



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

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Friday 4 July 2025



Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 5 of Term 6 has been another colourful, action-packed week of learning and fun!

Yesterday was Transition Day across the school with all of the children enjoying spending time in their new classes, meeting their new teachers and adults. There was a lovely hum of activity across the school as everyone settled into their new surroundings with pupils and staff enjoying getting to know each other and their new routines in preparation for September. Well done to everyone involved! Well done and thank you too to all of the parents and carers who navigated their new pick up arrangements so seamlessly well at the end of the day too. Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's current class teacher if you have any concerns around transition for your child.

Transition Day also saw lots of younger visitors in school as we said hello and welcomed our new Reception intake children into their new classes. During the morning and afternoon, they got to spend time in their new classrooms and meet the adults that they will be working with in September, all of whom reported how at home the children already looked in Gruffalo and Elmer Classes! Thank you too to our new Reception parents who attended the information sessions held earlier this week; we hope that you found the sessions informative and supportive as you begin to prepare your child for starting school with us. Everyone at Slade is already looking forward to welcoming all of our Reception children and their families back into school after the summer break!

On Wednesday we welcomed staff and students from Tonbridge School down to our field as part of their Giving Day, a day when their school gets involved in local community projects whilst hopefully having fun and learning new skills too. It was lovely to see and hear them working with and supporting our Year 6 pupils, whilst dodging the summer showers too! We look forward to sharing updates on their handiwork with you in the coming weeks. Special thanks to all of the staff and students involved; we really do appreciate you giving of your time in this way.

Also, as part of the Giving Day, all of the children and staff from across the school were invited to take part in our inaugural colour run, organised by Tonbridge School, which was held on their school field at the back of our Forest School. It really was a fabulous fun filled event enjoyed by the youngest right through to the oldest members of Team Slade! A great time really was had by all! Do check out some of the stunning photos, kindly shared by event photographer Michelle Hogg, that appear further on in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this memorable event for us all to enjoy; we loved it and appreciated the reward of an ice lolly too!

Still with being out and about, today saw many of our children take a trip to the Castle Lawn to attend and perform at the Hillfest Music festival, which is an annual celebration of the performing arts, organised by Hillview Secondary School. Well done to our Choirs and Dance Crews who were once again excellent ambassadors for the school not only when taking to the stage but also when watching the other schools too. You were all fabulous! Well done and thank you to all involved, children and staff, and for your dedication to the choirs and dance clubs during this academic year.

Finally, KCC have asked all schools to share the following link with parents in regards to SEND provision across the county and the changes ahead from the Local Authority. Please do have a read and check out further details from them, including the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section, on the KELSI website: https://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/215577/Support-for-Schools-Conversations-with-Parents-June-2025-Updated-180625.pdf

Have a lovely weekend.

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 7 July 2025

- Gnome Class Forest School
- Pegasus Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Elf Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Tuesday 8 July 2025

- Year 1 Educational Visit to Hastings Seafront and Aquarium
- Sprite Class Forest School
- Hippogriff Class Swimming
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Wednesday 9 July 2025

- Phoenix Class Forest School
- Sphinx Class Forest School
- Sphinx Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Gruffalo Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Year 6 Mud Afternoon!
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#)

Thursday 10 July 2025

- Wyvern Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Elmer Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Pegasus Class Geography Field Trip
- Whole School Art Gallery Walkabout
- Water Polo Competition (Details known to participants)
- [Extra Curricular Activity Clubs](#) Please note that Mrs Ball's Sports Club is cancelled this afternoon

Friday 11 July 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



Yesterday, the children took part in their transition to next year events, which meant spending the day with the teacher they will be learning with from September in their new classroom. The day is a perfect way to get to know each other and to find out a little bit about the exciting things to look forward to next year.

This was especially the case for our newest, youngest learners who visited Elmer and Gruffalo Classes for the first time, and for the Year 6 pupils who spent their day at their new secondary school for an induction day.

We hope that everyone had a fun day in their new classroom, and that you are looking forward to more of the same in September!

Earlier in the week, it was a pleasure to meet lots of the parents and carers of the children who are starting school in September as they came to visit for the parent information meetings.

We hope that you all found the meetings useful and that it was a good chance to take a peek inside the classroom and meet Mrs Pearson and Mrs Mulhern at the same time.

The presentation slides have been sent out to everyone in the yeargroup, with questions encouraged if you have any worries or queries.

Our September Home Visit information was also handed out at the Parent Information Meetings on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. If you were unable to make the meetings, we will send confirmation of the planned appointment time via email in the coming days. Please note that the meetings are planned with distance between homes taken into account. This means that they cannot be rearranged. If the time suggested is not suitable, please let us know via office@slade.kent.sch.uk so we can arrange an alternative meeting in school at a later date.



Mobile Phones in School



It was fantastic to see our Class Reps who attended their last meeting of the year on Thursday.

The meeting, with Miss Garrett and Mrs Slade, concentrated on the subject of Mobile Phones in a primary school setting.

Thoughts and discussions on this subject will continue in the new school year, including consultation with the whole school community.

Thankyou to all of the reps for their service this year, for preparing for, attending, and feeding back on their meetings and for co-ordinating volunteers and reminders throughout the year. Your support has been invaluable and we look forward to working with you again next year.

Slade Journal: Around School



We were delighted with the reaction to the food on offer from our new catering and school meals partner, Emma's Kitchen, on her tasting session held on Monday afternoon. The instant feedback shared at the event and by email this week has been incredibly positive and we are grateful to everyone who came along and sampled the main meals and desserts on offer as an introduction to Emma's Kitchen who will be providing school meals from September.

We are all looking forward to the launch of Emma's Kitchen school meals in Term 1 and sharing their menu with you as soon as it is released.

Many thanks to Emma and Alex from Emma's Kitchen for hosting, serving and answering questions posed by children and parents, to Kirsty from the school kitchen who helped to prepare the food on offer and to Business Manager Jill Westwood for organising the event which has proved to be a great success. They are pictured here together here at the tasting session.



Our first four classes have taken the walk to Tonbridge Library this week, to learn about the services on offer at the local resource - which primarily means a huge choice of books to browse, read and enjoy!

The children in Hippogriff, Gnome, Phoenix and Sprite Classes have all come back with children carrying lots of books that they have borrowed - as many start the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge. We have more information on page 9 about how your child can join in with the annual reading festival which has now started and runs until 30 September.

A reminder that the booking window for Yeti's wraparound provision in Term 1 opens on Monday 14 July.

Details on what to do if you are new to booking wraparound sessions will be sent at the beginning of next week and the website will be updated at the same time to reflect the new prices and trial session times for Term 1.

If you plan to use childcare vouchers or Government Tax Free Vouchers for the first time, please let Business Manager Jill Westwood know via sbm@slade.kent.sch.uk.

The Activity Clubs timetable for Term 1 will be sent out to all parents and added to the website later next week.



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 = 95.3%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.3%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 66

Hydra and Hippogriff Back Again!

It's the same as last week. Mr Duffin and Mr Louth are the lucky teachers whose children are here most often, and on time every day, ready to learn!

Attendance Ted

Hydra Class (Year 5) 98.% attendance this week

Punctuality Pup

Hippogriff Class (Year 3) No late marks

There were unfortunately 66 late children - not helped by the local roadworks, but please do leave plenty of time when trouble on the roads is known



Slade Journal: Around School

Tonbridge Giving Day



The annual Tonbridge School Giving Day saw groups of boys from the neighbouring private school visit Slade to provide activities for our Year 6 classes.

The activities included a complete renovation of the allotment area, sporting opportunities and playground art.

Thankyou to the teachers and pupils at Tonbridge for their time on their fund raising Community Day.



On Wednesday, the whole school decamped to Tonbridge School to take part in a special Colour Run.

Children and adults ran a short course around the fields at Tonbridge whilst having coloured powder thrown at them by eager boys at the host school.

Everyone came back a shade of purple, blue, red, yellow and everything in between. We used the event as a sponsorship opportunity to raise money for the PTA, details of the amount raised will follow.

Tonbridge Colour Run



Slade Journal: Around School



At the beginning of the week, the Year 4 classes went on their annual hike around the nearby country parks and open countryside.

The day long walk, this year undertaken in 30 degree heat was enjoyed by the children in Phoenix and Sphinx Classes as they did some learning about the local area including looking at the river, tree identification and understanding an Ordnance Survey map.



This week, Year 2 have been continuing their learning about healthy eating, combining this with Design and Technology and other skills as they planned, created and ate their own healthy lunch wrap. They chose the fruit and vegetables that went into the healthy treat and learnt how to safely peel and chop before loading their wrap and then enjoying it for lunch or a hometime snack.



Today, we have had over 140 children taking part in the annual HillFest music and arts festival run by Hillview School. Our choirs and dance squads have taken to the stage alongside schools from across the area at neighbouring Tonbridge Castle.

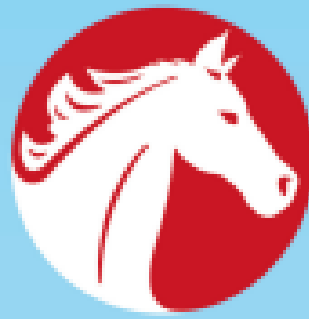
Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in the event which every year showcases the artistic and music talent that Tonbridge has to show off!



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Summer Reading Challenge

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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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Slade Journal: Around School



We are very grateful to Madeleine and Jennifer who have both been carrying out a full week of Work Experience here at Slade this week.

Both Madeleine and Jennifer are sixth formers who both want to work with children in their future careers.

Madeleine would love to become a class teacher and this week has enjoyed the experience of working with the children, encouraging them in their learning, organising games and helping the teachers out with their daily jobs in what has been a hectic week at Slade. Jennifer has plans to become a paediatric doctor and has found the week working with children a valuable experience.

Thankyou to both Madeleine and Jennifer for their excellent help all week in EYFS, Year 4 and Year 5 and very best wishes for your future careers.

We are all very proud of the Year 3 and 4 Cricket Team who were runners up in the Kent County championships earlier this week.

We are very grateful to Mr Scambler, who led the team to this fantastic result in the tournament which they qualified for by winning the Tonbridge and Malling schools section earlier in the summer.

The team scored over 210 runs throughout the day, and we look forward to much more big hitting next year.



Following the Year 3 and 4 team's success, were our Key Stage 1 cricketers, who are playing at the Kings Hill club today in their own finals day.

Thanks to Mrs Hudson and Miss Hoyle for leading the team and to all of the parents who have supported our attendance at these events, without your help these opportunities would not be possible for the children.

Nourish News



Current caterers Nourish have informed us of four mealdays changes before the end of term which are detailed here. We will remind parents in the daily diary email on the days of these menu alterations, however you may wish to discuss with your child in advance if they would like the choice now on offer, or if they would prefer packed lunch on that day.

Tuesday 8 July

Option 1 - Sausages in a roll (this replaces Beef and Onion Pie)

Option 2 - Cheesy Pasta Twists

Option 3 - Baked Potato with choice of Beans or Cheese as toppings



Wednesday 9 July

Option 1 - Meatballs and Marinara Wedges (this replaces Roast Chicken and Gravy)

Option 2 - Cauliflower Wings (this replaces Roasted Vegetable Hotpot)

Option 3 - Baked Potato with choice of Beans or Cheese as toppings



Wednesday 16 July

Mrs Slade's Farewell on the Field.

Children can order ham/cheese or ham and cheese baguette from Nourish, or bring their own packed lunch for the special goodbye to Mrs Slade. Parents and Carers are also welcome between 12 and 2pm; just bring a picnic and a blanket!

More details to follow



Friday 18 July

The traditional Fish and Chip lunch on the field to celebrate the last day of the school year.

More details to follow



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

PIMMS
FIESTA!

FRIDAY 11TH JULY 3.30PM - 6PM

SCHOOL FIELD, SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL
(HAWDEN RD ENTRANCE)

- SILENT DISCO • PIMMS TENT
- BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & BLANKET

The poster features a dark blue background with colorful triangular bunting at the top and bottom. The word 'PIMMS' is in large, white, 3D block letters. 'FIESTA!' is in colorful, patterned letters. Below the title are illustrations of maracas, a trumpet, and flowers. A yellow banner contains the date and time. At the bottom, the location and event details are listed in white and yellow text.

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>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>	

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

change

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