



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

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Friday 27 June 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super week Year 6 have enjoyed on their school residential down in Ashford! A huge well done to all of the children for being such great ambassadors for the school during their time away and for creating so many fantastic memories for all involved! It's been so very lovely to hear you sharing your stories with each other following your return to school yesterday. Special thanks to all of the staff who sacrificed their home comforts and time with their own families to enable this to happen for our children; we very much appreciate it. A special mention to Mr. Laws too for keeping us all up to speed with the daily happenings through his additional daily newsletter.

A huge thank you too to everyone who supported the PTA Summer Fayre last week on a very sweltering Saturday, whether by being part of the army of volunteers or by coming along and spending lots of money! Well done to everyone who organised stalls for us all to enjoy and to all of our fabulous children who gave such amazing performances across the afternoon for us all to watch in the sizzling summer sunshine! A special mention to our fabulous PTA committee for their hard work before, during and after the event too; many thanks to you all. I am delighted to share that everyone's fundraising efforts has raised in the region of a staggering £7,000, with every single penny made benefitting all of the children here at school. Do watch out for an update on the final total and for plans on how this is going to be spent. Don't forget also to get your tickets for the final PTA event of the year, the 'Pimms Fiesta' which is taking place after school on Friday 11 July; further details feature further on in this newsletter and are displayed on posters around school. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yesterday, we welcomed Polly Sharman our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser to the school for her final visit this academic year and for her last meeting with me as headteacher. Polly spent time with me discussing the progress that has been made since she last came to visit in January whilst also discussing the school's planned leadership structure from September, details of which will be shared before the end of term. In addition, Polly enjoyed a 'learning walk' of the school spending time in each of the classes, talking to the children, looking at their books and chatting to them about their learning. Well done and thank you to all the children and staff involved in making her so welcome!

Looking ahead to Monday when you are all invited at pick-up time to a food tasting session to sample some of the delicious delights provided by our new catering contractor 'Emma's Kitchen.' Emma and her team will be on the playground at the end of the day, under the green canopy, with a selection of desserts to sample. Gates will be opening at the slightly earlier time of 3pm to give everyone an opportunity to enjoy a tasty treat and to chat to Emma should you wish to do so. There will also be copies of the current Summer Term's menu as a guide as what to expect in the Autumn. We are very much looking forward to this new partnership and welcoming Emma and her team to the Slade family. I'm also looking forward to some of those tasting pots on Monday too!

Also thinking ahead to next week, the children will all be spending next Thursday 3 July in their new classes with their new teachers getting to know each other ahead of September. Further information regarding the plans for this day, including the end of the day pick up arrangements for carers, will also be shared with you all at the start of next week. In addition, we will also be sending out the final details of the staffing arrangements for September during next week in preparation for transition day too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 30 June 2025

- Sphinx Class Haysden Hike - Parents should refer to previous email for full details
- Gnome Class visit to Tonbridge Library (See page 10)
- Hippogriff Class visit to Tonbridge Library (See page 10)
- Year 6 Parent Workshop: Transition to Secondary School (See page 11)
- Emma's Kitchen Tasting Session for all (See page 5 and posters around school)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 1 July 2025

- Phoenix Class Haysden Hike - Parents should refer to previous emails for full details
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)
- 18:30 New Entrant (EYFS 25) Parents' Information Meeting

Wednesday 2 July 2025

- 09:30 New Entrant (EYFS 25) Parents' Information Meeting
- Year 5 Visiting Tonbridge School Community Day - Parents should refer to previous emails for details
- Colour Run at Tonbridge School (See previous emails and page 5)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 3 July 2025

- Transition Day in school
- Year 6 children to their new Secondary Schools
- EYFS25 Settling In Session
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Friday 4 July 2025

- Hillfest. Participants will be aware of details
- Phoenix Class visit to Tonbridge Library (See page 10)
- Sprite Class visit to Tonbridge Library (See page 10)
- Griffin and Dragon 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



As advertised in last week's newsletter and in our Daily Diary Emails, we are excited to be joining up with Emma's Kitchen as our school dinners and catering partner from September.

Emma will be with us on Monday afternoon after school to host a very special tasting session where she will have a number of food pots for you to try.

Every parent is welcome to join us for the tasting session as Emma is keen to meet the Slade community to let you know about the meals she has planned for our children in the new school year and her passion to provide nutritionally balanced, healthy, tasty food - for lunchtimes to be a part of the day children look forward to.

Emma Barnes will be hosting her tasting session on Monday 30 June at 15:00 under the canopy in the main playground where there will be different choices and a selection of puddings to highlight the quality of meals that will be provided at Slade Primary School from September 2025.

A must be at event for all parents of children in Year R-5 currently!

There will be a special treat for our new families as well - Emma will be providing cakes for the Parent Information Meetings to be held on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 July. She also welcomes questions from our new parents; just come and find a member of the team at the end of the session and we will be able to pass on your questions - and if you don't have time then, just drop us an email to office@slade.kent.sch.uk.



The booking window for the Yeti's sessions that will run in Term 1 of the school year 2025/26 will be live on Monday 14 July.

More news about Yeti's next year will be published shortly, but please remember in advance that you must have a sufficient balance in your Arbor account before booking, this includes funds paid for using childcare vouchers.

If you are a parent or carer of a child in the new EYFS intake (Year R), you will be able to book from midday on 14 July, but you should not book any sessions for the days before the children start school full time, this means that the first day of available sessions at Breakfast and After School Club will be Monday 15 September.

Slade Journal: Around School

DEADLINE DAY

Deadline Looming

Parents of children in Year 5 should be aware that the deadline for securing a spot for their child on next year's Year 6 Residential Activity Week comes up this weekend.

Due to strict timelines issued by the venue, the full deposit of £40 must be paid via your Arbor account by 23:59 on Sunday 29 June. Children not signed up for in this way will not be able to attend the activity week which takes place between 21 June - 24 June 2026.

For a flavour of the activities and fun the children get up to on the Ashford Activity Week, take a look on pages 7 and 8 of today's newsletter to see how the current Year 6 classes have enjoyed their residential stay this week.

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, the whole school will be taking part in a sponsored colour run.

The event will take place at Tonbridge School sports field and every child from Year R to 6 will take part, the colour run will involve the children running round the field with the students from Tonbridge School throwing the coloured powder over the children from the neck below at two stations during the run.

In the unlikely event of children getting powder in their eyes, there will be water readily available.

The Colour Run is being held to raise money for the PTA to purchase more equipment for the school. We are grateful for any donations that you are able to make, or sponsorship that the children can attract from friends and relatives. In order to help the children explain to sponsors what they are doing, a sponsorship form has been drawn up by Mrs Ball. You can download and print the form [here](#), or contact us via office@slade.kent.sch.uk if you would like a printed one brought home with your child.

The safest and quickest way to pay in donations is via the QR Code on the sponsorship form. You can bring in any cash collected via the school office before Friday 11 July, 2025.



Tonbridge Colour Run

School Library Vote

Mrs Mills has been busy in the library as another hugely successful year in the school library draws to a close.

She has been collating reading and borrowing stats, which we will share next week - and she has had an important job for every class - and the thinking can start this weekend!

We are interested in knowing each child's favourite book borrowed from the school library and will be handing out 'voting slips' early next week. **The children should vote for the book they have most enjoyed reading from the school library this year since September.** We will reveal the winning book when the results are known!

There is more reading news on page 9 and 10...



Slade Stats

Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.

Registration takes place at 08:50 in the morning and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

Punctuality

Registers are taken at 08:50. If children arrive after this time, they are registered late.

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Week = 93.8%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.3%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 27

Hippogriff joined by Hydra on the podium!

Hippogriff again, this time sharing the main prize with Hydra loving their time at school with the highest attendance of all of the classes. Hydra take the double though with no late pupils all week.

Attendance Ted

Hippogriff and Hydra Class (Year 3 and Year 5) 98.3% attendance this week

Punctuality Pup

Hydra Class (Year 5) No late marks



Focus on Year 6

Ashford Activity Week



What a week it was for our Year 6 children from Dragon and Griffin Classes as they enjoyed four packed out days of different activities and fun.

The activities included a scrapheap challenge (which ended up with groups each 'dressing' the teachers up as superheroes), teamworking and problem solving, climbing walls, the 'leap of faith', den building, fencing and camp fire building to name most, but probably not all!

Thankyou to all of the team at PGL Ashford for providing such a great experience to our Year 6 children, to the Slade staff for their time (especially Miss Garrett and Mrs Stephens for their photography, which allowed us to provide updates to the parents during the week, and here in the newsletter), to the parents for dropping off and collecting from the venue and most of all to the children for being such fine ambassadors of Slade Primary School.



Ashford Activity Week Gallery



One of the outstanding activities was a chance for the children to take part in their own court case, but not before the most serious of crimes had been committed: the murder of a school headteacher.

The murder had happened between 6:30pm and 7pm on the night of Parents Evening at the school. The Head was found in his office, killed by a football trophy. There were a number of suspects - all of who had a motive and indeed a set of excuses (or clues) that may reveal the true criminal. One by one the suspects were questioned including Penelope (played by Emilia) who was the school secretary and fiancée to another one of the suspects, Frank Bull (Miles). The Deputy Head, Brian (Benjamin) did not think the school was being run well enough was next to be in the dock followed by Surina who was playing a school cleaner who thought she was not paid well enough, rebel student Ryan (Hayden) who believed the school needed change and finally Samantha (Swati) who did not think the Head bought the right equipment for the school.

After questioning, clues and further evidence including emails and the conclusive CCTV footage when that and the logbook of who had the Headteachers room key did not match with up.



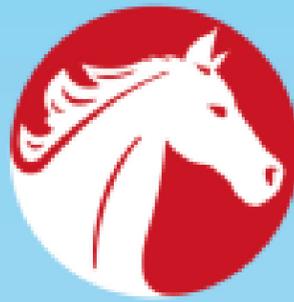
Judge Frizz delivered the verdict after our six juries had their thoughts. Three groups did guess the correct culprit - who was the school secretary, Penelope! Emilia did not know at first that she was the murderer, but became suspicious as the evidence revealed itself. When the verdict was delivered Penelope let out a gasp and said just one word, 'Really?!' Many thanks to Emilia for sharing the details of this much loved activity.



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Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries



Kent Libraries

FREE summer fun at your local library!

Calling all 4 to 11 year olds!
Join the Summer Reading Challenge at
any library in Kent from Saturday 5 July.

Why join in? It's free and fun, encouraging children to read over the summer. It builds confidence and imagination, and helps children discover new books. Plus, libraries will be offering fun free events and activities all summer!

For more information, speak to your local library team, call 03000 41 31 31, scan the QR code or head online to bit.ly/KentLibrariesStoryGarden



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Reading Corner



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

Create your own Story Garden!

Tonbridge Library

Saturday 5 July, 10am to midday

To celebrate the launch of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, join us for a special paper craft event and create your very own special 'Story Garden'!

Drop in Session, suitable for ages 4 to 11 years old
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

FREE CHILDREN'S EVENTS ALL SUMMER!

For more information and to book on to our events, scan the QR code, visit your local library, call us on 03000 41 31 31 or email us at tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk



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Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Summer Reading Challenge Storytime!

Tonbridge Library

Every Saturday between 5 July to 2 August
9.30am to 10am.

Come along to Tonbridge Library for our fun filled Summer Reading Challenge Storytime and listen to all the wonderful stories and fantastic tales we have to offer!

Children will receive a different sticker each week based on one of the featured books as well as a special sticker book to keep them in! There are five stickers to collect.

No booking required. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information email tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk
Telephone 03000 41 31 31 or speak with a member of staff.

kent.gov.uk/lib
@KentLibrariesArchives
@kentlibraries
03000 41 31 31



In addition to these events happening at Tonbridge Library, don't forget that all of the children at Slade will be visiting the valuable local resource before the end of term. If they have [signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge](#), they can choose their first or next book to bring home, read and review as they seek to reach their challenge goal!

All of the library cards requested via the KCC Libraries form have been applied for and should be ready by the time the first classes visit.

The classes are visiting Tonbridge Library on:

Monday 30 June - 10:30 - Hippogriff (Mr Louth) 13:30 - Gnome (Mrs Manktelow and Mrs Stephens)

Friday 4 July - 09:15 - Phoenix (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple) 13:30 - Sprite (Miss Ellis)

Monday 7 July - 10:30 - Pegasus (Miss Meers and Miss Elliott) 13:30 - Elf (Mrs Mulhern)

Wednesday 9 July - 10:30 - Sphinx (Mrs Burnside) 13:30 - Gruffalo (Mrs Pearson)

Thursday 10 July - 10:30 - Wyvern (Mrs Fordyce) 13:30 - Elmer (Mrs Hitchcock)

Monday 14 July - 10:30 - Hydra (Mr Duffin) 13:30 - Pixie (Mr Clark)

Thankyou in advance to the parents who have been able to provide help on these visits, making the opportunity for the children to go to the library possible.



Slade Parent Workshop

Supporting your children
with the transition to
Secondary School.

Aimed at parents of Year 6 children

Monday 30th June 1.30-3pm

We are pleased to offer this workshop to parents of Year 6 children about to make the move to Secondary school. We will be thinking about how **CHANGE** can evoke lots of different emotions but is different for everyone. We'll talk about common worries of parents and children, as well as what they may be excited for. We will give some brief information about **brain development** in adolescence and what parents can do. We will also share practical ideas on how to help prepare your child for their increasing **independence**.

Please book your place via the school office and we look forward to meeting you



PTA News



Where to even begin thanking everyone that made last Saturday possible!!

Everyone that gave their time, grew plants, donated money for prizes or contributed to the tombola and raffle, made our fantastic Summer Fete possible. Our enormous thanks to each and every one of you who wrestled with gazebos, hung and untangled bunting, and carried tables up and down the field!!

Thank you to the class reps and office staff who have supported us so brilliantly and to the wonderful teaching staff who produced the beautiful stall decorations with the children and were there on the day volunteering and helping us every step of the way. Thank you to our incredible DJs who give their time for free, to Jack Nutley for his sponsorship and help advertising the event, and all the young people, past and present students, that jumped in to help us out.

Over £7,000 was raised last week to support every child across out school!!

What a beautiful community we have and what remarkable things we can achieve when we all come together.

With our heartfelt thanks, Caroline & Emily





Sphinx's Secret Garden

And so Sphinx class rose to the challenge with help and encouragement from our friends across the school.

Thank you to:

Jasmine, Vicki, Archie, Sophia, Frankie, Kiaara, Dan de Lyon, Harry, Mandy, James and Oliver's grandpa, Rose, Annie, Cherrie Blossom, Ange, Lukas, Emma, Owen, Alice, Reuben, Daisy, Jack Fruit, Rosie, Eli, Helen's mum, Gemma, Tom Mato, Zac, Steff's parents, Alice, Ellie, Helen's mum, Cindy, Dave, Imogen, Poppy, Ben, Emily's neighbour, Lynn, Chris, Ollie, Millie, Johnny, Ellis, Lucy, Daisy, Ivy, Erin, Phoebe, Tina, Lauren, Mrs Burnside, Kate, Julia, Mia, Nick, Tiger, Gemma, Aayan, Harriet, Rosie, Sarah, Tom, Elliot, Tanya, Artie Choqe, Aidan, Caroline, James, Finn, Esmee, Silke, Mrs Ball, Oliver, Laura, Emily, Emma, William, Violette, Michael, Hannah, Dexter, Lenka, everybody who anonymously donated plants and everyone in the school office who watered early donations! We really appreciated everyone's help.



This is the PTA's final event of the year and you don't want to miss it! Bring a picnic and a blanket and head to the school field (via the Hawden Road entrance) after school on Friday 11th July for our Silent Disco and Pimms party.

As the end of term nears this is a wonderful opportunity for families and school friends to come together and enjoy the sunshine.

Entrance is FREE. There will be a Pimms tent (£3 a glass) and a Silent Disco offering (£2.50 for a 15 min slot) for anyone (young and old!) who fancies dancing the afternoon away.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Pimms and Silent Disco



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
		
June	July	
<p>Monday 30 - Year 6 Parent Workshop (Secondary Transition) See Posters around school</p> <p>Monday 30 - Emma's Kitchen Tasting Session for all. See Posters around school</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 - Phoenix Class Haysden Hike</p> <p>Wednesday 2 - Colour Run</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>Wednesday 16 - Mrs Slade's Farewell on the Field (12:00 - 14:00)</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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