



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Term 6, Issue 6

Friday 11 July 2025

Karen Slade : From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this academic year!

Looking ahead to next week, a print friendly version of your child's end of year report will be emailed out to you on Monday. The report will provide an overview of your child's attainment and progress during this academic year whilst recording some of their personal highlights too. A separate letter providing further information regarding the content of the report will also be emailed out to you. In addition, children in Year 6 will receive their end of Key Stage SATs results and Year 1 parents will receive their child's phonics screening results too. Furthermore, parents of children in Reception will receive an overview of their child's end of EYFS results with children in Year 4 receiving the results from their Multiplication Check taken earlier this year. Explanations regarding the statutory data that you receive will be sent out along with the reports but if you have any queries regarding any of these results or your child's report in general then please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address. Happy reading everyone!

Now, looking ahead to next year, there are some end of term staffing changes to update you on.

Firstly, as you are aware Miss Ellis will be leaving us at the start of October to commence her maternity leave. I am delighted to inform you therefore that we have successfully appointed to this role from the start of September. Mrs. Hazel Curtis is an experienced Key Stage 1 teacher who has most recently been teaching in Year 1 at St. John's CE Primary School in Tunbridge Wells. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs. Curtis to the Slade community and look forward to working with her at the start of the new term. Our current Elf Class (new Sprites!) enjoyed getting to know Mrs. Curtis when she came to visit on Wednesday, spending time in class with the children.

In addition, good bye and good luck to Natalie Hooper, Midday Supervisor, who is stepping away from her role following on from her period of maternity leave. We wish you and the family well Natalie and thank you for your contributions at lunchtimes during the time that you were in post. Goodbye too to Charlotte Faulds, HI Teaching Assistant, who has been successfully appointed to a similar role at Nexus Special School and will therefore be leaving us at the end of this academic year after nearly 6 years at Slade. Well done Charlotte on your new and exciting challenge ahead!

As some of you may be aware, Mr. Ray Dolley has made the difficult decision to park his lollipop and step down from his Road Crossing Patrol role after 15 years in post, with effect from the start of the new academic year. Thank you Mr. Dolley for crossing so many children and their families safely over the road at the end of each day. You really will be missed on patrol by all at Slade! If you, or anyone that you know, would be interested in finding out more about this role then do let me know in order that I can signpost you to the contact at KCC.

Now for some baby news and huge congratulations to James and Kelly Duffin on the safe, and earlier than planned, arrival of their baby boy, who entered the world last weekend. Baby Duffin is still awaiting a name and we very much look forward to welcoming him to the Slade family in the coming weeks. Many congratulations to you both from all in the Slade community James!

And finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at my 'Farewell on the Field' picnic planned for lunchtime on Wednesday 16th July. Look out for further details of the event which will be dropping in to your inboxes on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the 'Pimms Fiesta' later!

Karen Slade

Diary Dates: Next Week at Slade

Monday 14 July 2025

- Elf Class Forest School
- Hydra Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Pixie Class visit to Tonbridge Library
- Reports sent to parents (See page 2)
- **No Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Tuesday 15 July 2025

- Pixie Class Forest School
- Year 6 Production: School of Rock. Booked ticket holders only at 18:30
- **No Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Wednesday 16 July 2025

- Gruffalo Class Forest School
- Elmer Class Forest School
- Mrs Slade's Farewell on the Field. All invited from midday (See page 4)
- **No Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Thursday 17 July 2025

- Gruffalo Class Forest School
- Year 6 Production: School of Rock. Booked ticket holders only at 18:30
- **No Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Friday 18 July 2025

- Last Day of Term 6
- **No Extra Curricular Clubs this week**

Monday 28 July - Tuesday 2 September (inclusive)

- Summer Holiday
- First Day of Term 1 2025/26 : Wednesday 3 September



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



After nine years at the helm, Mrs Slade is now looking towards her last week as Headteacher at the school that shares her name.

You will be aware that we are celebrating Mrs Slade's time at Slade on Wednesday 18 July with her Farewell on the Field event.

All of our families are invited to Farewell on the Field, a special opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Slade on the school field from 12 midday.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday, arriving via the Hawden Road Gate. On arrival you will be shown to where your child's class is situated and where you will be welcome to eat your picnic lunch. Parents with siblings should feel free to go between classes at your leisure.

MochaFella will be on site serving your favourite coffee's, so do bring some money with you!

In preparing your picnic, please be mindful of allergy sufferers, in particular please do not bring anything containing nuts.

Children's school meal on Wednesday will be a soft floured roll lunch (ham, cheese or ham and cheese) provided by Nourish Contract Catering. They are welcomed to bring their own packed lunch picnic style if they prefer.

There will be performances from various children's groups throughout the event to watch and enjoy.



Slade Journal: Around School

Colour Run Collection



Last week's Tonbridge School Colour Run has already raised over £1000 (and counting) for the Slade PTA through your generous donations and sponsorships. Thankyou to everyone who sponsored a child to be covered in coloured powder - your money will be used to enhance the experience at school for all of our children. If you have any sponsor money still to collect and hand in, please do so before next Wednesday and this will help form the figure for the PTA total donations for this year.

The booking window opens for Yeti's Wraparound Breakfast and After School provision on Monday at midday.

This booking window includes for the first time Session 3 of Yeti's - for places between 17:30 to the extended opening time of 18:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is a trial for Term 1 to judge usage and demand for this later opening times on our busiest days.

All of the up-to-date pricing and timing, booking and ways to pay information is available on our website and here:

[Yeti's 2025/26 Term 1](#)



Securing your space at Yeti's comes just after we have also released the range of activity clubs available in Term 1 after the summer break.

The full timetable is available on the website and under the link below and includes our school run activities as well as those organised by independent providers.

Please make sure you choose and book your place at an activity club before booking Yeti's sessions to limit the number of cancellation requests you will need to request at our wraparound provision.

[After School Activity Clubs 2025/26 Term 1](#)



Term 1 Activities

Term 1 activity clubs held after school will not run on Tuesday 14 October and Thursday 16 October due to Autumn Parent - Teacher Consultation evenings.

Questions and comments about the school run activity clubs should be addressed to Fitness and Wellbeing Champion, Wendy Ball via sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk whereas you should be in contact first with the independent provider if your message is for an independent club. Contact details can be found on the timetable and on the providers' website.

Slade Stats

Attendance

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

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

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

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

Punctuality

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

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

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

Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Week = 94.8%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.3%

Punctuality: Number of Late Pupils This Week: 36

Perfect Pixies, Thankyou Hannah and On Time Hydra!

Congratulations to Pixie Class, who had the best attendance as they had their trip to Hastings and have enjoyed being helped by Hannah Bedford who has been doing her work experience with us this week - thanks to Hannah and good luck with your exams and future plans. Hydra Class were here on time everyday. Just Hydra doing Hydra things!

Attendance Ted

Pixie Class (Year 1) 99.7% attendance this week

Punctuality Pup

Hydra Class (Year 5) No late marks



Focus on Year 1



On Tuesday, Year 1 Classes Pixie and Elf travelled to the Sussex seaside as they enjoyed their end of year Educational Visit to Hastings.

They have been learning all about coasts and the sea and this was a chance to bring their learning to life with a trip to the beach - where they also sat and had lunch joined by a flock of, not seagulls, but much more surprisingly, ladybirds!

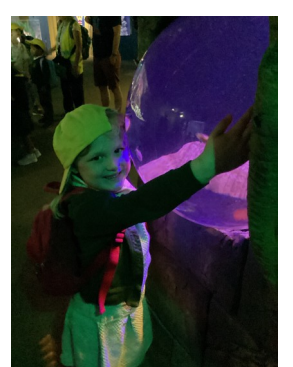
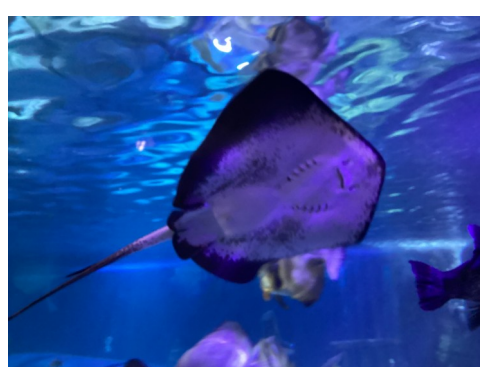
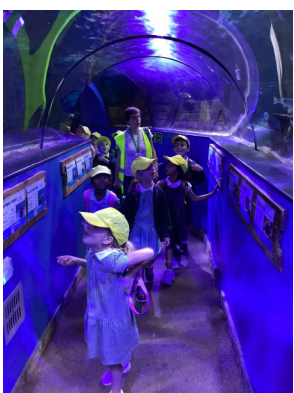
Thankyou to all of the parents who were able to help out on this visit, making the day out possible for the children.

Mr Clark and Mrs Mulhern's classes started the day by visiting the Lifeboat Station and Museum and the Shipwreck and Fisherman Museum both on the seafront.

They were able to appreciate the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and to see the different lifeboats they have used through the years as well as learning about the dangers the sea presents - and that you have to respect the water when playing near and in it.



In the afternoon, after lunch on the beach, both classes took a stroll to the Hastings Aquarium, where they were able to see up close and personal, sealife and other amphibious animals from around the world.



Art at Slade

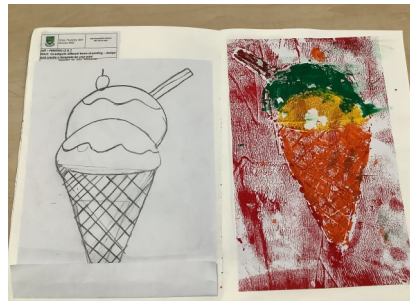
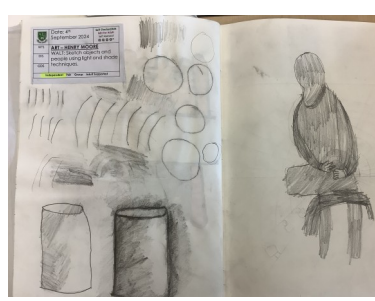
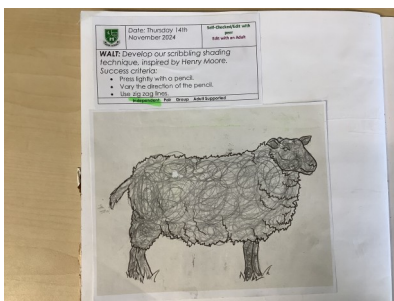
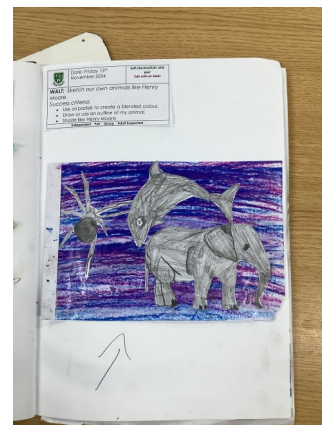
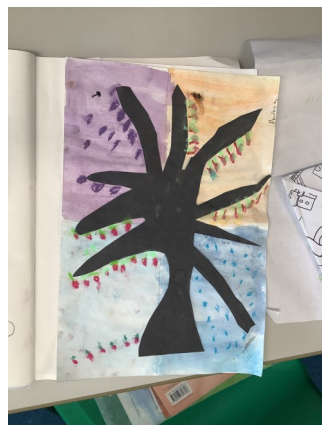
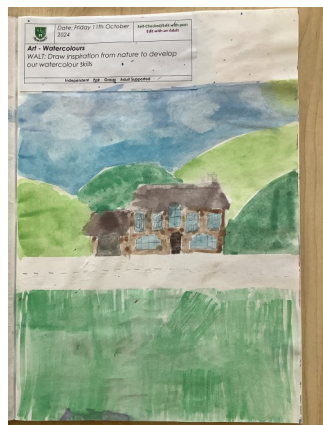
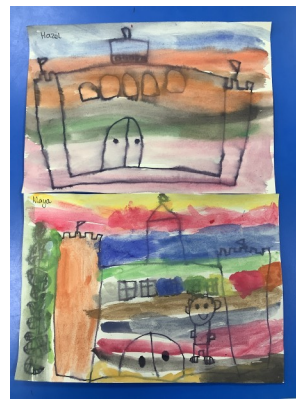


Yesterday afternoon, we all went on a tour of the school as the children admired artwork that had been put on display by each class.

The children visited all of the other thirteen classrooms to see and appreciate the design and ability of all of the other yeargroups at Slade.

It was a wonderful afternoon which everyone enjoyed - the children also chose which was their favourite from each classroom.

Thankyou to Mrs Worley for organising the event. We have shared here a small selection of pictures and art from every classroom, can your child spot the designs from their class?



It was an even more special occasion for Erin in Elf Class, she spotted her brother's artwork on display in Sphinx Class and was incredibly proud to show all of her friends - she also wanted to have her picture with the art drawn by her brother, Ellis.



Reading Corner

You will remember from our newsletter on 27 June that Mrs Mills had been collating the facts and figures from this year's library lendings - we have also held a school wide vote on our most popular books borrowed from the school library.

Mrs Mills has done a fantastic job looking after the valuable resource this year and has lots of exciting plans as we look forward to next year as well.

Hannah told us this week:

'Analysing borrowing statistics is crucial for understanding trends to ensure our collection meets the needs and interests of the children.

As our current focus is to promote reading for pleasure. it is incredibly important to listen to the children's opinions to help inform the texts we can include in our school library.

It is also such a joy to see that some of our treasured 'classics' have been borrowed too. 'Charlotte's Web' has been popular this year with the Year 3's!

Interestingly, the top book voted by the school children this year is a text-free book. 'Where's Wally?' has appealed to students across the school which has helped them develop observational skills and visual tracking, both useful skills!



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Slade Journal: Around School

Bella's Superstar Snails



Louise Pearson has continued to run her after school Pet Club this year, and the children attending have had a fantastic time learning how to look after animals and to know which foods will keep them healthy and well.

This has included time with the school rabbits who are looked after by Mrs Pearson and they have also had the opportunity to look at their own pets or animals from home to share their knowledge and love.

Bella from Griffin Class was very proud to bring her snails to the club to show them to her friends and explain how she looks after them at home. Bella told us, ' My snails are called Levi and Jerry. I loved sharing them with Pet Club. I look after Levi and Jerry at home by feeding them - sometimes even my snacks left over from school, and I spray their home with water to keep them healthy. We found loads of baby snails (pictured) in the soil that Levi and Jerry live in when they came to Pet Club.

My snails sometimes hide at night in the soil to keep safe.'

Thankyou to Bella for sharing her snail story and for looking after Levi and Jerry so well.



Would it be possible for parents and carers to provide their child with a named plastic or other shopping bag next week.

The teachers will be sending home the children's books in the middle of the week and having a bag for this purpose in school will make sorting and transporting the books a lot easier.

Thankyou for your assistance with this and we hope you enjoy looking through a year of learning!

Books Coming Home



A reminder of two meal day changes next week:

Wednesday 16 July

As part of Mrs Slade's Farewell in the Field (see page 4) there will be packed lunch option only (either from home or provided by school at normal cost).

Friday 18 July

Our traditional end of year Fish and Chip dinner on the school field. The vegetarian option will be Fish and Chips, there will be no Baked Potato option on Friday.



Meal Changes Next Week

In Our Community



This week, the Year 3 classes Pegasus and Hippogriff have been out and about around our local community as part of their geography learning.

They have been finding out about the differences in physical and human geography - nature and naturally made features of our environment, and those made and influenced by people.

They identified these features locally, writing reports with photographic evidence to back up their findings.



Year 6 Long Distance Hike



Today, the Year 6 classes have continued their summer term of activities with their long distance hike, which has taken them to and around the Haysden Country Park via the boating lake where they ate their snacks and took a well deserved break.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the park half way round the hike and, with thanks to the PTA, they have finished this afternoon with a refreshing ice lolly back here in school!

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 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