



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 5, Issue 5

Friday 23 May 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 5!

The final week of term has been another week of sporting activity and achievements! We have had children from across the year groups going out and about once again representing the school in a huge range of sporting categories, performing as always with enthusiasm and pride. Do read on to find out more about our sporting successes and to enjoy browsing through some pictures too. Huge congratulations and well done to all of the children and adults involved in these events! 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 6 is now available on the school website for you to browse and book!

Well done to all of this term's 'Presentation Picnic' winners who on Wednesday this week were invited to join Miss Garrett and I down on the field on our picnic blankets for this inaugural event! Even the heavy downpours didn't stop the winners' enthusiasm as they enjoyed a well-deserved cupcake treat! Our winners had all been nominated for a place on the picnic blanket by their class teachers in recognition of their consistency in meeting our presentation expectations in all of their school work. Congratulations to all of the children for consistently being such great role models to others with their beautifully presented work and books. Thank you too to the PTA parent helpers for the new roofs on the outdoor classrooms which provided much needed shelter during the event!

Following on from the success of our Reading and Library Angels we are now looking to recruit to the role of Lunchtime Angels. So, we are now looking for parents or grandparents that enjoy being outdoors who would be willing and able to help out with supporting lunchtime activities down on our field, ideally on a regular basis. We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in sharing their skills and knowledge of traditional playground games with our children. If this is something that you would be interested in finding out more about then please do drop us an email at the [office email address](#) or catch me on the gate next term to find out more. Thank you!

Now for some baby news and congratulations to Mrs. Helen Lipman, Class Teacher in Griffin Class, on the arrival of her baby girl Eleanor who was born safe and well during last week. I am sure that you all join with me in sending best wishes to Helen and her family; we very much look forward to some cuddles with baby Eleanor and welcoming her to Slade in the not too distant future.

It wouldn't be an end of term newsletter without the mention of lost property! As always, we do try to return all found 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. 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 everyone.

Finally, some words from Eleanor Hoyle regarding the Headteacher recruitment process:

"Dear Slade Community, I'm delighted to be able to confirm that the Governors have made an appointment to the Headteacher post. This is subject to references and contracts and therefore further details will be provided as soon as possible after the half term break. Thank you for your support through the process."

I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2 June.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 19 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025

Summer Terms Break. School Closed to all Pupils

Monday 2 June 2025

- **First Day of Term 6**
- Pixie Class Forest School
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (See page 5)
- Hillview School visiting their new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 3 June 2025

- Elf Class Forest School
- Pegasus Class Swimming
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (See page 5)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 4 June 2025

- Wyvern Class Forest School
- Hydra Class Forest School
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (See page 5)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 5 June 2025

- Dragon Class Forest School
- Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Finals (Longmead Stadium) - Details known to participants
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Friday 6 June 2025

- Griffin Class Forest School
- [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

Summer Terms Break



Everyone at Slade wishes all of our children and their families and friends a super Summer Terms Break.

Starting with Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed to all pupils for half-term next week and we hope that everyone has a lovely week, whatever you are up to.

School resumes for the last lap of the school year on Monday 2 June - it is a long term, but there is plenty to look forward to as we countdown to the summer holiday, the last day of Term 6 is Friday 18 July.

Just in June, Year 2 are off to Kent Life for their educational visit, Year 5 go on a Heroes Hike tidying up the local environment for everyone to enjoy, Year 4 go further afield on the Haysden Hike, we welcome parents, carers and friends to school for our Open Evening (Tuesday 17 June) and then a couple of days later for Sports Day (Thursday 19 June). All of this, and of course Year 6 wind their time down at Primary School with their residential activity week in Ashford from 22 - 25 June.

Later in the term, we also have one of our favourite days of the year: meeting our new families and transition day - when everyone visits their new classroom with their teacher for 2025/26 school year.

HillFest sees our dance and performing arts groups take part in the Hillview School festival and to round things off, Year 1 are off to Hastings at the beginning of July.

The summer time at Slade is in full swing!

Yesterday, we were visited by friend of the school, photographer Matthew Walker, who set up on the field to take the class group photographs for this year.

The photographs will be available to view with details on how to order on the first day of Term 6 when the children will bring home their proof cards. Orders will be made online via the Portrait Days website with free delivery to school if they are made before 23:59 on Sunday 15 June.



In the new term, the Year 4 classes will be making a river model as part of their DT learning.

To assist this project, if you have any cleaned plastic or foil containers as well as small cardboard boxes that you are happy to keep for the week and bring to school on the first day back then please feel free to bring them to the school office and we will take them to Phoenix and Sphinx Classes.

Thanks in advance for any donations you are able to bring in.

Slade Journal: Around School



On Wednesday, Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett were incredibly pleased to be presenting their first Presentation Awards at the inaugural Presentation Picnic!

The certificates are awarded to a child from each class who has impressed their teacher with neat presentation in their books which includes underlining with a ruler, neat handwriting, sticking loose paper in along straight lines amongst other things identified as making their learning clear and lovely to read back in the future.

Congratulations to all of the children who were awarded their certificate on Wednesday, who also enjoyed a cookie or muffin picnic with Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett.

The termly award can be achieved by having excellent presentation, or showing an amazing improvement in the child's learning presentation, so is available to all - the challenge is on!



At the beginning of Term 6, our Year 4 children will be taking part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check, which is a Key Stage 2 assessment from the Department for Education to be taken by pupils at the end of Year 4 in schools nationwide.

The purpose of the check is to record times tables knowledge to measure against the expected level.

Times Tables Rockstars is an ideal way to practice (and earn points for your class at the same time) or you can visit [Multiplication Tables Check - 2025 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk) and have a go yourself!

The check is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12; for every question, they have 6 seconds to answer, and in between the questions, there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often, however the questions are generated randomly. The children in Phoenix and Sphinx Class will take the check in small groups through the week, the actual assessment will only take around 10 minutes. If you have any questions, please send an email to the class address

For more information: [Multiplication tables check - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/multiplication-tables-check)

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Back

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Year 4 Times Tables Check

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 = 94.8%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.4%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 42

This week, our youngest learners lead the way as Gruffalo Class take Attendance Ted.

Punctuality Pup goes back to familiar territory and will spend half-term in Hippogriff Class.

Our winners:

Attendance Ted: Gruffalo Class (97.7% attendance)

Punctuality Pup: Hippogriff Class (No Late Children)

Congratulations to Mrs Pearson, Mr Louth and everyone in Gruffalo and Hippogriff Classes.



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Congratulations to all of the team who took part in the Schools’ Swimming Gala at the beginning of this week.

The event, held at Tonbridge School, saw the Slade team beat off the opposition from 6 local schools to become Tonbridge Champions.

Mrs Ball: ‘ We are lucky to have such a strong swimming squad, they performed so well and we are very proud. My thanks to our Sports Crew as well for managing the event, to Venika and Henry for the scoring and to the boys from Skinners who carried out the timekeeping so well.’



Just as in the swimming, we have ended the week as the new Tonbridge and Malling Key Stage 1 Cricket Champions.

The team are through to play in the Kent County finals later in the summer after outstanding performances from everyone which resulted in wins against Ide Hill, Woodlands, Skinners Kent Academy and Claremont.

Thankyou also to Flora Hudson for her assistance with the team all day, without your help, the day would not have been possible.



We had a large number of children from across the eight Key Stage 2 classes representing Slade at the Trinity Dance show, ‘Elements of the World’ at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday evening.

A group from Year 3 performed Mr Blue Sky, a group of Year 6 children danced to Great Balls of Fire (both groups learnt these dances in PE lessons with choreographer Lauren Mersh) and our Cheerleaders executed their Run Fire Run routine perfectly, on the perfect evening for fun and entertainment!



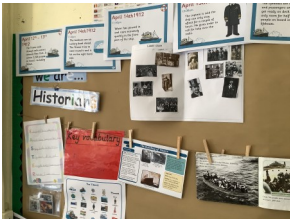
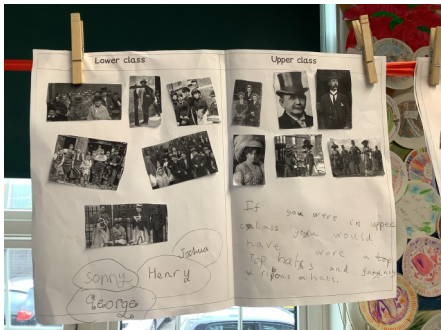
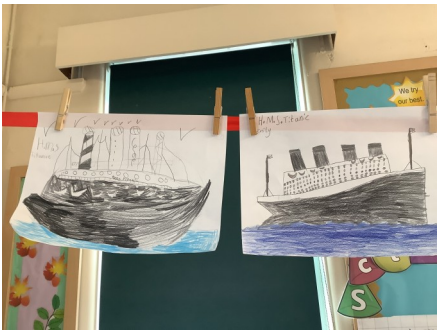
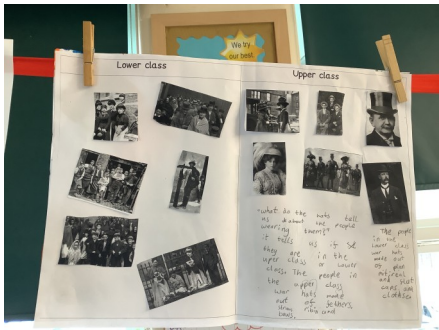
Focus on Year 2



Today, the children in Gnome and Sprite Class have had a special treat as James from Altru Drama joined us to present a Titanic Workshop Day.

Year 2 have been learning about Titanic as part of their English and History lessons this term and the workshop has helped the children immerse themselves in the topic.

They have learnt about the building, sailing and ultimate sinking of Titanic in April 1912, as well as the people onboard; they have also put together a chronology of events, which has also introduced them on how to put together an accurate timeline of events that span years, months or days.



From the classroom...

... To being there



Creating Titanic



On the Lifeboats



‘Play, Musicians, Play’

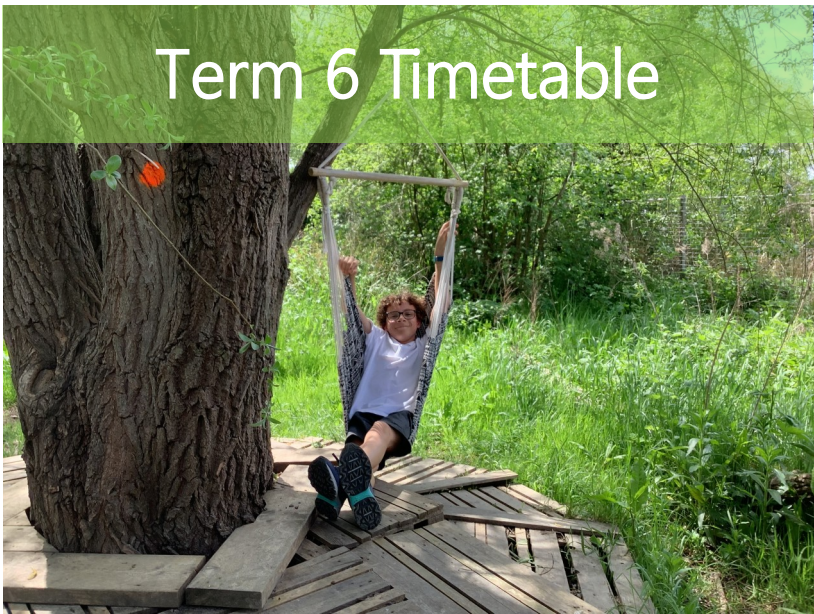


Aye, Aye Captain



James was impressed by the knowledge the children had about Titanic and the era she sailed in.

Forest School



Monday 2 June - Pixie (Mr Clark)
Tuesday 3 June - Elf (Mrs Mulhern)
Wednesday 4 June - Wyvern (Mrs Fordyce) and Hydra (Mr Duffin)
Thursday 5 June - Dragon (Mrs Worley)
Friday 6 June - Griffin (Miss Hall)

Monday 9 June - Gnome (Mrs Manktelow and Mrs Stephens)
Tuesday 10 June - Sprite (Miss Ellis)
Wednesday 11 June - Phoenix (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple) and Sphinx (Mrs Burnside)
Thursday 12 June - Dragon (Mrs Worley)
Friday 13 June - Griffin (Miss Hall)

Monday 16 June - Wyvern (Mrs Fordyce)*
Tuesday 17 June - Hydra (Mr Duffin)*
Wednesday 18 June - Elmer (Mrs Hitchcock) AND Gruffalo (Mrs Pearson)
Friday 20 June - Dragon (Mrs Worley) and Griffin (Miss Hall)

Monday 23 June - Pegasus (Miss Meers and Miss Elliott)
Tuesday 24 June - Hippogriff (Mr Louth)
Wednesday 25 June - Hydra (Mr Duffin) and Wyvern (Mrs Fordyce)
Thursday 26 June - Griffin (Miss Hall)
Friday 27 June - Dragon (Mrs Worley)

Monday 30 June - Sphinx Class (Mrs Burnside)**
Tuesday 1 July - Phoenix Class (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple)**
Friday 4 July - Griffin (Miss Hall) and Dragon (Mrs Worley)

Monday 7 July - Gnome (Mrs Manktelow and Mrs Stephens)
Tuesday 8 July - Sprite (Miss Ellis)
Wednesday 9 July - Sphinx (Mrs Burnside) and Phoenix (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple)
Thursday 10 July - Griffin (Miss Hall)
Friday 11 July - Dragon (Mrs Worley)

Monday 14 July - Elf (Mrs Mulhern)
Tuesday 15 July - Pixie (Mr Clark)
Wednesday 16 July - Gruffalo (Mrs Pearson) and Elmer (Mrs Hitchcock)

**Heroes Hike*

*** Haysden Hike*



Focus on Dragon Class



Curry Cooking

On Thursday, Dragon Class visited the kitchens at Tonbridge School to do some cooking - and some much deserved tasting!

Thanks to the team at Tonbridge School for hosting us and for teaching some very valuable life lessons about simple home cooking that have already inspired the children in Year 6 to want to try some more cooking at home.

They cooked a vegetable curry, learning how to safely and successfully peel, chop, slice and prepare vegetables. They learnt how and why we would want to use stock in our cooking and how to properly measure out ingredients as they go.

They were able to use the ovens and hobs correctly and safely and also found out about the value in adding seasoning to the dish.



It was Griffin Class's turn this morning to visit Tonbridge School - we know that it will be as equally delicious as the dishes prepared by Mrs Worley's class yesterday.

If any of the children do their own cooking over the half term break, send us details and we will feature their creations in the next newsletter.

PTA News



Grow Your Own - Through Your Lens

Half term is a great opportunity to get your entries ready for our competition this year.

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.

For all those who have kindly offered to help in the run-up to and during the Summer Fete, don't forget to check if your companies run any Match Funding opportunities for any charity work you get involved with.

The Slade PTA 's registered charity number is: 1078457.

If you are involved in manning a stall you may be able to apply to match fund the amount that stall raises on the day. Other companies offer donations to a charity for the time you, or your partner, have spent volunteering. It can quickly add up and make a massive difference!



For anyone unable to volunteer at PTA events throughout the year, or who would like or prefer to make a financial contribution, please find all the forms you need at the bottom of the PTA page on the school website:

<https://www.slade.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=PTA&pid=45>

The PTA Committee work closely with the school to ensure every penny is wisely spent and enhances the educational experience of all the children at Slade.



Home - Jack Nutley



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

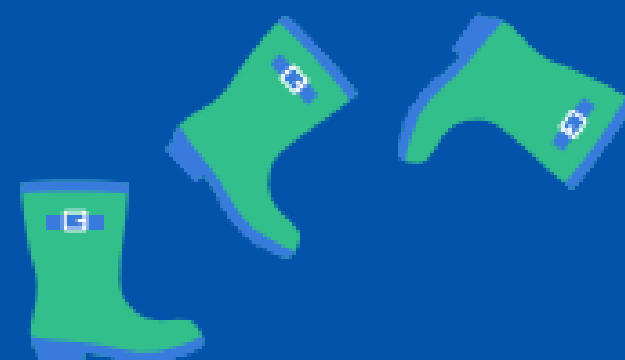
Year Group Stalls with NEW games, crafts, glitter and sweet treats

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

Payments	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.
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Diary Dates: Looking Ahead

September	October	November
		
December	January	February
		
March	April	May
		Friday 23 - Last Day of Term 5
June	July	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
Monday 2 - First Day of Term 6 Monday 2 - Friday 6 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Screening (Previous email refers.) Monday 9 - Friday 13 - Year 1 Phonics Screening (More details to follow) Thursday 12 - NHS Visit for EYFS Hearing tests (Retests) Monday 16 - Wyvern Class Heroes Hike Tuesday 17 - Wyvern Class Heroes Hike Friday 13 - Year 2 Trip: Maidstone Tuesday 17 - Open Evening Thursday 19 - Sports Day Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford) Monday 30 - Sphinx Class Haydsen Hike Monday 30 - Year 6 Parent Workshop (Secondary Transition) See Posters	Tuesday 1 - Phoenix Class Haysden Hike 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	

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