



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

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Friday 28 March 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started slightly earlier than usual for Miss Garrett and I as, on Sunday evening, we were delighted to attend the Round Table presentation ceremony which was held locally at The Old Fire Station during which we were thrilled to be presented with a cheque for the school for the amazing sum of £500! The evening was a celebration of local charities and organisations which the committee members had agreed to donate to all from the profits that they make at their local fundraising events, primarily the Tonbridge Fireworks and Carol Concert events. This year, in recognition of the tightening of school budgets, the Round Table members wanted to donate to local schools and Slade was one of the chosen 5! The occasion really was a heart-warming event and a real reminder of the proactive and supportive community in which we live and work. Our massive thanks to Matt and all on the Round Table committee for initially considering Slade as a contender for donations and for hosting such a lovely evening for us all to enjoy too.

It's been a food focused week in Year 3! On Wednesday, Pegasus Class took their learning beyond the school grounds with our Year 3 foodies taking a trip to Pizza Express to learn how to make the perfect pizza! This was following their DT day on Tuesday during which they designed and made their own 'pitta pizzas' too. The pizzas that they then made at the restaurant and brought back to school to enjoy all looked and smelt amazing! Well done to all the children involved for your fantastic enthusiasm during this visit and for applying your previous learning so well too. Thank you to all of the adults who gave of their time to organise and accompany the children on the trip.

It wouldn't be a typical week at Slade without more sporting successes to celebrate! Read on into the newsletter to find out about our achievements in the cheer leading competition this week, in which our squad of Key Stage 2 pupils came 3rd in the West Kent Competition on Monday. Huge congratulations to our cheerleading squad, including Lauren their coach, on this fabulous and well-deserved achievement! Well done too to all of the other sporting superstars this week for their sporting achievements and their ongoing dedication to their chosen sports, whatever that may be. Thank you too to all of the parents, staff and coaches for your continual support for our children at these events and with their training sessions too; we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you too to those who attended our parent consultation meetings this week, which were held in school on Tuesday and Thursday evening. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance discussing your child's progress with the class teachers and enjoying looking through your children's books too. If you were unable to attend then please do contact your child's class teacher via the school office or class email address to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time. Please remember though that when contacting the school via email we do have a 48-hour working day response time, therefore if your query is urgent then please call the school office during the day as there is no guarantee of your email being responded to immediately. A copy of the school's communication policy can be found on the school website for your information.

A quick update for you on the new Headteacher recruitment process to date! The Governing Body have now shortlisted from the applications received, with interviews planned to take place in school during the middle of next week following which updates regarding the appointment will be provided to the school community at the start of next term. Watch this space everyone!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 31 March 2025

- Pixie Class Forest School
- West Kent Schools' Cross Country Races (Tonbridge School). Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 1 April 2025

- Elf Class Forest School
- Phoenix Class Swimming - This is the last session
- 18:30 - Slade Spring Concert (St Saviours Church). See page 4. Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 2 April 2025

- Hippogriff Class visit to Pizza Express Tonbridge
- West Kent Schools' Primary Gymnastics (Angel Centre). Details known to participants
- 13:00 Brain Buddies: Details known to those signed up to attend
- Whole School Children's Assembly (Tonbridge School)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 3 April 2025

- Gruffalo Class Forest School
- Sphinx Class Swimming
- Year 1 visit to Tonbridge Parish Church
- Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament (St Gregory's School). Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Friday 4 April 2025

- Last Day of Term 4
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)



Looking further ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 14 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

Slade Journal: Around School



Next Tuesday, we will be gathering at St Saviour's Church for the annual and much loved Slade Spring Concert. The rehearsals this afternoon have sounded superb.

We have a fantastic mix of musicians, singers, groups and solo artists playing for us this year and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible to watch and enjoy the young stars.

Tuesday's concert starts at 18:30 (Artists should be there at 18:20) at Saviour's Church, TN10 3BJ.

Miss Garrett would like remind parents and pupils in Year 5 and 6 about the time the gates open for school as she has observed over the last few weeks that some children are turning up at the Deacon House gate much earlier than the start of the school day.

'We understand a number of the pupils walk to school on their own so would ask that you speak to your child about leaving the house at a time that means the children arrive from 8.40am as there is no adult monitoring prior to this.'

Thankyou for your understanding.



In the first week after the Easter break, we will be holding our second Allergy Awareness Week.

The purpose of the learning opportunities will be for the children to understand what an allergy is, find out the different types of allergies and to know what to do if someone is having an allergic reaction amongst lots of other important information.



Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep us updated with any allergies that their child may have. Allergies can be added to the child's profile directly via your Arbor account, or we can add it for you if you drop us an email via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

We have had a few parents enquire about their applications for Primary School places for children starting in EYFS Reception year in September, in particular when they will be made aware of the school their child has been allocated.

National Offer Day this year is on Wednesday 16 April and you will receive an email from Kent County Council with all of the details. Parents who are allocated Slade should expect to receive and wait for our own welcome email which will be sent later that same day.



Focus on Pegasus Class



On Wednesday, Pegasus Class visited the Pizza Express restaurant in Tonbridge High Street.

The visit was arranged as part of the Year 3 topic of looking at Italy and Italian culture.

The word 'pizza' originates as far back as 997 and foods such as pizza have been served since ancient times, right through to the modern day when it is a firm favourite of many across the world.

We spoke to Mehmet in Pegasus Class about their visit.

'I really enjoyed going to Pizza Express because we saw how the chefs in the restaurant make the pizza. We even ended up making a pizza and bringing it back to school. I couldn't finish mine so I could take some home with me!'

The class also went behind the scenes at the popular restaurant .

Amelia let us know where they had been, 'We saw the kitchens where the pizza was made and also we went to the big freezers where they keep all of the food. You could fit five of us in the freezers so there was lots of room for lots of food!'

Thankyou to the team at Pizza Express Tonbridge for their hospitality both this week and again next Wednesday when it is the turn of Mr Louth's Hippogriff Class to experience a morning making, baking and eating pizza! Our thanks also to the parents who volunteered their time to help on these local visits, without you it is impossible to organise these memorable moments for the children. Thankyou!



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 = 95.4%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 21

Congratulations to our double winners this week:

Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup: Elmer Class.

Elmer had an attendance of 97.3% with no later children all week!

Well done to Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Greehy and everyone in Elmer Class for your double success!



Our News: Alice



Last weekend at the Angel Centre, our resident dance club DanceMode held their annual Awards Ceremony which celebrated the success the dancers from across all of DanceMode's classes in their dance exams which they undertook in January.

We spoke to Alice in Pegasus Class yesterday about the event. Alice was one of six girls from Miss Meers and Miss Elliott's Year 3 class who take part in our Tuesday evening DanceMode Street Dance classes with their dance teacher Emily Smith; she was keen to talk about how happy she was for her friends as much as her own success:

'I go to dancing lessons every week with my friends Katie, Freya, Edith, Sophia and Alice at school and we all really enjoy learning the different dances and then getting to perform them as well.'

The awards day happens every year so we can be presented with our certificates from our dancing exams. On exam day we have to dance in front of judges to show what we have been learning - the awards day happens later in the year and we all get to show a large audience who have come to watch the dances we performed at the exam. That is a lot of fun - after we have danced, we are given our rewards and certificates.

I was really pleased with how I did in my exams and how my friends did as well, we loved being able to dance so well in front of so many people on Saturday, practising with my friends is really enjoyable.'

Many congratulations to Alice and all of the other dancers, including the group who take their lessons at Slade with Emily. Thankyou to Alice's mum as well for sharing her photographs of the day. If you have a story that you would like to share, just drop us an email with the details to office@slade.kent.sch.uk.



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Mrs Ball and Cheerleading coach Lauren Merch from Trinity Dance were both incredibly proud of our Cheerleading squad who finished in third place at the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells schools' competition held at Hillview School on Monday.

They competed against more than 20 other schools in the competition eventually won by Crowborough School from East Sussex.



Mrs Ball was thrilled and honoured to meet Deaf England footballer Emma Brown earlier this week.

Emma was giving a keynote speech at the Active Kent and Medway Primary PE Conference held at the Kent County Showground in Maidstone.

Emma spoke about her career and the privilege of representing, not only her country, but also the Deaf community.



Meeting Emma Brown



She spoke passionately about football and also about the disparity in the way athletes are treated - as to represent England in the Deaf World Cup and Great Britain in the Deaf Olympics the athletes were required to pay all expenses including kit, travel and accommodation throughout the tournament themselves.



Wendy was also very pleased to be able to talk to Emma about the Deaf community at our school, which she was very interested to know about - especially the inclusive nature of the sporting opportunities at Slade.

Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Tonbridge Angels are hosting a special children's Easter party on Tuesday 15 April as well as running their successful and popular Soccer Schools and Foot Tea sessions (11th and 17th April) this Easter holiday .

We are proud to support our local football club by passing on the details of these events via the newsletter.

If you have any booking queries, please contact the club directly.

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC SUPPORTED BY THE MEARS FOUNDATION
FOOT-TEA
Friday 11th April 4:30-6:30
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/>

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC SUPPORTED BY THE MEARS FOUNDATION
FOOT-TEA
Thursday 17th April 4:30-6:30
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/>

Foot Tea is available to any child who is eligible for Pupil Premium funding - if you are interested in this session, please book directly with Tonbridge Angels.

If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Family Liaison Officer Libby Wilmshurst via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC IN THE COMMUNITY
ANGELS CAMPS Soccer
On the new Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!
Football coaching & fun football themed activities for girls from school years 2-9. Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the children develop their football skills in a fun and friendly environment.
Special Girls day For school years 1-9
GIRLS ONLY SESSION
FRIDAY 11th April 2025 (9am - 3pm)
£25 for the day (9am - 3pm)
Early Drop Off: 8:30am +£5 per day
Late pick up: 3:30pm +£5 per day
Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Wealth Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC IN THE COMMUNITY
ANGELS CAMPS Soccer
On the the Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!
Football coaching & fun football themed 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.
Easter Half Term For school years 1-9
4 DAYS FOOTBALL COACHING & FUN
MONDAY 7th April
TUESDAY 8th April
WEDNESDAY 9th April
THURSDAY 10th April
£25 per day (9am - 3pm)
£80 for 4 days (9am - 3pm)
Early Drop Off: 8:30am +£5 per day
Late pick up: 3:30pm +£5 per day
Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Wealth Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC ANGELS MARQUEE
Easter Party!
Tuesday 15th April
10am - 1:00pm
Suitable for Ages 5-12
Kids Entertainment Party
Arts & Crafts
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Bonnet Parade
Angels Pop Up Café
£10 per child
Surprise Visit From The Easter Bunny!
Angels Marquee | TN10 3JF
*Ticket Purchases are subject to booking fees.
**US's will require a ticket, these can be booked as a FREE ticket.
Spaces are limited

For more information about the Angels' Easter Party, see their website:

[Easter Party EGGstravaganza! - Tonbridge Angels FC](#)

On the pitch, Tonbridge Angels are nearly at the end of another hard but successful campaign as the team go into the last six games of the National League South season.

They have home games which all kick off at 15:00 on Saturday 5 April vs Farnborough, Friday 18 April vs Hornchurch and in Jay Sanders last game in charge of Tonbridge vs play off chasing Boreham Wood on Saturday 26 April.

If you fancy an away day, the Angels have two left; on Saturday 12 April on the West Country coast vs Weston-super-Mare and on Monday 21 April in the Kent derby vs Maidstone United.

Full details, prices and tickets: [Tonbridge Angels Fixtures / Results - Tonbridge Angels FC](#)

News and Events from the PTA

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of another wonderful term with you.

Today, we launch our Easter Eggstravaganza @ Slade - a new, and hopefully more weather-proof, Easter event for the whole school to enjoy on the last day of term!

Caroline, Emily and everyone on the PTA Committee at Slade.



Choose The Rules

RULES

The Easter Bunny is being cheeky again and has muddled up some of the school rules!

Before Mrs Slade has time to put them right, the children will have chance to choose the rules they would like to follow on Friday 4th April (the last day of Term 4)

There is a suggested donation of £1 for each of the rules below chosen:

- Any footwear allowed eg: trainers
- Have any hairstyle and wear any hair accessories you would like
- Go crazy with your socks or tights
- Nail varnish is permitted
- Wear any jewellery or accessories you fancy

During the day on 4 April, the PTA will organise an Easter Egg Hunt for years R-3 and a Bunny Drive for years 4-6.

These events will take place during the school day. All children will receive a chocolate prize, with dairy free alternatives available.

Do let us know of any additional dietary concerns though (PTA@slade.kent.sch.uk). There is no charge for the Easter Egg Hunt or Bunny Drive.

Easter Egg Events



Calling All Bakers!

After school on Friday 4 April, we will hold our annual, super popular Easter Bake Sale!!

Let us know if you would be able to bake something, or donuts are always popular! If baking, please ensure no nuts are included, and attach a full list of ingredients so that we can guide anyone with allergies.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT SLADE

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL

HAPPY EASTER

CHOOSE THE RULES

- Any footwear eg: trainers
- Any hairstyle or hair accessories
- Go crazy with your socks and tights
- Nail varnish allowed
- Any jewellery or accessories



Cash on the day or via Sum Up:

[Slade Easter Extravaganza | Slade School PTA](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT & BUNNY DRIVE

During the school day - Easter treat for all the children

EASTER BAKE SALE

On the playground @ pick up - Cash if you can!

TAKE PART IN A DAY FULL OF FUN ON THE
LAST DAY OF TERM!

In Our Community

If you are looking for things to do tomorrow and are already looking forward to our own Spring Concert, why not make it a cultural double header and swing by the Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band Spring Concert at St Stephen's Church.

The 17th Tonbridge Band will be joined by the 2nd Whitstable Sea Scouts for an evening of musical entertainment from 18:30.

Tickets and information here>

[17th Tonbridge Scout & Guide Band online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#)

17th Tonbridge Scout & Guide Band
with special guests
2nd Whitstable Sea Scout Band

SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, 29th March 2025
St Stephen's Church
Waterloo Road, Tonbridge

Doors open 6pm
Music starts 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £8 / Under 8's £4

Tickets to be booked online:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/17thband

Trinity Dance

MUSICAL Madness

DANCE & CHEERLEADING WORKSHOPS

Join us for two days of 'Musical Madness' dance and cheerleading workshops inspired by everyone's favourite musical hits!

Welcoming all 6-12 year olds who would like to learn exciting routines, express their creativity and make special memories this Easter holiday

New location!
The Skinners' Kent Primary School, T'Wells

14th & 15th April
9 - 4pm

£40 per day
£70 for both

Musical Theatre, Cheerleading, Street Dance, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Arts & Crafts

Register your place by emailing lauren@trinitydance.co.uk

www.trinitydance.co.uk 07857499646 @_TrinityDance_

Looking for an activity to take up a couple of days in the Easter holiday?

If you are between 6 and 12 years old, you can sign up for a whole day of Dance and Cheerleading with Trinity Dance run by Lauren Merch who runs our own Cheerleading squad and has been working with various yeargroups across the school recently during their PE lessons.

Contact Trinity Dance via their website or 07857 499646 for booking and more information.

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 and all General Enquiries
yeti@slade.kent.sch.uk

Session Cancellations: [Cancellation Form](#)
Late Collections: **01732 37 77 60**

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
		
March	April	May
 <p>A very happy Mothers Day to everyone celebrating on Sunday!</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Summer Concert Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4 Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5 Monday 28 - Year 5 Trip to Carroty Wood</p>	<p>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</p>
June	July	<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</p> <p><u>2024/25 Term Dates</u></p>
<p>Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6 Friday 13 - Year 2 Trip: Maidstone Tuesday 17 - Open Evening Thursday 19 - Sports Day Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)</p>	<p>Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day Tuesday 8 - Year 1 Trip: Hastings Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production Thursday 17 - Year 6 Production Friday 18 - Last Day of Term 6</p>	

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