

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 6, Issue 3

Friday 20 June 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so very lovely to see so many of you in school this week!

On Tuesday evening we welcomed families onto site at the end of the school day for our annual Open Evening event. It was so delightful to see children in all year groups proudly showing their adults around, talking about their learning and school with such passion and enthusiasm! A huge thank you to the many of you who visited with your child, taking the time to look at their books, work and classroom displays whilst also using the opportunity to visit other classrooms across the school too. Well done to those of you who even managed to fit in a visit to our Forest School! We hope that you all enjoyed your visit as much as we did! Many thanks too to all of the staff involved in this event and for showcasing the school at its best. A really lovely evening had by all!

Yesterday saw all of our children participate in our annual Sports Day event, competing in both field and track events, working hard to earn points for their respective classes. It was so very lovely to welcome so many of you down onto the field to share in the fun! Well done to all children for taking part with such enthusiasm and for consistently demonstrating such excellent teamwork throughout the day. And for surviving the heat too! All children performed and behaved impeccably throughout with many of them achieving individual recognition, including awards for upholding our school values of Kindness, Inclusion, Honesty and Resilience, which will be presented during celebration assembly next week; well-done Team Slade! Many thanks to all friends and family for your enthusiastic support and to all of the staff for enabling the event to happen. A special shout out to Wendy Ball, our Fitness and Well Being Champion, who organised the whole event with the help of her fantastic Year 5&6 Sports Crew, ensuring that the day was a huge success from start to finish; thank you Wendy! A very memorable occasion for all involved.

If you haven't been able to make it into school yet this week then there is an opportunity tomorrow at our annual PTA Summer Fair to which you are all invited! The fair is taking place on the school field between 12 and 3 and can be accessed via the Hawden Road school entrance. A huge thank you to the committee and parent volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the last weeks in preparation for the big event. Thank you too to all friends and families of the school who have donated so very generously to support with the various stalls and prizes. Things to look out for include children's performances in the central arena throughout the day, including the choir and dance club, the staff 'Connect 4' stall and some great lots at the Silent Auction too!

Thank you to those parents who have provided feedback following us sharing the details of class allocations for next year. A reminder that all decisions made are based on considering the needs of all children across the school alongside the personal and professional needs of the staff too. This is also the case when allocating support staff to their various roles, with this part of the jigsaw currently still a work in progress which we are hoping to finalise and complete prior to the whole school transition day on 3rd July. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

A couple of personal updates from me. Firstly, following the completion of the headteacher recruitment process here at Slade I am now in a position to share that I will be working for the Local Authority as a School Improvement Adviser for two days a week from September. I am very privileged to have been offered this position and am very much looking forward to working alongside other headteachers and school leaders. And finally, I hope that you have all received your invite to my 'Farewell on the Field' picnic planned for lunchtime on Wednesday 16th July. Please do save the date and keep a look out for further details of the event in the coming weeks.



Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the Summer Fair!

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Saturday 21 June 2025

12:00- 15:00 - PTA Summer Fete. Entry via Hawden Road Gate.

Full preview on page 11-14

Sunday 22 June - Wednesday 25 June 2025

Year 6 Residential Activity Week at Kingswood, Ashford

Year 6 parents should refer to previous information for timings.

Monday 23 June 2025

- Hippogriff Class Forest School
- Extra Curricular Activity Clubs

Tuesday 24 June 2025

- Pegasus Class Forest School
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- Cricket Competition (Participants aware of detail)
- Extra Curricular Activity Clubs

Wednesday 25 June 2025

- Hydra Class Forest School
- Wyvern Class Forest School
- Extra Curricular Activity Clubs

Thursday 26 June 2025

- Griffin Class Forest School
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- Extra Curricular Activity Clubs

Friday 27 June 2025

- Year 6 Long Distance Hike
- 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



Classes in 2025/26

We were delighted to share the class organisation structure for the next academic year with parents earlier this year. We hope that you managed to catch a glimpse of your child's new classroom and teacher during the Open Evening on Tuesday and that the children are looking forward to the Transition Day on Thursday 3 July, where the current Year R - Year 5 children will get to spend the day in their new environment in preparation for September.

On that day also, the Year 6 children will be visiting their new Secondary School for the main Transition event and we welcome our new Elmer and Gruffalo Classes to Slade for a morning or afternoon taster session, a chance for them to come to school for the first time, see the classroom, half of their class and their first primary school teacher.

The Slade teaching line up for 2025/26 is:

EYFS Reception Year



Elmer Class - Mrs Danilelle Mulhern



Gruffalo Class - Mrs Natalie Pearson

Year 1



Pixie Class - Mr Thomas Clark



Elf Class - Mrs Julie Hitchcock

Year 2

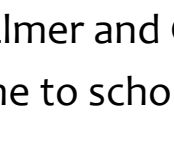


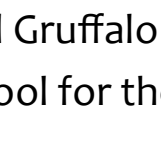
Gnome Class - Mrs Amy Manktelow



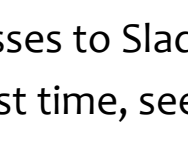
Sprite Class - Miss Taylor Ellis

Year 3





Pegasus Class - Miss Sarah Meers and Miss Rosie Elliott



Hippogriff Class - Mr Nick Louth

Year 4





Phoenix Class - Miss Abigail Taylor and Miss Jessica Maple



Sphinx Class - Mrs Alison Burnside

Year 5





Wyvern Class - Miss Tina Hall and Mrs Emma Potter



Hydra Class - Mr James Duffin

Year 6



Dragon Class - Mrs Grace Worley



Griffin Class - Mrs Tracey Fordyce

Slade Journal: Around School



We have been appreciating how important it is to be kind to each other and to ourselves this term.

This is especially true in Sprite Class where the children enjoyed practising for their sports day events over the last few weeks, and also appreciating that we should not be too upset if we do not come first and not to boast in front of our friends and classmates when we win.

During Sports Day, Sprite Class were keen to show that they were always happy for everyone who had won, or had tried their best at the different activities.

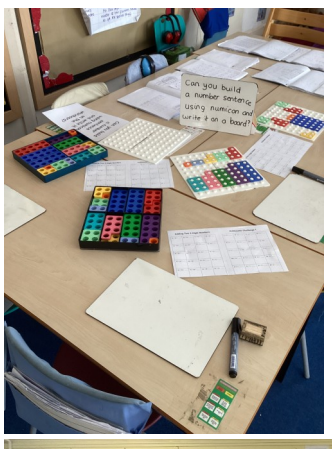
Rose and Marnie are good friends and Rose noticed how happy Marnie was, wherever she came in the races, and on Sports Day presented her with a special award - The Happy Medal for smiling and having fun with her friends, whatever the result of the race!

Well done Marnie, thankyou to Rose and to everyone in Sprite Class for supporting each other with smiles and kindness!

Thankyou to all of our families who attended the open evening on Tuesday - the teachers are very appreciative of your interest in the classroom learning this year as well as taking part in the various challenges on display. Lots of parents also took the opportunity to pop to their child's new classroom to say hi to next years teacher and to see what is in store come September, which was great to see.

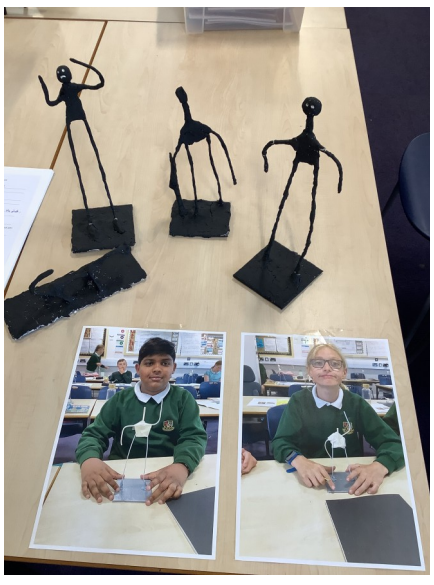
Thankyou to Miss Ellis, Mrs Fordyce and Miss Taylor for sharing some of their classroom displays from the event in Sprite, Wyvern and Phoenix Classes.





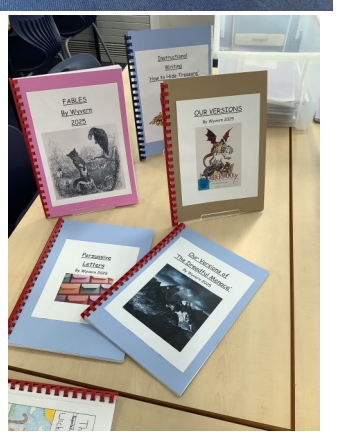












Slade Stats

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 = 96.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.4%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 28

Who Can Beat Hippogriff?

Hippogriff have proved how much they love being at school again this week, with Attendance Ted now calling Mr Louth's Year 3 class home! They did, with reluctance, let Punctuality Pup out though who is back in Griffin Class.



Attendance Ted

Hippogriff Class (Year 3) 99.0% attendance this week



Punctuality Pup

Griffin Class (Year 6) No late marks

Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing



Yesterday, we enjoyed our largest attended event each school year as we welcomed hundreds of parents, carers, relatives and friends to watch the annual sports day.

In the morning, the EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 children took their turn in throwing, jumping, crawling and running around the carousel of activities and races - with the Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils having their competitions in the afternoon.

All of the children performed fantastically in the heat on the field as they represented their class to try and become the champions of the yeargroup. Find out all of the winners of that competition on page 9 of today's newsletter. Congratulations to everyone who took part as you all did more than your best, especially as the temperatures were hitting 30 degrees, which you should be very proud of. Thankyou to everyone who came along to support our sports stars, they very much appreciated your cheering and encouragement, we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!

































Sports Day Gallery




























Sport, Fitness and Wellbeing











EYFS: **Gruffalo**

Year 1: **Elf**

Year 2: **Gnome**

Year 3: **Pegasus**

Year 4: **Phoenix**

Year 5: **Hydra**

Year 6: **Griffin**







Focus on Year 6



Today, Year 6 visited Tonbridge School for a Bake Off-style challenge. Working in teams, they baked and decorated cakes inspired by themes such as *Seaside*, *Willy Wonka*, and *Hot Air Balloon*.

A professional chef judged the creative bakes, with the winning team receiving a certificate and a handshake from Chef. Well done to all our young bakers for their fantastic efforts and imaginative designs!

This week, Year 6 took part in a virtual workshop with the Natural History Museum, delving into the fascinating topic of evolution.

They explored how life on Earth has changed over time, examined real fossil evidence, and learned about natural selection through interactive activities.

The session supported their science curriculum and sparked some great scientific thinking and curiosity!





Meanwhile, on Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic time out on the field, celebrating with a series of classic fete games that brought plenty of laughter and smiles.

The sun shone down as the students took part in favourites like *Beat the Goalie*, *Apple Bobbing*, and *Pin the Tail on the Donkey*.









Slade Journal: Around School



Cooking With Love

Slade Primary School are thrilled and excited to announce that we have teamed up with Emma's Kitchen, who will become our new catering partners, providing school lunches to our children from September 2025.

We start our build up to the beginning of our new partnership with a word from Emma Barnes, the Emma behind Emma's Kitchen and an invite to try out some of her fabulous food at a tasting session after school on Monday 30 June.

'We are really excited to be providing the school dinners for your children from September. As a mum of 3 boys of school age, I know how important it is to feel that your child is receiving a tasty and healthy meal at school. Emma's Kitchen wants to provide nutritionally balanced, healthy food that is also tasty, and for lunchtimes to be something that the children look forward to. I am passionate about educating children about food – where their food comes from, how their lunches are created and encouraging the children to try new and different foods, and to not be afraid of tasting foods and flavours they might not have tried before. To me, catering for school children is more than just serving food up at midday.

Emma's Kitchen is a local business, and we strongly believe in finding out the needs of schools individually and will tailor our menus to suit. If your child has any dietary requirements, please feel free to email me – emma@emmaskitchenco.com and we can discuss your child's requirements.

Our Autumn menu is currently being written but will include all the favourite's including toad in the hole, chicken tikka masala and of course our famous chicken nuggets!!!

We are currently updating our website to go live ahead of the start of our partnership with Slade Primary School, please take a look at the current site which hopefully gives you a flavour of what we offer.

We have already had the pleasure of meeting Kirsty and Jemma in the Slade kitchen, they love good cooking and good food as much as I do and they are really keen to produce healthy, homemade, fresh school dinners that the children will loo forward to every day!

We look forward to meeting you all in September!

Emma and the Team

Emma's Kitchen

Cooking With Love

Welcome to Slade: Emma's Kitchen

Emma has provided some pictures of some recent meals provided at other local schools where she is the contracted caterer to whet your appetite in advance of our partnership beginning in September.

You are all invited to a tasting session after school on Monday 30 June, where we will have different pots with a selection of choices and desserts to try. Just come into the playground where you will shown where to meet. There will be copies of the current Summer Terms menu as a guide as what to expect in the autumn. We will also have a selection of cakes available to the parents of the new EYFS September intake at their Parent Information Meetings on Tuesday 1 July and Wednesday 2 July.















This selection:

Top row: Chilli, Pulled Pork Tacos, Home Made Chicken Nuggets

Middle row: Roast Gammon Dinner

Bottom row: Flatbreads, Bread Rolls, Eton Tidy

Emma's Kitchen
Cooking With Love

PTA News



SLADE SUMMER FETE

Date : SATURDAY 21 JUNE (that's one sleep away!)

Time : 12 Midday - 3:00pm

Entry :

Via the HAWDEN ROAD GATE

Sponsored by : Jack Nutley Estate Agent

In the Event Arena on Saturday 21 June:

12:15 - Cheerleaders with Lauren Mersh of Trinity Dance

12:30 - Year 4 - 6 Choir with Mrs Stephens

12:45 - Year 6 Dance: Great Balls of Fire

13:00 - Year 3 Dance: Mr Blue Sky

13:15 - PTA Photography Competition Results

13:30 - Year 2 and 3 Choir with Mrs Ball: APT and Crocodile Rock

13:45 - Musical Theatre and Drama Club with Nancy Bishop

14:00 - Yoga with Candice Machtus

The Class Stalls include:

Griffin - BBQ

Wyvern - Beer Tent

Phoenix - Tote Bag Craft

Sphinx - Plant Stall

Hippogriff - Welly Wanging

Pegasus - Glitter Tattoos

Gnome - Inflatables

Sprite - Ice Lollies

Elf - Tin Can Alley

Pixie - Bowl ye Pig, Hook a Duck, Beanbag Toss

Gruffalo - Coconut Shy

Elmer - Splat the Rat









In Our Community



At the beginning of the week, the Year 5 classes were out and about in the local community - walking a route that stretched around the Tonbridge Racecourse Park and Tonbridge Juddians rugby fields one way, and the castle grounds, remembrance garden and playpark the other - meeting in the middle! They were not just out for a jaunt though: The Heroes Hike meant they were collecting discarded rubbish on a litter picking exercise to tidy up the open space which is enjoyed by so many locally.

Mrs Fordyce took her Wyvern Class out on Monday and were amazed (in a disappointed way) by the amount of litter that lays on the floor, in bushes and on the riverbank, although she was also amazed (in a positive way!) by the children's attitude to picking it up and the enthusiasm that they showed to be better than the people who drop rubbish and to make their local area look super clean.

Both Wyvern Class and Hydra, who went out on Tuesday, brough back their haul.

They weighed the rubbish collected, which came in at 62kg! Well done to everyone in Year 5, and a message to everyone - take your litter home with you, or use a public bin responsibly.























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.

Diary Dates: Looking Ahead

September	October	November
		

December	January	February
		

March	April	May
		

June	July
Saturday 21 - PTA Summer Fete (12:00 - 15:00) See posters around school 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 around school	Tuesday 1 - Phoenix Class Haysden Hike Wednesday 2 - Colour Run Thursday 3 - Next Year Transition Day Tuesday 8 - Year 1 Trip: Hastings Tuesday 15 - Year 6 Production Wednesday 16 - Mrs Slade's Farewell on the Field (12:00 - 14:00) 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

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