



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 5

Friday 6 December 2024

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look and sound a lot like Christmas this week here at Slade! Those of you who are coming to see our festive performances next week are in for a real treat if what I've heard happening in rehearsals is anything to go by! I hope that you are all looking forward to seeing the children perform as much as I am! Thank you too to the Christmas elves who have been hard at work hanging the Christmas decorations and scattering some Christmas sparkle throughout the school! Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dolley for once again decorating our entrance hall Christmas tree so beautifully and to Mrs. Buckland too for the exquisite knitted nativity scene that she carefully crafted for us all to enjoy. Do be sure to take a look if you are in school in the coming days!

A huge thank you too to the PTA and all the volunteers who are busily organizing the much-anticipated children's Christmas Sale planned for next Friday. There is much excitement and expectation amongst the children who are very much looking forward to getting their Christmas shopping done! Huge thanks to the many of you for your fabulous gift donations and to the wonderful parent volunteers who were this morning once again sorting and sifting the gifts in preparation for the sale. The PTA shed really is looking like Santa's grotto! Thank you too to 'Santa's little helpers' who have been working behind the scenes busily wrapping presents for all of our children to receive at the end of term. We very much appreciate all that our community does to ensure that Christmas at Slade truly is a special and memorable occasion for all to enjoy. Thank you and well done everyone.

Thank you too to our Class Reps who came into school on Wednesday afternoon for the last meeting of 2024. It was great as always to catch up whilst hearing your thoughts and feedback on this term's 'hot topic' of Reading. Many thanks to those parents who had also taken the time to share their feedback for discussion at the meeting too. It was great to hear your ideas and thoughts which will be factored into our reading systems and routines here at school. A reminder, as I shared last week, we ask that all children have their reading diaries and folders in school with them each day, not just on the days that their books are changed. A reminder also that we are always looking for parent volunteers to train as Reading Angels so please do get in touch if this is something that you feel that you could get involved with and want to find out about. The more the merrier!

Once again, the collection of lost property items in school has rapidly grown in recent weeks! As always, we do endeavor to return all items to their rightful owners wherever possible so please do help us by ensuring that all items of your child's clothing and their belongings are clearly and permanently named. Please also ensure that the names of any previous owners in our pre-loved uniform are removed in order to avoid confusion when trying to return clothing items. All lost property will be displayed at pick up times during the coming days with any unnamed and unclaimed items at the end of term once again making their way to the PTA uniform store for re-sale. So please do take a look and take what you can when the lost property is out on display; thank you.

Finally, a reminder please that all parents and carers are asked to regularly log into their Arbor App to ensure that all details regarding your child are current and accurate. If these ever change whilst your child is at Slade, then please remember that it is your responsibility to update the school via the app as soon as possible and to notify us that these changes have been made too. Thank you everyone.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 9 December 2024

- 12 days of Christmas Draw at 7:15. [Click here for a chance to win!](#)
- Wyvern Class Forest School
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 10 December 2024

- 12 days of Christmas Draw at 7:15. [Click here for a chance to win!](#)
- Hydra Class Forest School
- Griffin Class Swimming
- 09:30 EYFS Putting on a Show: Christmas Nativity (Please see page 4)
- 14:00 Year 1 Putting on a Show: Christmas Concert (Please see page 4)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 11 December 2024

- 12 days of Christmas Draw at 7:15. [Click here for a chance to win!](#)
- 09:30 Year 2 Putting on a Show: Lights, Camel, Action! (Please see page 4)
- 14:00 EYFS Putting on a Show: Christmas Nativity (Please see page 4)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 12 December 2024

- 12 days of Christmas Draw at 7:15. [Click here for a chance to win!](#)
- Phoenix Class Forest School
- Dragon Class Swimming
- 09:30 Year 1 Putting on a Show: Christmas Concert (Please see page 4)
- 14:00 Year 2 Putting on a Show: Lights, Camel, Action! (Please see page 4)

Friday 13 December 2024

- 12 days of Christmas Draw at 7:15. [Click here for a chance to win!](#)
- Christmas Day at Slade (Please see page 10)



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

Watching Slade Primary



The time has nearly arrived for the children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to tread the boards for their Christmas productions. They are all ready and looking forward to Putting on a Show for their families.

Guests will be welcomed at the Main Playground Gate, which will open 10 minutes before the start of each performance. Please be mindful of our neighbours, pedestrians and other road users when waiting for the gates to open.

The shows are fully booked, so we ask that you only arrive in the numbers pre-ordered over the last few weeks.

January will be here soon and Mrs Ball has been busy putting together the Winter selection of Activity Clubs for Term 3. The full timetable is available on the website now, and here by clicking this link: [Term 3 Activity Clubs](#).

A reminder that we have a mix of independent, paid for activities that sit alongside our free club selection run by staff from school.

If you wish to enrol on to an independent club, you must do this via the contact details that will be found on the timetable.



Booking for the free clubs that your children are eligible for must be done via your Arbor account. This is important as the clubs do have a capacity and to safeguard all of our children, we need to know who should be on site and who they are with.

Booking for the free 'school run' activities will open at 20:00 on Monday 9 December.



Yeti's in Term 3

A week after the activity clubs go live for booking, we will open the window for you to secure places at our Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs.

This will happen at 11:00 on Monday 16 January.

We open the Yeti's booking window a week later than the clubs so that parents have a good chance to book the range of after school care that they would like. Feedback suggests that by opening them in this order also minimises the number of wraparound cancellations that parents have to make.

From January, we are introducing a new method of cancelling sessions at Yeti's whilst we wait for Arbor to upgrade the system to allow parents to do this function themselves. For all cancellations you wish to make in Term 3, we ask that you complete our new Microsoft Form, which will be found on the Wraparound section of our website, in our communications about Yeti's and on display at the drop-off and collection door.

The form will automatically drop into the correct place in school for the attention of afternoon Finance and Admin Assistant, Yanina Dunton. You will be provided with an acknowledgement by Yanina within 1 working day of your request.

We will only be able to receive a total of seven such requests per term per child, so please be mindful of not 'block booking' sessions.

Slade Journal: Around School



It was lovely to meet up again with our Parent Representatives on Wednesday for their termly meeting with the Senior Leaders at Slade. This term, the 'Hot Topic' was Reading Records and the way they are used in school. Thankyou to you all for providing feedback that was discussed by your Rep at the meeting. Full details of the decisions made and future plans for hearing and recording reading will be shared fully soon.

Next Friday, Nourish Contract Catering will be serving their special Christmas Meal. We hope that the children all enjoy the festive food on 13 December. A reminder that there are no Baked Potatoes on offer on this day.

As Christmas dinner is essentially a roast dinner, the menu has been changed for Wednesday next week.

The choices on Wednesday 11 December will be:

1. Fish Fingers and Chips with seasonal vegetables
2. Bruschetta (Vegetarian Option)
3. Baked Potato



Kent County Council will again be funding free events and activities for families who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals this Christmas and New Year Holiday. These events include especially put on local pantomimes - the first 150 families to apply will also receive a Christmas hamper.

Use the QR Code on the poster, or search 'Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs' on Facebook or Instagram. The Christmas Free School Meals supermarket vouchers have also been ordered and will drop into inboxes shortly.



Kent Family Hub

Tonbridge and Malling HAF Activities

Do you receive Free School Meals?
Scan the QR to register for our FREE events.
First 150 families to apply can request a Christmas hamper.

Tonbridge Panto
Thursday 2nd Jan
Malling Panto
Friday 3rd Jan

Beauty and the Beast

Snow White

Tonbridge & Malling Christmas HAF Booking Form 2024

Contact us
Tonbridgeand MallingFH@kent.gov.uk
03000418008

Find us on Facebook or Instagram at Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Slade Journal: Around School

Thankyou so much to everyone who has brought in loved used books to be part of our new range available to read and borrow from the school library.

We have been very lucky and have received lots of books for all ages which cover all genres - especially non fiction and books for younger readers as requested in a recent issue of the newsletter.

Phoebe in Sphinx Class was kind enough to donate lots of her much loved books from home which are pictured here.



Your efforts in helping us refresh the book selection in the school library has allowed us to recycle some of the older books that were on the shelves.

These books are not just thrown away.

Next week, we will be pleased to welcome Choice Books who save the books still in good quality before donating to charity shops. The older books unsuitable for sell-on are stripped into the different materials that they are made of and recycled responsibly into all sorts of other products!



Following on from last week's Road Safety Week, the remaining classes that hadn't previously popped out into the Slade community went out for a walk to practise and see for themselves the safest way to cross the road and for all of the hazards that we must be aware of when moving about town on foot.

One such hazard is parked cars. Unfortunately, despite the new banner and news story that we covered in last week's newsletter we are seeing vehicles parking up on the double yellow lines at drop off time, just outside the school carpark and office entrance, especially dropping off late arriving children.

Please never stop here, because apart from being on yellow lines, it is incredibly dangerous with the number of pedestrians, pushchairs and other road users moving about this narrow stretch of road and pavement.

We thank all responsible drivers for their understanding and positive action to keep everyone safe.

Musical Christmas



Singing for Slade

We are forever proud of the musical achievements of the pupils at Slade and we are always excited when there is a chance for them to perform to a wide audience.

Christmas and the New Year period is the busiest and most wonderful time of the year for Mrs Stephens and our other choir leaders as they embark on singing and signing for varied audiences in different venues in the run up to the holiday season.

A mixture of musical talents will be performing at the Church of St Peter and St Paul on Monday 16 December. The concert, featuring both Key Stage Choirs led by Mrs Stephens and Mrs Ball and Mrs Martin's Signing Choir as well as children from Year 6 who will be reading Bible passages from the Christmas story and their own poems will start at 18:30, however doors of the Church open at 18:00 with the PTA serving mince pies and mulled wine as the perfect warm up before the traditionally beautiful musical evening of lots of talents from Slade.



Then, on Wednesday 18 December the whole school gathers together for the end of term assembly, which will be held in the familiar setting of the EM Forster Theatre.

The choirs will again be performing as part of Mrs Slade's Christmas messages, with the real bonus being that they are able to sing and sign to the rest of the children in all yeargroups at school, including their friends and siblings.

Later that day, on Wednesday 18 December, the Key Stage 2 Choir, run by Mrs Stephens, will again be travelling to Central London to take part in the carol singing concert with choirs from across London and the South East in iconic Trafalgar Square. They will be performing from 16:00 for approximately 45 minutes providing some Christmas cheer for tourists, visitors and commuters as well as friends and family who have travelled with them. The children in the choir can be collected between 14:00 and 14:30 from school, which allows them to also enjoy the class Christmas Parties which are also happening in the first half of the afternoon of Wednesday 18 December.



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing

Christmas Angels



Our local National League South football club have got loads going on over the Christmas holiday, appropriately; the Angels are busy at this time of year both on and off of the pitch.

We are lucky to have a great relationship with Dom and the team at Longmead and we are pleased to share just a fraction of the events going on at the Halcyon Wealth Stadium as Christmas and the New Year approach.

The popular Soccer Camps are back, where you will train and play on the Longmead pitch with first team players in attendance as well. The training days are on 30 December, 2 and 3 January and are open to children from Year 2 upwards.

[Book Here](#)

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC
SUPPORTED BY THE
MEARS FOUNDATION

FOOT-TEA

FREE 1 hour football session
and a FREE hot meal.

For children aged 4-12 yrs
who receive free school
meals or pupil premium

<https://tonbridge-angels.classforkids.io/>

On Friday 3 January, TAFC are hosting their second FOOT-TEA event!

Foot Tea is exclusive for children who are in receipt of Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. Contact our Family Liaison Officer Libby Wilmshurst if you are unsure if you are eligible. The children who book using the link below will receive 1 hour free football, a hot meal and dessert as well as some fun indoor activities!

Book here:

[TAFC FOOT-TEA \(Fri 3rd Jan 2025 - Fri 3rd Jan 2025\) | Tonbridge Angels | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC
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ANGELS CAMPS
Soccer

On the the
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activities for boys & girls age 5 to 12 years.
Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the
children develop their football skills in a fun
and friendly environment.

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£115 for 2 children for all 3 days!
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For school years 2-9

3 DAYS FOOTBALL COACHING & FUN
MONDAY 30th December
THURSDAY 2nd January
FRIDAY 3rd January

Scan to book now using our
online booking system
<https://tonbridge-angels.classforkids.io/camps>

Book Now!

£25 per day (9am - 3pm)
£65 for 3 days (9am - 3pm)

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Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Wealth Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF

If watching is more your thing, the Angels' first team are in action at home five times before we come back to school for the beginning of Term 3. Get along to Longmead for a great time with friends and family while cheering on Jay Saunders' boys:

Tuesday 10 December (19:45 Kick-Off) versus Enfield Town

Saturday 14 December (15:00) versus Aveyley

Tuesday 17 December (19:45) versus Chesham United

Thursday 26 December (13:00) versus Maidstone United - [this is an all ticket game, secure your ticket here.](#)

Saturday 4 January (15:00) versus Weston Super Mare

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 = 95.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.5%

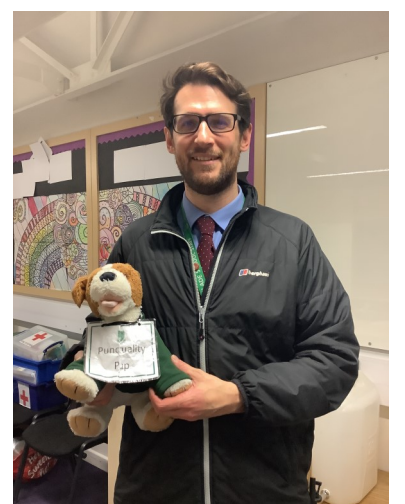
Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 59

Congratulations to our winners this week

Attendance Ted: Pixie Class (99.3%)

Punctuality Pup: Hydra Class (0 late)

Congratulations to Mrs Mulhern and Mr Duffin and your classes on being here, ready to learn, every day!



Christmas at Slade

Christmas Day at Slade



Christmas Day at Slade is on Friday 13 December, which sees a whole day of activity for the children across all yeargroups. There is a bit to remember and we will remind you what to bring nearer the time in the daily diary email. But do keep this page handy so not to forget anything for the big day!

Christmas Jumpers

Everyone is invited to come to school sporting a Christmas themed jumper or festive clothing. This could include sparkles or other festive or Christmas theme!



Children's Christmas Sale

On the 13th, every child needs to come to school with a named carrier bag and some loose change to browse and buy a Christmas gift for the rest of the family. Each gift will cost 50p from each of the PTA manned stalls, which will be situated, Christmas Market style in the playground (weather permitting!)

Christmas Dinner

Courtesy of Kirsty and her team, Nourish Contract Catering will be providing their traditional Christmas Meal feast to round off the festivities next Friday.



Christmas Parties (Wednesday 18 December)

Looking a bit further ahead, the Class Parties will be happening from 13:00 on Wednesday 18th. The children will relax with some party games and nibbles provided by the school. More details will appear next week.

News and Events from the PTA

PTA Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle

We have been truly amazed and thrilled by the response to the first ever 'Slade's Twelve Days of Christmas' raffle brought to you by the PTA.

The prize giving started on Wednesday and will continue through to the last day of term on Thursday 19 December.

We have been announcing the daily winners via the Daily Diary email that drops into your inbox at 7:15 each morning. Many congratulations to the winners so far: Bianca, Kitty and Richard. They have won between them a Gin Hamper, a day for four at Bogeys Golf in Tunbridge Wells and a Case of Wine.

There are 9 further fabulous prizes to be won each day with Caroline and the team drawing a winning ticket number and a prize at random each morning and you could still be involved by buying your chance to win with tickets on sale now via the PTA Sum Up Store page, link below:

<https://sladeppta.sumupstore.com/product/12-days-of-christmas-raffle>

Tickets are super value at only £1!

ASDA and ASDA Living Cashpot for Schools

We would like to thank everyone who shopped online or in store at any ASDA and ASDA Living during their recent 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign.

The amount raised was £169.06 just by linking ASDA Rewards points to Slade Primary School. Every purchase counted and we were delighted with our tally, which will be ploughed immediately into resources for all of the children here at Slade presently, and those who will be joining us in months and years to come.

Cashpot for schools

Thank you!

Together we have raised

£169.06

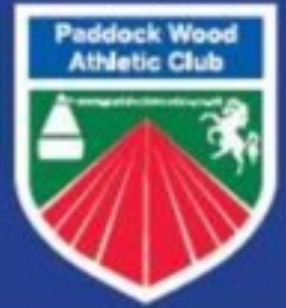
Slade Primary School and
Attached Unit for Children with
Hearing Impairment



🕒 Completed!

In Our Community

Get fit in 2025 with our beginners' running course



Paddock Wood Athletics Club Is launching a New Year Beginners to Parkrun training course

Paddock Wood AC are starting a ten-week adult running course for beginners to take you from walking a mile or so, to being able to run 5k. A weekly training plan will enable you to start at your current level and progress gradually, with coached training sessions at the athletics track at Putlands, Paddock Wood.

The course starts on Monday 13 January 2025 at 6:30pm with a beginner-only session where new joiners will meet some of our other beginners. Each Monday session will be off-road, based at the track. We also have Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm sessions, where beginners will be separately coached alongside our more advanced adult runners.

New joiners don't need to do three sessions per week, we know people have busy lives and can't always make each night, but we would like our beginners to try to make two sessions per week.



New members might be looking to run their first Parkrun, and can start by just being able to walk round the course.

Once ready you can come with us to the Leybourne Lakes parkrun (9am on Saturdays). Once a month our club members also pace runners around the two-lap 5k course. At first, your parkrun may mean walking and running, lots of people do this each week. Afterward the run we normally catch up for a coffee and a chat in the cafe at the lake. Why not give it a go? You can sign up on our website, and **your first four weeks of training are completely free**, with no commitment to continue. If you do decide running is for you, our course fee is £80. But this will not only cover the remaining six weeks of your training, it will give you membership of the club up to the end of 2025. For more information, and to register your interest please contact us here: [Beginners to Parkrun Registration Form - Paddock Wood Athletic Club](#)

The Saturday Parkruns often provide the perfect opportunity to chat over a coffee, to get to know each other and talk about training and personal targets.



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
		
December	January	February
<p>Tuesday 10 - EYFS Performance (09:30)</p> <p>Tuesday 10 - Year 1 Performance (14:00)</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - Year 2 Performance (09:30)</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - EYFS Performance (14:00)</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 1 Performance (09:30)</p> <p>Thursday 12 - Year 2 Performance (14:00)</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>Thursday 19 - Last Day of Term 2</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