



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 6, Issue 1

Friday 6 June 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. Term 6 has got off to a flying start with lots of fabulous learning taking place across the school.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our school governors into school to see first-hand what a typical day entails here at Slade, including at our wraparound provision too. From spending time in classes, to speaking with school leaders, by joining a Pupil Council Meeting, to learning about grammar and phonics, to name but a few of the experiences enjoyed, they were able to get a flavour of what is provided in school on a daily basis. It was great to see so many governors enjoying a school lunch too! All reported that they learnt so much from being fully immersed in a typical day in school and had their eyes opened to some of the realities and challenges that are faced on a daily basis. It goes without saying that all of our visitors were incredibly impressed by our fabulous children! The governors were also delighted to have extended their own subject knowledge throughout the day, for example in learning what a fronted adverbial is! Do see if they can tell you! Thank you to all those on the governing body who attended and for giving of your valuable time to the school in this way; we very much appreciate it.

Do look out for this term's Year Group newsletters which will all be dropping into your inboxes on Monday; these are a great opportunity for you to find out more of what your child will be learning throughout this term and offer ways in which you can support your child too. Advanced notice that our annual Open Evening event will be taking place on the evening of Tuesday 17 June which is an opportunity for you to visit not just your child's classroom and see their learning but is a chance to explore all other classes and areas of the school too. More details to follow next week!

As many of you will be aware, it is during this term that we start to prepare the children for the next academic year and some of the changes that lie ahead; this includes any changes to staffing for September. We are hoping to be able to share this information with you and the children in the coming weeks and ideally prior to our Open Evening event. As always, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance should your child be anxious or worried during this period of transition and change; we are here to help and support in any way we can.

Talking of transition and change, for those that may have missed today's earlier communication, please find below a message from Eleanor Hoyle, Chair of Governors, regarding the appointment of the new Headteacher here at Slade:

"I am delighted to announce that the Governors have appointed Viki Garrett, our current Deputy Head, as the new Headteacher of Slade Primary School from 1st September 2025. The Governors are thrilled that Miss Garrett will now move into the Headteacher role and take over leading the school from Mrs Slade, who we look forward to celebrating with and thanking for her brilliant leadership during the coming term. Miss Garrett is a hugely valued member of our school community already and I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that we're all looking forward to this exciting next chapter for Slade. I know there will be lots of follow up questions about what this change will mean for the wider leadership team and for the school more generally and both Mrs Slade and I will work closely with Miss Garrett to ensure everyone is kept updated and informed."

I'm sure that you all join with me in offering the hugest of congratulations and all good wishes to Viki on her appointment to the position of headteacher here at Slade Primary School. I am delighted to be passing my headship baton into her safe and capable hands.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 9 June 2025 - Friday 13 June 2025

PTA Summer Fete Donation Days. Please see Page 13 for full information.

Donations can be left in the labelled bin at drop off time, or to the school office throughout the day.

Monday 9 June 2025 - Thursday 12 June 2025

Year 1 Phonics Screening (Year 1 parents, please refer to email sent on 3 June for full information)

Monday 9 June 2025

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

Tuesday 10 June 2025

- Sprite Class Forest School
- Pegasus Class Swimming
- Year 5 and 6 Lacrosse Festival - Details known to participants
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 11 June 2025

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

Thursday 12 June 2025

- Griffin Class Forest School
- EYFS Vision Screening from the Kent Community Health Trust. See Page 4
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Friday 13 June 2025

- Dragon Class Forest School
- Year 2 Educational Visit to Kent Life, Maidstone
- Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Girls visiting new Year 7 pupils currently in Year 6
- [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



We would like to welcome our new readers to the school newsletter this week.

For the first time, we have been able to include on the emailed distribution of the newsletter, our new families who will be joining us from September with children starting in our Early Years Reception Classes.

We hope you enjoy our weekly look at life at Slade and we look forward to a long, happy and successful relationship with you all.

We are particularly delighted to welcome to Slade, sisters Karen and Praise who have started with us just yesterday in Year 2 and 5 respectively.

Karen has spent her first days at Slade in Sprite Class with Miss Ellis and Praise with Mr Duffin in Hydra Class. We welcome them both and it was super to see you in your new school settling so quickly with new friends.

We extend our warm welcome to all of Karen and Praise's family.



Next week, Year 2 are heading out on their educational trip to Kent Life in Maidstone.

This is a last reminder to those that have not yet provided consent and payment for this trip. If you are yet to pay for the visit, please logon to Arbor tonight, click on Trips and follow the prompts from there.

This trip is currently running at a substantial loss which cannot in the future be funded by the school.

Next Thursday, we will be hosting the Kent Community Health NHS team who be back at Slade to conduct the vision screening for all children in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes.

This is an important part of the NHS offering to schools - for more information from the Kent Community Health website about the vision screening for Reception Age children, click here: [Screening Programmes](#) and for details on all Kent School Health programmes, click here: [Kent School Health](#) from the same website.



Slade Journal: Around School



You will remember that just before the half-term break, we said hello again to Matthew Walker from Portrait Days, who came in to take the end of year class group photographs.

This week, we have been very pleased to be able to distribute the proof cards which detail how to take a closer look at the photograph of your child's class including a magnify tool to take a clear look of your child's expression in the picture!

Ordering could not be easier as it is all done via the Portrait Days website: [Portrait Days](#).

Click on Order Your Prints, then add the Access Code (which is listed on the Proof Card, and for ease below).

Order before 23:59 on Sunday 15 June to receive free delivery to school - after which you are still able to order, but you will face a home delivery charge.

The access codes all begin with 242634- then the class identification number:

EYFS		Year 5	
Elmer 242634-86174	Gruffalo 242634-39295	Wyvern 242634-23867	Hydra 242634-83390
Year 1		Year 6	
Pixie 242634-51146	Elf 242634-85274	Dragon Class Normal 'Team Line Up' Picture 242634-28468	
Year 2		Dragon Class 'Fun' Shot 242634-49963	
Gnome 242634-18196	Sprite 242634-12485		
Year 3		Griffin Class Normal 'Team Line Up' Picture 242634-55407	
Pegasus 242634-44599	Hippogriff 242634-90677	Griffin Class 'Fun' Shot 242634-81031	
Year 4			
Phoenix 242634-79203	Sphinx 242634-43956		
		Titans HI Provision 242634-16923	

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 = 95.6%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.4%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 41

Pixie at the double this week - congratulations to Mr Clark and all of his class for being here, on time and ready to learn every day in the first week of Term 6.

Attendance Ted

Pixie Class (Year 1) 99.2% attendance this week

Punctuality Pup

Pixie Class (Year 1) No late marks



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



On Sunday, our good friends and neighbours at Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club are hosting a Pitch Up and Play session for girls in school years 3 to 8, which includes all of Key Stage 2 here at Slade.

The Pitch Up and Play sessions are incredibly popular because they offer a fun and informal introduction to the game of rugby to girls - even if they have never tried the sport before.

A year ago, Maddy from Hydra Class in Year 5 went along to the Pitch Up and Play weekend event - and hasn't looked back since - however her rugby journey started here at Slade, with Ed Stockbridge (coach at Tonbridge Juddians and organiser of the Pitch Up weekends) her main inspiration following his PE session with the girls in her yeargroup. We spoke to Maddy on Wednesday about why she would encourage girls across Key Stage 2 to go along on Sunday morning.



'I had never played rugby before when Ed came into school to give us some lessons during PE last year. I knew that I was going to enjoy it when he said that rugby was a physical sport where you can really get involved. I loved the lessons we had and when I found out about the Pitch Up and Play at Tonbridge Juddians I really wanted to go and try it out.

As a result, I have had a great first year being coached and learning the skills of the sport whilst having so much fun with new friends and teammates. I have played tournaments and lots of friendly matches against other rugby clubs, who are always very good to us - it is a very friendly environment. We normally play our matches on a Sunday, however this week is this year's Pitch Up and Play day and I would really love to see lots of girls from Slade join us for the event which I am going to as well so that they can also have a lot of fun trying something new.'

Thankyou to Maddie for talking to us and congratulations on a fantastic opening year at Tonbridge Juddians.

Tonbridge Juddians RFC Girls Rugby Pitch Up & Play Event



JOIN US! **SUNDAY 8TH JUNE, 10:00 - 12:00**

- ✓ SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 8
- ✓ FUN INTRODUCTORY SESSION
- ✓ LEADING GIRLS SET UP IN WEST KENT
- ✓ NO RUGBY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Just turn up on the day for a fun training session. Great introduction to the game. Warm and friendly atmosphere. Go on, give it a try!

For more information contact:
edward.stockbridge@hotmail.co.uk

Tonbridge Juddians RFC,
The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1HR.



Follow @tonbridge_juddians_girls_rugby on:



Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



NWK Swimming Gala

Schools from across North West and West Kent gathered together on Wednesday evening at St Johns Swimming Pool in Tunbridge Wells for the district schools Gala.

For the second time in successive school weeks, Slade are Schools Swimming Champions!

Congratulations to all of the team for super strong performances all evening long, Slade won the gala cup with three points to spare from second placed Stocks Green.

Handing out the medals and trophy was local swimming hero Iona Winniffrith. Iona is known across the globe for her silver medal success aged just 13 at the Paris Paralympics last year. Iona is a member of Tonbridge Swimming Club, and it was her pleasure to be at the gala as special guest, and the honour of our team to meet the British Olympic superstar.



Champions Again, Olé Olé

Yesterday's wet conditions did not dampen our Year 3 and 4 girls football team's chances of success at Longmead Stadium as they were crowned Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Champions in the schools tournament at the home of Tonbridge Angels FC.

The championship was secured with wins against Yalding, Claremont and Sussex Road with the girls producing some scintillating performances with teamwork their key. It helps when they have Daisy up front too - she scored 9 (nine!) goals in the three matches and the defence can't have been bad either - they conceded only one goal all morning, and that was a consolation goal in the last match! Well done girls - carrying on a great tradition of Slade success in girls football over the last five years!

The boys Year 5 and 6 boys also qualified for the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells football finals day; they put in a fine day's performance but fell short of a trophy success losing against Sussex Road and drawing an exciting match versus Claremont. Well done for reaching the finals tournament boys!

Our News: Evelyn



Many congratulations to Evelyn in Hippogriff Class who has spoken to us this week about her rise through the grading system at her local gymnastics club.

'I worked hard to achieve my Achievement Award Level 6 just before half-term at Weald Gymnastics Club in Tonbridge.

To get my Level 6 certificate I had to perform a routine that included gymnastics on the bar, the beam, on the floor and on the vault; I really like performing all of the routines, especially the high bar.

I have been learning gymnastics for four years at Weald, it is a lot of fun every time, and very rewarding when you manage to pass to the next level.'



Evelyn described what it is like performing in front of someone assessing her routine:

'I get really excited, but also nervous when I perform in front of a judge or judges, but it is fantastic knowing that that my mum and my nanny were there as well. I am very proud when I can show everyone everything I have practiced and when it all goes well!'

Many thanks to Evelyn's mum who sent in these photographs, which include a fantastic shot half way through a cartwheel, one of many Evelyn had to perform as part of her floor routine.

Slade Journal: Around School



The Pupil Council held their termly meeting together this week, with the topic on the agenda this time round being the integration of our school rabbits Ziggy and Dibbles into life across the school.

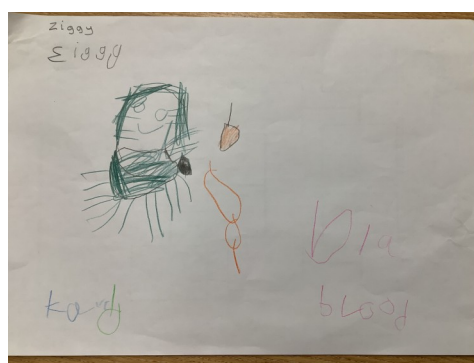
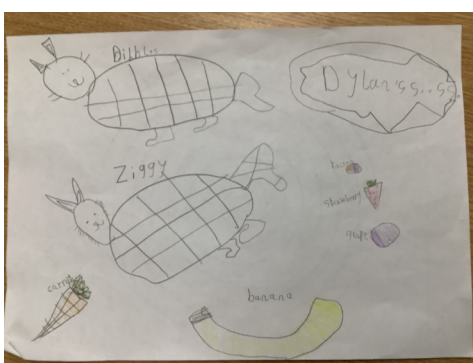
The council were asked; How can we spend more time with the rabbits (whilst being mindful of the welfare of Ziggy and Dibbles).

They consulted with each other for a few minutes before discussing their initial ideas with the whole council. Those initial thoughts included: time spent with the rabbits as a reward, feeding and cleaning out rotas through the classrooms, having the rabbits stay in classrooms on a rota basis and being in charge of Ziggy and Dibbles during their lunchtimes on the field.

The most ambitious idea was put forward by Bryher and Francesca in Year 6, who introduced a cross curricular activity that involved each class being asked to produce an 'adventure playground' for Ziggy and Dibbles to use and play in. This would hopefully act as fun and stimulation for the bunnies and as a challenging DT project for pupils.

The council have now spoken to the rest of their class and have been asked to return to the next meeting with any additional ideas that may have been suggested in classroom discussions before plans can be implemented. Our thanks to Governors Scott, Berrie and Daniel for attending the meeting as part of their day looking around school on Wednesday.

Ziggy and Dibbles have also been the topic of conversation around the table at Pet Club this week. The children who have found spending time with the rabbits beneficial have been learning about the needs of animals and if you have pets at home, how to look after them to protect the animal and give it the best possible experience. This week, they have been showing their **appreciation** by drawing pictures of their new furry friends.



Slade Journal: Around School

17th JUNE

Club Cancellations

- DanceMode Street Dance for Year 1-3 between 15:30 and 16:15
- DanceMode Street Dance for Year 4-6 between 16:30 and 17:15
- Gary Marshall Cricket Club for Key Stage 2 between 15:30 and 16:30
- The Little Sewing School for Key Stage 2 between 15:30 and 16:30

Please arrange for children who normally attend these clubs to be collected at the end of the school day, or to be booked into Yeti's Wraparound where places are available.

Sports Day is in a couple of weeks time, on Thursday 19 June. Everyone is welcome to come and watch as the children travel around their carousel of sporting activities and races. There will be refreshments and programmes for sale to raise money for school, so please bring some loose change!

Entry is via the Hawden Road Gate - supporters of children in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 should arrive at 09:00 (09:15 start), with those coming to watch children in Year 4, 5 and 6 to arrive at 13:15 for a 13:30 start to the activities.



Today has been year 6s 'Life Skills Day' - Dragon and Griffin Classes have learnt about budgeting money and the children have worked on activities to budget spending money for a dinner with friends and a trip to somewhere.

They have put up tents (some groups in the torrential rain, although smiling throughout!) and looked at different campsites on campsites.co.uk.

Year 6 have also learnt how to light a fire in forest school (and toasted and tasted some marshmallows).



In Our Community



Online Courses July 2025

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
149387	Autism Awareness	01/07/25	22/07/25	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
149743	Supporting ADHD in the Home	01/07/25	15/07/25	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
149379	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	08/07/25	08/07/25	Tuesday	13:00	15:00
149490	Stepping up into Secondary	09/07/25	09/07/25	Weds	19:00	21:00
150756	Stepping up into Secondary	10/07/25	10/07/25	Thursday	12:30	14:30
149427	Stepping up into Primary	11/07/25	11/07/25	Friday	12:30	14:30

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to

www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email

businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 41 22 22

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

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PTA News

The Slade Summer Fete is nearly upon us, and we are all looking forward to another outstanding event held and organised by the super PTA team, supported by children and staff from across the school and proudly sponsored by local independent Estate Agent, Jack Nutley.

Caroline and Emily have the following notes as the preparations turn to the day itself, and ways that you can help to make the event the best yet!

[Home - Jack Nutley](#)



Step Up to make our Fete a Success!

Our PTA Summer Fete can't happen without YOU! We urgently need more volunteers to bring this fantastic event to life.

Class reps are reaching out to plan stalls, fill rotas, and collect small donations for stall prizes—but they can't do it alone.

- Class stalls are run on donations so that *every penny raised goes straight back into enriching your child's educational experience at Slade.*
- Just **30 minutes** of your time could make all the difference. Right now, some parents are facing running stalls **alone for the entire event**—and that's not how this should work.
- Let's pull together as a community. Let's make this a day to remember for our kids. Please step up, sign up, and help make this event a success!

Thank you all so much for your support.

DONATION DAYS!

We're collecting donations for the incredible Barrow of Booze raffle and the year 4 Tombola.

We would be so grateful for any items that would make fun prizes and any bottles you would be happy to donate to make our Barrow of Booze a spectacular prize to take home at the end of the Fete!!

Please bring any donations you are able to make to the main gates at drop off or to the office any day next week.



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
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
		
June	July	
<p>Monday 9 - Thursday 12 - Year 1 Phonics Screening</p> <p>Thursday 12 - NHS Visit for EYFS Vision Screening and resit Hearing tests</p> <p>Friday 13 - Year 2 Trip: Maidstone</p> <p>Monday 16 - Wyvern Class Heroes Hike</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Wyvern Class Heroes Hike</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Open Evening</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Sports Day</p> <p>Saturday 21 - PTA Summer Fete (12:00 - 15:00) See posters around school</p> <p>Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 - Year 6 Residential (Kingswood, Ashford)</p> <p>Monday 30 - Sphinx Class Haydsen Hike</p> <p>Monday 30 - Year 6 Parent Workshop (Secondary Transition) See Posters around school</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Phoenix Class Haysden Hike</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

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