information and bookings, please scan the QR code above, email tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk or telephone 03000 41 22 22

Alternatively speak to a member of staff at Tonbridge Library.

kent.gov.uk/libr

@KentLibrariesArchives

@kentlibraries

03000 41 31 31



Kent Libraries



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Book today via the Kent Adult Education website or at Tonbridge Adult Education

We are pleased to share some community activities happening through the October break, both at the local KCC Library in Tonbridge where they have a Creative Paperwork activity on Wednesday 30 October and also at Longmead, home of our friends at Tonbridge Angels, whose community section continues to grow from strength to strength.

The Angels are hosting a Halloween Party for the children on the afternoon of Thursday 31 October, book using the QR code on the poster below.

The men's first team are in action over the October break, with a trip to Truro City tomorrow (26 October) and then it is the big one as Jay Saunders' boys are in FA Cup 1st Round action at home to Harborough Town of the Southern League. This match kicks off at 15:00 on Saturday 2 November.

This draw gives Angels a fantastic opportunity to progress to the 2nd round, where teams from League 1 and 2 as well as the National League await.

Tickets are free to children under 12 as long as they attend with an adult (£17). Buy tickets in advance, via the Tonbridge Angels website, here:

[Buy Tickets - Tonbridge Angels FC](#)



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

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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
		<p>Monday 4 - First Day of Term 2</p> <p>Monday 4 to Thursday 7 - Group D,E,F Year 6 Bikeability</p> <p>Wednesday 13 - EYFS25 Open Event</p> <p>Wednesday 20 - EYFS25 Open Event</p>
December	January	February
<p>Tuesday 10 - EYFS Performance</p> <p>Tuesday 10 - Year 1 Performance</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - Year 2 Performance</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - EYFS Performance</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 1 Performance</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 2 Performance</p> <p>Friday 13 - Christmas Sale, Jumper and Meal</p> <p>Monday 16 - Carols by Candlelight</p> <p>Wednesday 18 - Y5/6 Choir at GLA Trafalgar Square Christmas Event</p>	<p>Monday 6 - First Day of Term 3</p> <p>Thursday 16 - Year 1 Trip: Tunbridge Wells</p>	<p>Monday 3 - Young Voices 2025 (participants aware of detail)</p> <p>Tuesday 11 - Online Safety Day</p> <p>Friday 14 - Last Day of Term 3</p> <p>Monday 24 - First Day of Term 4</p>
March	April	May
<p>Tuesday 4 - EYFS Trip: Godstone Farm</p> <p>Thursday 6 - World Book Day</p> <p>Friday 21 - Year 4 Trip: Mountfitchet</p> <p>Tuesday 25 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p> <p>Thursday 27 - Parent Teacher Consultations</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert</p> <p>Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4</p> <p>Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5</p>	<p>Friday 2 - Year 3 Trip: Leavesden</p> <p>Friday 9 - Year 5 Trip: Herstmonceux</p> <p>Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests</p> <p>Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents</p> <p>Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5</p>
June	July	
<p>Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6</p> <p>Year 2 Trip: Maidstone</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Open Evening</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Sports Day</p> <p>Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)</p>	<p>Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day</p> <p>Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production</p> <p>Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6</p>	

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