



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 4, Issue 6

Friday 4 April 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 4 and what an action-packed week it's been!

To begin, it has been another week of sporting achievement! In cross country, gymnastics and football children from across the year groups have been out and about once again representing the school and performing with pride. It was so lovely at the start of the week to hear the children talking so passionately about the cross-country event and to read the positive feedback from parents too; thank you. Do read on to find out more and to see some pictures, including of our local Olympian who made a surprise appearance too! For anyone looking to try out a new sport or activity and wanting to get involved with a team then an overview of the extensive range of clubs and activities on offer for Term 5 is now available on the school website for you to browse and book!

Well done and thank you to all of the children who performed at the Spring Concert on Tuesday evening which was held at St Saviour's Church, our lovely venue for this annual event! Those that were there enjoyed an eclectic mix of music and recitals which included children performing both as individuals and collectively, with the evening culminating with an Abba medley of songs from our KS2 Choir. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all who were there. Thank you to parents, grandparents and staff who supported the children at this event and for continuing to support your children with their music tuition too. Special thanks to Mrs. Stephens and Miss Garrett for organising and providing technical support throughout the evening too. Well done everyone!

Earlier today, Miss Garrett and I welcomed our Golden Table Winners to join us at lunchtime, where we acted as their hosts whilst they dined at the top table. Our winners had all been nominated by staff for a place on the table in recognition of their behaviour and attitude at lunchtime during the term. It was a pleasure to serve them all their lunch and spend this time with the children; well done and thank you for being such splendid guests!

Many thanks to all on the PTA Committee who have planned today's fundraising egg-stravaganza for our very egg-cited children to enjoy! The children have very much enjoyed the opportunity to officially break some of our school uniform rules before enjoying this afternoon's Easter Egg Hunt and inaugural Bunny Drive. We all had great fun in this afternoon's sunshine trying to solve the clues to discover the Easter Bunny's favourite game! Then we're all looking forward to the opportunity at the end of the day to purchase some end of term treats from the PTA cake stall. A huge thank you to the many of you who have generously donated your bakes for us to buy today.

Eleanor Hoyle, Chair of Governors has asked me to share the following update regarding the headteacher recruitment process. *"The Governors have had several enquiries directly (and via staff) about the recruitment exercise and we know how keen everyone is to find out what happens next in this important process, which remains underway at present. Governors will provide a further update in Term 5 when we are able to do so, please watch this space."*

A reminder that we do endeavour to return all items of lost property 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. All lost property bins will be displayed at pick up time today with any unnamed and unclaimed items at the start of next term once again making their way to the PTA uniform store for re-sale. Thank you for your help and support with this.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful break over the Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the start of Term 5 on **Tuesday 22nd April.**

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April (inclusive)

- Easter Holiday - School closed to all pupils

Wednesday 16 April

- National Primary School Offer Day - Please see Page 5 and [Slade Primary School - Admissions](#)

Tuesday 22 April to Friday 25 April

- Allergy Awareness Day - See Page 4

Monday 21 April 2025

- Easter Holiday - School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 22 April 2025

- First Day of Term 5
- Pegasus Class Forest School, Hippogriff Class Forest School
- Pegasus Class Swimming - This is the first session. Please make sure you have consented and paid via your Arbor account
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 23 April 2025

- Gnome Class Forest School
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 24 April 2025

- Sphinx Class Swimming
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Friday 25 April 2025

- [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



Today is the last day of Term 4, and a wonderfully busy week it has been - we hope we manage to cover it all in this issue of the newsletter!

Everyone at Slade would like to wish all of our children, their families and friends a very happy Easter Break.

School will be closed to all pupils from and including Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April.

We are already looking forward to the first of the summer terms after the Easter break.

Term 5 is the shortest of the six through the year, but that does not mean it is any less packed full of fun, learning and achievement.

Please see below for some of the notable dates and events which start on the first day of term: Tuesday 22 April.



Tuesday 22 April is when we launch our Allergy Awareness Week (fans of the Daily Diary email will be delighted to know this also means there will be an allergy related quiz that week, hope you can wait that long!) Whilst we have our fun, the children will be learning in an age related activities to understand what an allergy is and the different types of allergy that people have including those in their class. They will also find out the difference between an allergy and an intolerance, how we can help prevent others from having an allergic reaction in school (you can help too - no nuts or nut paste in snack and lunch boxes please) and also a bit of information if someone we see has an allergic reaction. We will recap this learning in the newsletter on Friday 25 April.

We have Educational Visits for Year 5 to both Carrot Wood and Herstmonceux Science Centre and Year 3 are off to the Harry Potter Studio tour in Leavesden - parents are reminded that where this has not yet happened they should provide consent and payment via your Arbor account as soon as possible.

There are the normal number of sports competitions and festivals that will see Slade represented as the summer sports including Cricket coming to schools and sports grounds around Tonbridge.

Our Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to show off all they have been learning in their time at Slade when they take part in their Statutory Assessment Tests between Monday 12 and Thursday 15 May. More information will be shared about the SATs nearer the time.

On the penultimate day of term, we will welcome Matthew Walker back to Slade to take the annual class and group photographs. The term will finish on Friday 23 May.

Remember also, that Term 5 includes the May Day holiday on Monday 5 May, when school will be closed to all pupils.

Slade Journal: Around School



Lunch Money

Parents are politely reminded that all Key Stage 2 meals should be paid for in advance by topping up the Meals section on your Arbor account. Meal accounts should not go into debt at anytime, but when this does happen the balance should be made as soon as possible after contact from our Accounts Team.

Meals are charged at £2.55 per day to all pupils in Key Stage 2 unless in receipt of Benefits Related Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding.

Please find below, a link to read the national digital version of the magazine, All About Family.

In this issue there is exclusive content from OFSTED, the NSPCC, St John's Ambulance as well as a books section, internet safety and parental hints and tips on Snap Chat, Instagram and WhatsApp as well as family law advice and lots more.

[National Magazine – All About Family Magazine](#)



As advertised last week, Primary School National Offer Day this year is Wednesday 16 April. If you have applied for a place in EYFS Reception Year to start in September 2025, you will receive your decision email from Kent County Council during the day, or by logging on to your KCC account after 16:00.

If you have been offered a place at Slade, please wait for our own welcome email with further instructions. Please note, that school is closed during that week so please do not try to call via telephone or in person.

For more information, see the [Admissions page on our website](#).

At the other end of the school, our Year 5 families will shortly begin to think about their own school applications, tis time for the transfer to secondary education. The application window is open in September and October and before then all of our local secondary schools will be holding taster events and open days in order for children and parents to visit to make their informed choices in the Autumn. All children are welcome to take time to attend these events, please just let us know via attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk if any visit will take place during school time.



Slade Journal: Around School



We enjoyed a lovely evening of culture at St Saviour's Church on Tuesday as Mrs Stephens proudly presented the 2025 Slade Spring Concert.

We heard from Mrs Stephens' Year 4,5 and 6 Choir, Mrs Martin's Signing Choir alongside other groups who sung and played to the packed in audience at this ever popular event.

Congratulations and thankyou to everyone who took part and to everyone who came along to support these very talented and confident young musicians.

Performers included

Violinists Anna, Zachay, Arthur, Yao and Jiwon

Pianists Erin, Arthur, Beatrice, Yao, Himansi and Himanvi

Guitarists Lukas and Juliet

Trombonist, Sid

Solo and group singers: Emilia, Isla, Mia, Drew, Reece, Sid, Harriet, Eliz, Surina, Juliet, Arya, Alisha, Imogen, Genevieve and Lan

The evening final  had the crowd singing along as the choir performed their popular and familiar ABBA Medley.



It was not the only outing for the choir this week, as they also performed at the Whole School Assembly held at the EM Forester Theatre on Wednesday afternoon.

Thankyou to all of the choir for your performances this year which have taken in the recent Baptist Church event as well as Young Voices at the o2 and in Trafalgar Square at Christmas as well as in school!

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 = 93.4%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.3%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 39

Attendance was down to 93.4% this week so we thought that we would see which class was leading the way for attendance since September.

As at Christmas when we last did this - the winners are Mr Duffin's Hydra Class. The top three are:

1. HYDRA, Mr Duffin (Year 5) 96.7%
2. HIPPOGRIFF, Mr Louth (Year 3) 96.6%
3. GRIFFIN, Mrs Lipman (Year 6) 96.2%



Our News: Sam



We are delighted to share the news that Sam Vincent, father of Otilie in Year 3, is running the London Marathon this year in aid of Bipolar UK.

Sam explains more on his charity donation page:

‘This year I am finally set to take on the London Marathon and am training hard to take on this famous route. This is the biggest challenge of my 'running career' that has included half marathons and muddy adventures and I'm keen to put in a good performance, not just for myself...

In January, we tragically lost our dear friend Theo. To honour his memory and raise awareness of bipolar disorder, we have set up this fundraiser for Bipolar UK, a charity that supports individuals and families affected by the condition.’

Otilie is a very proud daughter and is Sam’s number one fan during his training sessions and practise runs. In February, he completed the Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon as he prepares for the big day on the streets of the capital in the TCS London Marathon, which will take place a week into the new term on Sunday 27 April. She spoke to us about the effort that her dad is putting into not only his personal goal of completing an enjoying the marathon run, but that of running for his late friend, Theo.

‘I am really proud of you, Daddy, because you are doing the London Marathon and it is 26 miles! I think you have put so much work and effort in to your running and I am really pleased for you; I know that you will finish the whole marathon really well. It is sad that you cannot run with our friend this time, but it is so special that you are running for him. Well done Daddy!.’



You can find out more about Bipolar UK and the work they do as well as hearing more from Sam via the official London Marathon site where you can also donate to this important cause, whilst wishing a member of the Slade family much success in his quest.

[Bipolar UK: Sam is running the London Marathon!](#)

Good luck Sam, from everyone at Slade!

Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



On Monday afternoon, we were proud and delighted to be the organising school behind another successful Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Primary Cross Country run and races; the first athletics based sporting event of the year; the first sign of summer if ever there was one!

Slade were joined by six other local schools and nearly 330 competitors from Year 2-6 who descended on the venue at Tonbridge School, who kindly gave over their facilities for the afternoon.

It was Mrs Ball and our Sports Crew hosting though and our Year 6 volunteers received plenty of praise from the staff and parents from each of the competing schools - well done to them all for marshalling and encouraging so well all afternoon. A special mention as well to two of our former pupils, Sophie and Iris, who returned to support the event by acting as the 'athlete to catch' leading the way in every single race to keep the pace of the run and to guide the runners in the correct direction! They clocked up the kilometres, but all with ease and smile - many thanks to Sophie, Iris and their secondary schools for allowing us to borrow them for the day!

The races themselves consisted of a course length of 1.5km for the runners in Year 2,3 and 4 and 2.5km for Year 5 and 6 - the course took in the open fields of Tonbridge School.

There were medals for lots of our children who placed in their races, however we would like to congratulate everyone who took part - you all ran really well, giving all of your effort, and all in front of local athletics star Dame Kelly Holmes, who attended the event to watch one of her own family members, and was very pleased to meet and chat to the children and adults, having photographs with them as well.



Well done to our medallists::

Year 2 - Matilda

Year 3 - Poppy, Greta, Elliott

Year 4 - Ellis, Esmée, Harriet

Year 5 - William

Year 6 - Milo, Harriet



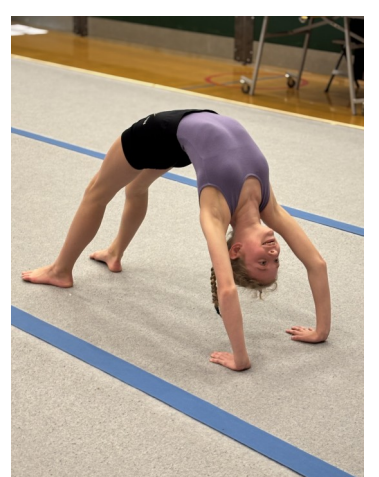
Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



On Wednesday afternoon, we had a strong team of gymnasts out at the Angel Centre, taking part in the West Kent Gymnastics competition.

There were twenty teams of four gymnasts competing and we achieved two third place ribbons.

Mrs Ball would like to thank all of the children who practised for the competition and their parents who helped them with the routines at home, especially with the limited preparation time involved in this competition.



St Gregory's School in Tunbridge Wells hosted the local schools Year 3 and Year 4 football competition on Thursday evening.

It was the first time these players have played together and they took to the tournament format without any trouble at all.

Under the guidance of coach Sam Cousens, the boys reached the final, losing only in a heartbreaking penalty shoot-out to new champions, Hildenborough.



On the way to the final, the team played and beat Woodlands, Yalding, St Margaret Clitherow and drew against Sussex Road.

Congratulations to all of the team and thank you to the parents who acted as both team bus and supporters group. We are very grateful and look forward to next year's tournaments with a lot of optimism!

A word of congratulations also for William who has been selected for the Tonbridge & Malling District football team in a new position (for him) as goalkeeper, he will start training with them after Easter. Good luck, goalie! We look forward to following William's progress.



News and Events from the PTA

Choosing the Rules!

Today, the PTA have held their Easter Day in school and it has been a lot of fun!

Children have been able to break the rules with our normal regulations on footwear, hair, nail varnish and jewellery thrown out for the day.

Thankyou for all of your donations to the PTA for Break the Rules Day - all of which will be ploughed immediately back into resources for the school.



The children in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 took part in an Easter Egg Hunt with 10 differently coloured eggs hidden around the school buildings - the eggs each had a letter attached which the children then had to rearrange to find out the Easter Bunny's favourite game - which was: HOPSCOTCH!

Well done to everyone who managed to get the correct game - everyone's a winner though with chocolate treats for all!



Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Bunny Drive

The Classes in Year 4, 5 and 6 all played a game of Easter Bunny Drive. They played against a friend to try and throw the dice and complete the drawing of an Easter Bunny first! There were six rounds to play, with the player with the highest total in the pair being deemed the winner - but again, everyone's a winner with chocolate handed out at the end to all of the players to say Happy Easter!

Forest School



Tuesday 22 April - Year 3 Pegasus Class and Hippogriff Class (Miss Meers, Miss Elliott and Mr Louth)

Wednesday 23 April - Year 1 Pixie Class and Year 2 Gnome Class (Mr Clark, Miss Manktelow and Mrs Stephens)

Monday 28 April - Year 2 Phoenix Class (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple)

Tuesday 29 April - Year 4 Sphinx Class (Mrs Burnside)

Wednesday 30 April - Year 1 Elf Class and Year 2 Sprite Class (Mrs Mulhern and Miss Ellis)

Tuesday 6 May - Year 5 Wyvern Class and Hydra Class (Mrs Fordyce and Mr Duffin)

Wednesday 7 May - EYFS Elmer Class and Gruffalo Class (Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Pearson)

Thursday 8 May - Year 6 Griffin Class (Mrs Lipman)

Friday 9 May - Year 6 Dragon Class (Mrs Worley)

Monday 12 May - Year 3 Pegasus Class (Miss Meers and Miss Elliott)

Tuesday 13 May - Year 3 Hippogriff Class (Mr Louth)

Wednesday 14 May - Year 1 Pixie Class and Year 2 Gnome Class (Mr Clark, Miss Manktelow and Mrs Stephens)

Thursday 15 May - Year 6 Griffin Class (Mrs Lipman)

Friday 16 May - Year 6 Dragon Class (Mrs Worley)

Monday 19 May - Year 4 Phoenix Class (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple)

Tuesday 20 May - Year 4 Sphinx Class (Mrs Burnside)

Wednesday 21 May - Year 1 Elf Class and Year 2 Sprite Class (Mrs Mulhern and Miss Ellis)

Thursday 22 May - Year 6 Griffin Class (Mrs Lipman)

Friday 23 May - Year 6 Dragon Class (Mrs Worley)



Focus on Year 1



Yesterday morning, Pixie and Elf Classes took a stroll to the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, a visit organised to help them understand their RE topic this term of Christianity.

The children heard from Alison Bleakley and Ed Pascoe who work at the Church as they found out why the Church is an important place for Christians and some of the events that happen there such as services, celebrations, weddings and funerals.

They also learnt more about the Easter Story and the characteristics of a Church such as an altar, font and the stained glass windows.

Afterwards, they then had a treasure hunt, a drawing and colouring challenge to see if they could copy the special stained glass windows and the chance to ask questions. Mrs Mulhern and Mr Clark were very impressed with the children's questions, which showed how much they had been taking in from their lessons at school and the session at the Church.

We are pleased to share details of Easter events happening at the local Churches In Our Community: Page 14 of today's newsletter.



In Our Community



**GOOD FRIDAY
FAMILY SERVICE**
*(pre school and primary school aged
children particularly welcome)*

craft  songs

**18TH APRIL, 10AM
ST PETER & ST PAUL**
FOLLOWED BY HOT CROSS BUNS!



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

REFRESHMENTS **SATURDAY
19 APRIL**
SHORT TALK **2.30PM**

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, DRY HILL PARK CRESCENT
ALL WELCOME - NO BOOKING NECESSARY




**OPEN HOUSE
EASTER EGG HUNT**

ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, SALISBURY ROAD, TONBRIDGE, TN10 4PA
SATURDAY 12 APRIL
REFRESHMENTS AND HOSPITALITY FOR ALL BETWEEN 10AM-12PM



TO BOOK A PLACE ON THE EASTER EGG HUNT PLEASE BOOK VIA QR CODE (OR WEBSITE) (SO WE HAVE ENOUGH EGGS) AND COME ALONG TO START ANYTIME BETWEEN 10-11.30AM.



We are pleased to share details of these events being held at our local Churches this Easter. The Church have allowed us use of their lovely premises free of charge for the Spring Concert and for the Year 1 visit this week.

And if you are interested in taking Cricket coaching this Summer, please see below from our friends at Tonbridge Cricket Club.

CRICKET

SUMMER TRAINING
WITH TONBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB



SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 & 6 | GIRLS ONLY
FRIDAYS | 25 APRIL - 18 JULY | 6PM - 7.30PM

SCHOOL YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 | BOYS & GIRLS
SATURDAYS | 26 APRIL - 9 AUGUST | 9AM - 10.30AM

TONBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB, WELLAND ROAD
EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION
TCCJUNIORS@OUTLOOK.COM



Starts 24th April '25



Feed . talks . games

Connect
Years 6-9
Thursdays 5-6.30pm



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
yetis@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>Friday 4 - Last Day of Term 4</p> <p>Tuesday 22 - First Day of Term 5</p> <p>Monday 28 - Year 5 Trip to Carroty Wood</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>Friday 13 - 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 8 - Year 1 Trip: Hastings</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