



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 5, Issue 3

Friday 9 May 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This shorter week of term has been an eclectic mix of learning opportunities in the build up to yesterday's fabulous VE Day celebrations. From learning to sign the national anthem, to making our own union jack flags and bunting through to learning the history and recognising the importance of this historic occasion there has been something for everyone to enjoy, children and adults alike. Do read on below or further into this newsletter to find out more and see photos!

It was super to see all staff and children dressed in their red, white and blue as they arrived in school yesterday and the children's excitement as they saw the grounds and buildings decked out with flags and bunting in recognition of the historical day that we were celebrating . The highlight of the day was definitely when the whole school assembled together for our celebratory lunch which we all ate street-party style out on the playground, after we had observed a midday two-minute silence along with the rest of the nation . Our special time together culminated in the whole school singing and signing the national anthem together. Huge thanks to all of the adults who enabled us to commemorate this occasion so memorably for our children. Do ask your children about the day and the key facts that they can remember from their VE Day learning.

A reminder for Year 6 parents that the school journey information meeting was pre-recorded earlier this week and sent out to you all along with a copy of the Power Point slides that were shared. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, with your child's class teacher in the first instance, should you have any queries once you have watched the presentation. Don't forget too about the indemnity form competition which, at the time of writing, Dragon Class are the current leaders!

Planning ahead, next week we will be pre-recording and sharing with Year 5 parents a presentation about the secondary school transfer process. This will include key information at the start of your child's journey onto secondary school, including facts about the Kent Test (11+), along with the key dates around the application process. Hopefully the information shared will answer any queries that you currently have and signpost you to the websites that will help you through the process. Of course, we are all here to support you too and will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have after you have watched. Look out for it dropping into your inboxes on Thursday!

A huge thank you to those parents who have volunteered to spend time in school on Sunday as part of the PTA working party. An amazing group of volunteers will be dismantling one of the outdoor classrooms on the field which has sadly fallen into disrepair, whilst sprucing up the other two remaining classrooms too. This is in addition to preparing some of the outdoor furniture in preparation for the summer season here at Slade, including our much-anticipated summer fayre. A huge thank you to all involved in the giving of your time in this way; we really do very much appreciate it. We can't wait to see the changes when we're back in school on Monday!

To lessen congestion on the playground at the end of the day we will be trialling a new pick up arrangement for pupils in Phoenix Class (Year 4) who will now be collected from their classroom door around the back of their building. A separate communication has been shared with Phoenix parents regarding this trial which will be starting on Monday so please do have a read before then.

And finally, congratulations to Miss Ellis (Sprite Class Teacher) who has asked me to share her pregnancy news with the wider Slade community! Huge congratulations to you Taylor and to your family from us all. We look forward to welcoming your new addition in the Autumn!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 12 May 2025

- Pegasus Class Forest School
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (See page 4)
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Spelling (See page 4)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 13 May 2025

- Hippogriff Class Forest School
- Pegasus Class Swimming
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Reading Comprehension (See page 4)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 14 May 2025

- Pixie Class Forest School
- Gnome Class Forest School
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Maths Arithmetic (See page 4)
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Maths Reasoning (See page 4)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 15 May 2025

- Sphinx Class Swimming. This is the final session.
- Griffin Class Forest School
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Test: Maths Reasoning (See page 4)
- PTA Used Uniform Sale (See page 12)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Please note that the Year 2,3 and 4 Sports Club will not run today due to a planned cancellation.

Friday 16 May 2025

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

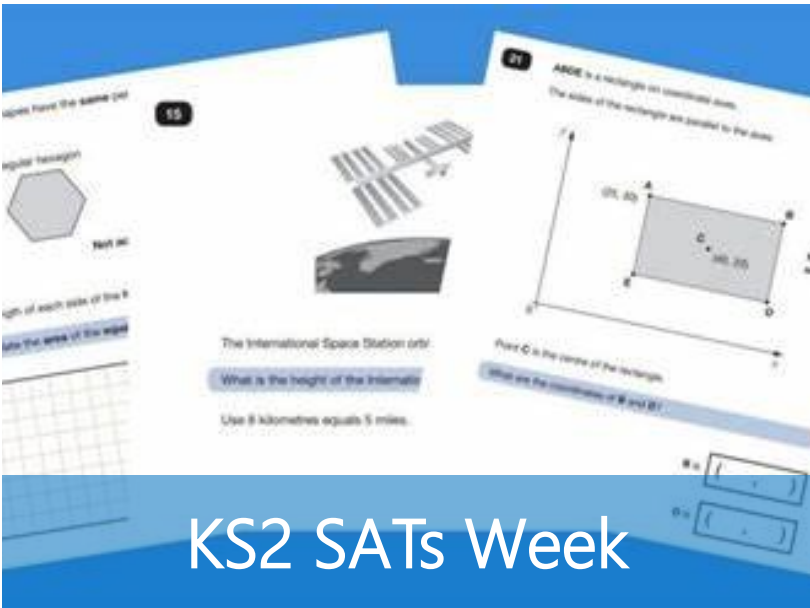


Looking further ahead?

AGENDA

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

Slade Journal: Around School



Next week sees our Year 6 pupils take on the annual Statutory Assessment Tests - their chance to show off all that they know and have learnt in their time at Slade.

The SATs will follow the national timetable as detailed below.

We encourage the children to be prepared, but in no way worried about taking the tests, we know that they will all perform with confidence and will produce the best of themselves throughout the week.

They do not need to bring anything with them in addition to their normal school bags and kit; all equipment required for the SATs will be provided. They will want to make sure that they bring a full water bottle that can be refilled during the day.

Please prepare them in the best possible way by having a good breakfast in the morning before school and ensuring that they arrive on time (not too early, or late!) so that they do not suffer any unnecessary delays or waiting around.

The timetable for the week is:

Monday 12 May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Monday 12 May - Spelling

Tuesday 13 May - Reading Comprehension

Wednesday 14 May - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Wednesday 14 May - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 15 May - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Don't let this ruin your weekend, enjoy that and look forward to Thursday afternoon and Friday of next week!

Mrs Ball has been busy putting together the Activity Clubs timetable for Term 6.

This timetable will be released on Monday, alongside details on how to book for the range of activities available - either those free clubs organised by staff at school or our full choice of independent, paid for activity clubs.

If you have any questions or comment about any of the activity clubs, please get in touch with Wendy via sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk.



The booking window for securing places at Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs will open on Monday 19 May at midday.

A reminder that all accounts should be topped up in advance of booking; including those customers who pay by Childcare Voucher. Business Manager Jill Westwood will ensure that when we receive notification of a voucher payment in the next week, that this amount will be transferred onto your Arbor account in good time for the booking window opening.

Slade Journal: Around School



Matthew Walker will be back at Slade on Thursday 22 May to take our class group photographs.

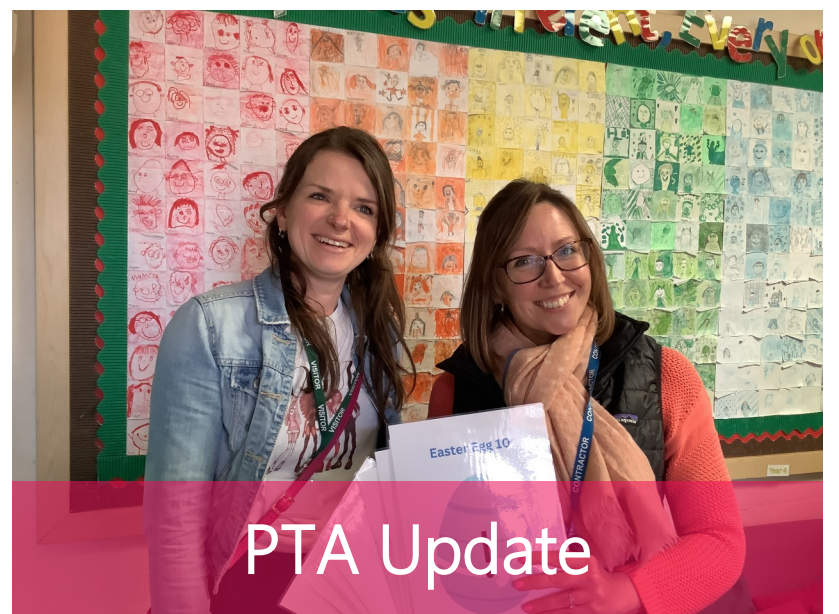
We look forward to everyone being here on that day to have their picture with their classmates.

Ordering and purchasing information of these mementoes of a school year will be published nearer the time.

As we start gearing up for the Summer Fete, Emily and I wanted to share a message about the year ahead.

We have both been involved with the PTA committee for 5 years now, running events and helping to raise money with you all for our fantastic school.

We have loved every minute, but it's important that we make way for new people to step in with new ideas and fresh energy!



So we're reaching out to you now to ask you to get in touch and learn more about how the PTA runs and what joining the committee as Chair, Co-Chair or Vice-Chair might entail.

The PTA are responsible for running so many fun events - fireworks, the Christmas Sale and raffle, the discos and film nights, Easter eggstravaganza, the summer fete....

We would love to see these events continue and go from strength to strength and hear from the next team of parents committed to taking the PTA forward when we step down.

Please reach out to us on the playground or via PTA@slade.kent.sch.uk if you'd like to know more.

Caroline & Emily



Parents of children in our current Year 5 and 6 Classes will be interested in two parent meetings that have been recorded this year to allow everyone to hear the messages and to not have to get to school for an evening briefing.

The parents in Year 6 will have this week received the information pack in relation to the Residential Activity Days in Ashford happening in July. Please take time to watch the video presentation with your children and to send back the forms attached in the pack as soon as possible.

Next week, we will be recording the Year 5 Secondary School Applications information evening before sending to all parents and carers of children currently in Wyvern and Hydra Classes.

This video will cover the application process, the Kent Test (11+) for Grammar School suitability and open events at local Secondary Schools.

If you have any questions about anything that comes up in these videos, please contact the class teacher in the first instance via the class email address or via office@slade.kent.sch.uk.

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 = 98.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.4%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 31

Congratulations to our Attendance winners this week:

Attendance this week was a fantastic target busting 98% and Attendance Ted is very pleased with every class, especially Griffin Class who had the highest attendance of 99.6%.

Punctuality Pup sits in Hydra Class as they had no late children all week.

Well done to Miss Joshi, Miss Hall, Mr Duffin and all of the children in Griffin and Hydra Classes.



Slade Journal: Around School



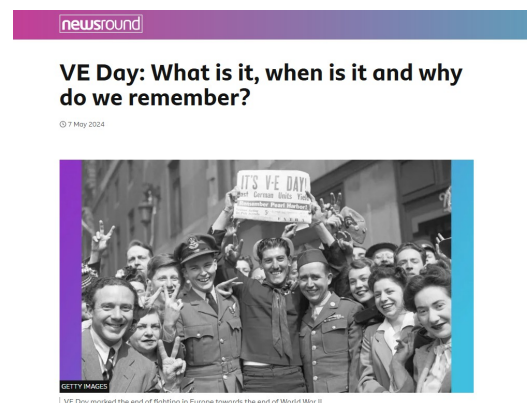
Yesterday, the children at Slade marked the 80th anniversary of the day that World War ii ended in Europe (VE Day).

They shared a day of learning about the significance and meaning behind VE Day as a joyous event, but also in the context of the toll of war and what it meant to the people who were living across Europe, including here in the United Kingdom, at the time.

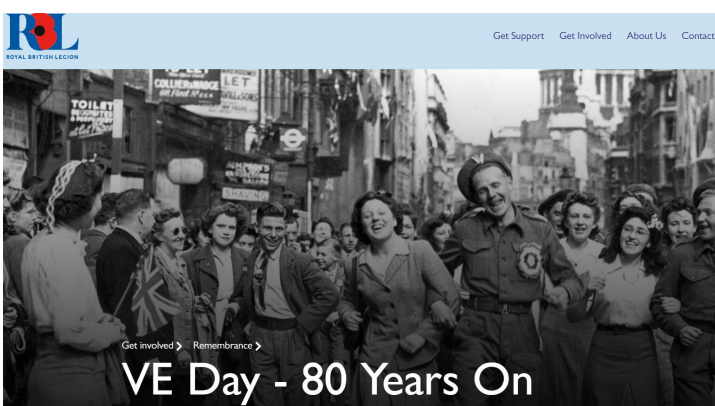
We enjoyed taking part in different age related activities designed to help with the learning which sat alongside other resources which had been sourced by History subject leader, Mrs Mulhern. We have included some of those resources below for information and further home learning if your children have been inspired by today's events.



[The Official VE Day Website \(ve80.com\)](http://ve80.com)



[What is VE Day? BBC Newsround \(bbc.co.uk\)](http://bbc.co.uk)



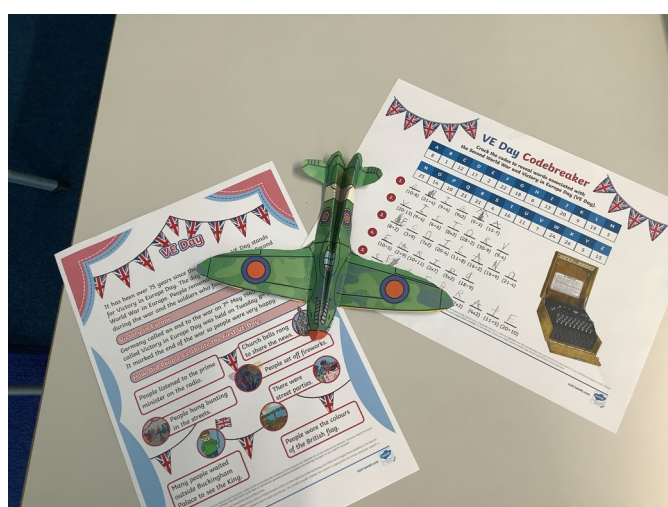
[Royal British Legion: Getting Involved in Remembrance](http://royalbritishlegion.org.uk)



[VE Day Song for Children \(via Google\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Everyone celebrated, with a street party style lunch on the school playground as the children - dressed in red, white and blue gave thanks to those brave people from all nations who fought in the war whilst also giving thanks that war was over.

Slade Journal: Around School



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



As promised in last week's newsletter, we are pleased to report on the Year 1 to 3 Teambuilding event held at Skinners School last Thursday evening.

Mrs Ball took a 30 strong team to Tunbridge Wells as they undertook a series of activities designed to competitively challenge the teams to work together to solve the physical task together.

It was a hugely fun evening of sport and thought and we hope that all of the competitors had a great time!

Year 1 - 3 Teambuilding

We are also grateful to our Year 5 Sports Crew and Year 6 Sports Leaders who came along to the event to help run the activities. They demonstrated what to do and encouraged the teams from Slade and other West Kent based schools throughout the evening. Well done to everyone who took part.



It was the turn of our Year 3 and 4 cricket team to take part in the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells schools competition this Tuesday at Tonbridge Cricket Club.

After playing and beating very good teams in the shape of Sussex Road, Woodlands, St Margaret's and last week's winners of the Year 5 and 6 cup Ide Hill, the Slade team walked away as champions. In the final we looked down and out, with the opposition only needing 4 runs from 30 balls. However, this was before the bowling and fielding heroics from all of the team, especially Sophia who caught two out and from Jacob who pulled off a brilliant catch that all helped Slade win the game, and the tournament!



Year 3 and 4 Cricket

The finals, where we will represent Tonbridge, will take place in July with more information to follow as soon as we have it. Congratulations to everyone who participated on Tuesday.

Focus on Year 5



Today, Year 5 have been back on the road today as they have been out on their educational visit to Herstmonceux Science Park and Observatory in East Sussex.

During the year, Wyvern and Hydra Classes have been learning about the Sun, Moon and the Earth and this visit was the perfect way to bring this topic to life with the help of the interactive science exhibits and [telescope tour](#) at the observatory and the knowledgeable and friendly staff who produced a science show for the children and were able to answer any lingering queries that they may have had.



Thankyou to all of the team at The Observatory, Herstmonceux for their fantastic hospitality today, and for the enhanced learning that they have provided to the children in Year 5, who are looking forward to sharing their new knowledge with family this weekend. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who gave up their time today, which makes educational visits such as this one possible.

For more information about the Observatory and Science Centre at Herstmonceux, take a look at their website: [Science attraction in East Sussex - The Observatory Science Centre](#)

In Our Community

Tomorrow (Saturday 10 May) is the annual May Fayre from local emotional support charity [Dandelion Time](#). They would like to invite all families and friends to the fayre, saying on their [website](#): ‘The May Fayre is more than just a celebration of summer’s arrival; it’s a heartfelt tribute to the unique and cherished place that is Dandelion Time.

We open our grounds for everyone to enjoy, offering the chance to meet our animals and explore our 22-acre site, complete with its enchanting woodlands, peaceful pond, and vibrant gardens.

Visitors can also try out our engaging craft activities, all of which play a key part in the work we do to help children with emotional challenges. Every corner of our space is designed to nurture connections, build confidence and provide healing, reflecting the heart of our mission at Dandelion Time.

Come along, experience the magic of Dandelion Time, and support a cause that truly makes a difference in the lives of children.’

- Saturday 10th May | 11am – 3pm
- **Dandelion Time, Charlton Lane, West Farleigh ME15 0NY**
- £3 suggested donation | Kids are free
- There is plenty of parking at the event, please respect our neighbours by not parking on the road

Dandelion Time

MAY FAYRE

11AM to 3PM | £3* | SATURDAY 10 MAY

GAMES & CRAFTS | PLANT SALE
MEET OUR ANIMALS
LIVE MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS
AND MORE!

We're delighted to be joined by:

OLD SCHOOL SAMBA **ROCK CHOIR** **CHARLIE'S ANGELS KITCHENS**

PTA News

Uniform Sale: 15 May



The PTA are pleased to announce that they will be holding a uniform sale next Thursday afternoon after school in the playground.

Cash and card payments are accepted and there will be a wide range of quality uniform pieces for great prices.

Come and have a browse and a buy between 15:15 and 15:50 on Thursday 15 May.

The theme of this year's fete is **Grow Your Own!**

Our competition this year will be **Through Your Lens:** a chance for the children to grab a camera (with permission!) and head out into their garden, to the park, onto their balcony, or just get up close to their favourite plants or flowers, and show us what they love most about being outdoors.

They can print and bring their best photo to the school Fete and be in with a chance of winning fun cards worth £5 to spend on the day.



Summer Fete Competition



Plant Sale Preparation

In keeping with the theme, this year at the Summer Fete we would love to have a plant stall, but we are going to need some help with some pre-growing!

If any of you are green fingered or maybe have family or neighbours who could help out with donations it would be hugely appreciated!

It could be starting some seeds from scratch (things that will grow quickly), or taking cuttings from large herb/ flowering plants and getting them rooted.

We'll arrange a way to get them all together the week before the event but if you could help get some thing's started at home, we'd love your help! Thank you!

SLADE SUMMER FETE
Saturday 21 June
Slade School Field 12-3pm

What's On?

- Inflatable Obstacle Course and Bouncy Castle for under 5s
- Barrow of Booze Raffle
- Entertainment from our Dynamic Duo, Djs Matt & Mark
- Second Hand Stall & Pre-Loved Uniform
- Event Arena featuring Children's Performances
- Year Group Stalls with **NEW** games, crafts, glitter and sweet treats
- Designated Quiet Zone featuring the Slade Bunnies
- BBQ and Beer Tent
- Silent Auction
- NEW Plant Stall**

CASH ON THE DAY
£5 FUN CARDS for card purchase
ASSISTANCE DOGS ONLY

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>Monday 12 - Thursday 15 - KS2 (Year 6) Statutory Assessment Tests:</p> <p><i>Monday - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</i></p> <p><i>Monday - Spelling</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday - Reading Comprehension</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday - Maths 1 (Arithmetic)</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday - Maths 2 (Reasoning)</i></p> <p><i>Thursday - Maths 3 (Reasoning)</i></p> <p>Thursday 15 - Secondary School Information Evening for Year 5 parents</p> <p>Friday 23 - Year 2 Titanic Workshop</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