



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 30 January 2026

Term 3, Issue 4

Dear Parents and Families,

We have finally reached the end of January and if you have been on site recently, you may have noticed that the daffodils by Deacon House have begun to appear. It is lovely to see and a gentle reminder that spring is just around the corner.

This week in school has been largely business as usual, with just a few additional off-site events taking place for some children. As mentioned last week, today your child will be bringing some of their books home for you to look at together. This is a great opportunity to talk with your child about what they have been learning since you last saw their books. Please could all books be returned to school on Monday 2nd February so that learning can continue in them.

Next week, our PTA will be in school for a couple of events. On Monday evening, they will be hosting their next PTA meeting in the school hall at 7.30pm, which I am looking forward to attending. Then on Friday (and I am sure many of you with children in KS2 are already very aware of this!) it is the annual KS2 Disco. Further details about timings can be found later in the newsletter, along with posters around the school site and information about how to pre-book tickets and wristbands. Thank you once again to everyone involved in organising these events, which the children absolutely love, and to the staff who have kindly offered to give up their Friday evening to support!

Finally, later in the newsletter you will find the term dates for the 2026–2027 academic year. As a Kent school, term dates are always available on the KCC website if you wish to plan ahead. The only dates currently missing that are specific to Slade are the five INSET days, which are used for additional staff development. These have not yet been finalised, as we are currently working with external providers to ensure our training aligns closely with school priorities. Once these dates are confirmed, we will inform you when children will not be expected to attend school in addition to the other holiday dates.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week for the penultimate week of Term 3.

Warm regards,

Viki



Saturday 31 January

- Tonbridge Angels v. Maidstone United.

Key Information versus Maidstone United – TAFC

Monday 2 February

- Year 3 Roman Day from Living History Workshops
- Books home for the weekend - please return to school today (See page 4)
- 19:30 - PTA Meeting (School Hall) All Welcome! (See page 9)

Tuesday 3 February

- Hydra Class Swimming Lesson - This is the last session

Wednesday 4 February

- Elmer Class Forest School
- PTA KS2 Disco Ticket and Credits Sale (after school - please see page 9)

Thursday 5 February

- Hydra Class Forest School - This is a date alteration
- Wyvern Class Swimming Lesson
- Mayors Debate (Details known to participants)
- PTA KS2 Disco Ticket and Credits Sale (after school - please see page 9)

Friday 6 February

- Wyvern Class Forest School - This is a date alteration
- 17:00 - 18:30 - PTA Key Stage 2 Disco, Year 3 and 4 (See page 9 for full details)
- 18:30 - 20:00 - PTA Key Stage 2 Disco, Year 5 and 6 (See page 9 for full details)

Looking Further Ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 13 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

BOOKS HOME THIS WEEKEND

The children have brought home their books from school this weekend for you to see and discuss with them. We hope that you enjoy looking at their learning and finding out more about what the class have been doing at school this year so far.



The books that have come home include English and Maths, but some yeargroups have also included Science as well.

A reminder that the books should be returned on Monday in the plastic wallet they came home in today.

Please send them in with your child in their school bag ready to start using on Monday morning.

OUR ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

The children at Slade are always proud of their behaviour in class and around school during the day.

Our assembly at the beginning of the week saw Miss Garrett remind everyone of the behaviours that should be shown in the lunch hall.

The children were tasked with discussing how they line up sensibly at the serving hatch, remaining polite to each other and to the Emma's Kitchen staff whilst ordering and collecting their food before walking straight to the tables where they want to sit.

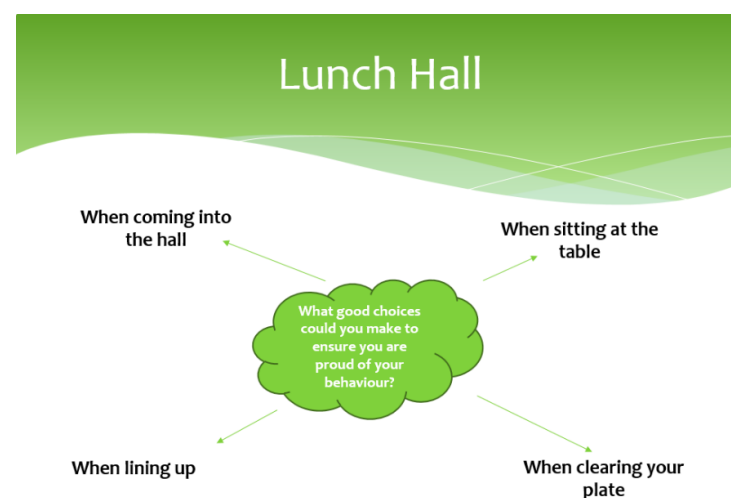
The children know that they can talk to each other over their lunch, but that they should recognise if they find themselves or their friends becoming too loud.



Finally, the children were excellent at remembering that they should scrape their food into the green bin and to use the black bins for wrappers and packages at the end of their lunch.

Please discuss these behaviours with your child - they will be pleased to share their understanding of how to make lunchtimes inside the Lunch Hall a easy and good experience.

Remember, if you have any questions or comments about the food menu offered by Emma's Kitchen, then you can contact the team directly via emma@emmaskitchen.co.com.



YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week, Hydra Class will take their last swimming lesson of this school year. The following Tuesday (10 February) is the first session for Phoenix Class (Miss Taylor and Miss Maple).

Parents and carers in Phoenix Class are asked to make sure that they have logged onto Arbor and provided consent and payment - this is easy to do, just visit the Clubs section and follow the link to Phoenix Class Swimming.

Wyvern Class continue their swimming lessons until the week after the February break (26 February) with our other Year 4 class (Sphinx, Mrs Burnside) commencing their lessons on Thursday 5 March. Tuesday lessons start at 14:30, Thursday lessons start at 14:00. Please remember kit every morning your child has a swimming lesson.



WRAPAROUND BOOKING AND COLLECTION

Please remember to make sure you have booked the correct sessions if you are planning to use our wraparound provision, Yeti's Breakfast and After School Clubs.

If you are a user of Yeti's After School Club please find below a guide to the session you should book:

Session 1 only: For pupils being collected between 15:30 and 16:30

Session 2 only: For pupils who have attended an after school activity club which finishes between 16:15 and 16:30 and are then going to be collected from Yeti's between 16:30 and 17:30

Both Session 1 and Session 2: For pupils who start their session immediately after school and are being collected between 16:30 and 17:30.

Please note if you are late picking your child up from normal collection time (15:15 - 15:25) the child will normally be transferred to Yeti's for their safety and security, where the appropriate charge will be made after a telephone call home to ascertain when the child will be able to be collected.

Payment for Yeti's sessions is made via Arbor by topping up your Wraparound account.

For full information, please see our website:

[Slade Primary School - Breakfast and After School Club \(Yeti's\)](#)

FEAST ICE CREAM ALLERGY ALERT

Families may be interested in this message, sent by Anaphylaxis UK and shared by Family Liaison Officer Libby Wilmshurst:

We have been alerted by **The Magnum Ice Cream Company** that **Feast Original Ice Cream** now includes **hazelnut, almond** and **egg** which were not previously present. These ingredients have been introduced as part of a quality upgrade to the product. The updated recipe may also contain **soy, walnuts, cashews, pecan, pistachio** and **macadamia**.

The product is therefore unsuitable for and should be avoided by anyone with an allergy or intolerance to **tree nuts** or **egg**.

If you have bought the above product and have an allergy or intolerance to **tree nuts** or **egg**, do not eat it.

Please note: during the transition period, there may be a time when both the old and new recipes are available on shelf, so it is especially important to check packaging carefully before purchase.

For more information contact **The Magnum Ice Cream Company** Careline on **08007311507**.

We would like to thank **The Magnum Ice Cream Company** for funding this alert.



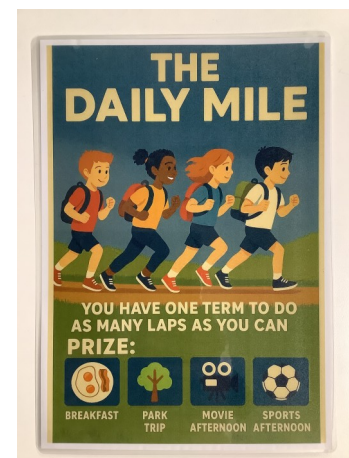
STEPS TO SUCCESS

The children at Slade love their time outside and one of our most popular activities is the Daily Mile - 10 minutes outside running, walking, skipping around the playground.

This week, Mrs Ball has introduced the Spring Term challenge to all classes. There is a reward up for grabs for the class (children and adults) that completes the most number of laps of the playground before the end of Term 4. You can keep up-to-date with how the competition is going on our Celebration Assembly page of the newsletter each week. Every lap counts and Mrs Ball had this to say about the Daily Mile:

'We encourage all of the adults and children at Slade to participate actively in the Daily Mile, which does not need to be in the same time slot each day, it is more about when the children need that refresh and movement break which can be at any time. It shouldn't impact learning time, but should aid it. The adults in the class should be walking or jogging with the children as we model great behaviour and participation skills. To measure the number of laps, we use Unifix cubes which are counted at the end to see how many laps have been completed.

We have put up a visual display in the school hall. The class in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 who win the most number of laps each week are awarded a 'runner' to place against the class name on the visual 'bar chart' - the class with the most runners in both key stages will receive a treat at the end of the spring term.



STANDARD TERM DATES 2026/27

Following on from the recent Parent Rep meeting where it was requested that we publish the term dates for the next academic year, we've done what we can!

The dates behind the link below are the standard term dates for the next two school years; they do not include our INSET Teacher Training Days, which will mean five extra days where school is closed to pupils. These will be announced via the school newsletter and published in our normal ways when they have been finalised.

In the meantime, the days where school is closed on the standard term dates calendar will not change, so please make sure holiday bookings are made within these dates.

A reminder that all absence during school time is subject to a Kent County Council penalty notice with full details on their website: [School absences - Kent County Council](#).

Standard Term Dates are available on the Kent County Council website for both 2026/27 and 2027/28 and via the links below:

[Determined School Term dates for 2026-27](#)

[Determined School Term dates for 2027-28](#)



WATERFALL CHAMPIONS

Tonbridge Juddians Rugby took to the field last weekend in the Kent Waterfall Championships held at Bromley Rugby Club.

Maddy from Year 6 is part of the Juddians' Team who won their group on the day; she spoke to us yesterday about the success enjoyed by our close neighbours as they travelled to Hayes in South London for the tournament which included the U12 Girls competition.

'It was a really fun day, made all the better because we won our matches and as a result, our group, which meant we received a medal and the pride of knowing we had been the best team.'

Maddy started playing rugby after Tonbridge Juddians held training sessions at Slade a couple of years ago and she has really flourished since, first joining Juddians for training and now established herself as a Scrum-Half; Maddy explained her role in the team:

'When a player has been tackled, we arrive to retrieve the loose ball and quickly pass it on to a teammate. It means that we have to be equally as good at passing to the left and to the right, which can be tricky but we practice hard to get it right. We also need to pass accurately and with the correct speed to make it easy for them to carry the ball and to progress our attack. This means we have to spin the ball at just the right speed.'

During the tournament, Juddians played three games including matches versus Tunbridge Wells and also Dartfordians who are based in Bexley. They won their matches convincingly 35-5, 45-0 and 40-10!



So what is it like representing Tonbridge Juddians RFC,' I am really enjoying it, Juddians push and encourage their players to become the best they can be and I have really worked hard in training and of course in the matches we play as well. We train on a Tuesday for the match on a Sunday; I would really like to play for the Ladies team one day!'

Maddy plays with former Slade pupil Francesca who is now in Year 7 and would encourage other girls at school to join up and come along,' Rugby is a great sport, I would love other girls from Slade to consider playing - they would love it!'

KEY STAGE 2 DISCO

The PTA invites you to the KS2 Disco which takes place next Friday at the following times:

Years 3 and 4: 5-6.30pm

Years 5 and 6 6.30-8pm

Arrival will be through the main school gates where school staff will sign children in and ensure that they are handed over to their grown-ups at the end of their disco.

Entry is £3.50 on the door and you can also purchase credits at the entry desk to go on your entry wristband at 50p each. Each credit will buy you a drink, some sweets and/or a packet of crisps.

Glow sticks will be on sale for £1 with larger ones costing £2. Please bring the correct money in cash if possible for the £3.50 entry wristband plus the number of 50p credits you want to purchase.

Wristbands will also be on sale next Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 February.

The PTA will be selling the bands and credits on the playground at pick-up to reduce the queues on the night.



PTA MEETING: MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Come and find out the benefits of holding the KS2 Discos and other events throughout the year, as well as ideas and suggestions for new events or fundraising which benefits all of the children in every yeargroup at Slade (and those that haven't even started yet!)

We are holding our latest PTA Meeting of all parents who can spare the time on Monday 2 February from 7:30pm in the School Hall. We are grateful that Miss Garrett will also be there supporting the PTA and the school. We look forward to seeing you on Monday evening!

WINNERS OF THE WEEK

TED AND PUP

Attendance: Wyvern Class in Year 5

Punctuality: Dragon Class in Year 6

SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK



EYFS: Polly and Lillie-May

Year 1: Oscar and Hazel



Year 2: Elijah and Freddie

Year 3: Freddie and Aadit



Year 4: San Riya and Lucas

Year 5: Ellis and Beau

Year 6: Ted and Bodhi

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Water - 567 Points
2. Earth - 523 Points
3. Fire - 512 Points
4. Air - 407 Points

TIDY CLASSROOMS

As judged by our House Captains

Key Stage 1: Elmer

Key Stage 2: Hydra and Hippogriff

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

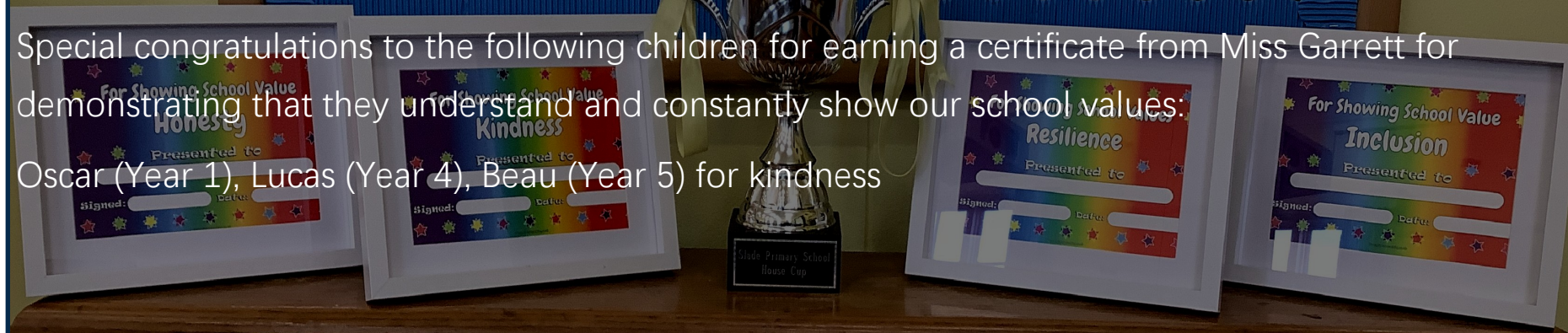
The number of pupils walking, riding or scooting to or part of the way to school through Park and Stride.

Key Stage 1 - Sprite Class (21 out of 30)

Key Stage 2 - Dragon Class (28 out of 30)

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Special congratulations to the following children for earning a certificate from Miss Garrett for demonstrating that they understand and constantly show our school values:
Oscar (Year 1), Lucas (Year 4), Beau (Year 5) for kindness



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS CHAMPIONS



Individual Champions This Week

Year 2: Tom (Sprite)

Year 5: Ollie (Hydra)

Year 3: Pippa (Hippogriff)

Year 6: Bodhi (Griffin)

Year 4: Shaheer (Sphinx)

Term 3 Class Competition (Current)

1: Sphinx

2: Sprite

3: Pegasus

DAILY MILE TERMLY COMPETITION



Class Champions This Week

Key Stage 1: Elf Class (1605 Laps)

Key Stage 2: Hydra Class (1717 Laps)

Spring Competition (Weeks Won)

Key Stage 1: Pixie (2), Elf (1)

Key Stage 2: Griffin (2), Hydra (1)

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.

Please try not to book routine medical appointments or holidays (even travel) in school time. You should notify us of any planned absence immediately via attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk

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

After weeks down the wrong end of the table, Wyvern Class have finally got their hands on the Attendance prize; well done to Miss Hall, Mrs Potter and everyone in Wyvern Class for having the most children in ready to learn this week.



Late Children This Week = 41



Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.7%

Our Attendance This Week = 95.6%

Attendance Ted This Week

Position	Class	Year Group	Attendance this Week
1	Wyvern	Year 5, Miss Hall and Mrs Potter	97.3%
2	Sphinx	Year 4, Mrs Burnside	97.0%
3	Pixie	Year 1, Mr Clark	96.7%
3	Gnome	Year 2, Mrs Manktelow	96.7%
3	Pegasus	Year 3, Miss Meers and Miss Elliott	96.7%
3	Phoenix	Year 4, Miss Taylor and Miss Maple	96.7%
7	Hippogriff	Year 3, Mr Louth	96.0%
8	Dragon	Year 6, Mrs Worley	95.7%
9	Elmer	EYFS, Mrs Mulhern	95.3%
9	Elf	Year 1, Mrs Hitchcock	95.0%
11	Gruffalo	EYFS, Mrs Pearson	94.1%
12	Hydra	Year 5, Mr Duffin	94.0%
13	Sprite	Year 2, Mrs Curtis	93.7%
13	Griffin	Year 6, Mrs Fordyce	93.7%

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.

Punctuality Pup This Week

Well done to all of the classes with no late pupils this week: Dragon

41 late children this week, which is over 20 fewer than last week. We are delighted to say that after a few weeks being the Punctuality bridesmaid, Dragon Class will be looking after Punctuality Pup this week - the only class with no-one late to school in the last seven days.

BOSSING IT IN MOTE PARK

It was a great morning at Maidstone Leisure Centre for our team of Boccia players as they learnt more about the precision sport before competing with some games.

The name Boccia is thought to derive from the Latin for 'Boss', and the team really bossed their game on Tuesday, as we heard from Abel in Griffin Class: 'I had a really good time playing Boccia. We were shown how to play the game which meant us sitting with a coloured ball (one team red, the other blue) and the idea was to bowl our ball closest to the target, which was a white ball placed by one of the teachers. There were lots of schools there and I was very happy because we won our four matches!'. When we asked Abel if he would play Boccia again, he replied with one word, 'definitely!'





KEY STAGE 1 PHYSICAL LITERACY

We were delighted to finally get to Tunbridge Wells Leisure Centre on Wednesday to take part in the KS1 Physical Literacy event, which had been postponed in December due to water supply issues. The 22 strong squad took part in a carousel of multi sport activities as they tested their agility, strength, speed and throwing skills all afternoon. Everyone performed extremely well and represented Slade proudly.



September	October	November
		

December	January	February
	 <p>Rainbow high up above Slade this lunchtime</p>	<p>Monday 2 - Year 3 Living History Workshop</p> <p>Thursday 5 - T&MBC Mayor's Debate</p> <p>Tuesday 10 - Online Safety Day</p> <p>Friday 13 - Last Day of Term 3</p> <p>Monday 16 - Friday 20 - February Break</p> <p>Monday 23 - First Day of Term 4</p> <p>Monday 23 - Bikeability Group 1</p> <p>Tuesday 24 - Bikeability Group 1A</p> <p>Wednesday 25 - Bikeability Group 1B</p> <p>Thursday 26 - Bikeability Group 1C</p> <p>Tuesday 24 - EYFS Godstone Farm Visit</p> <p>Tuesday 24 - Young Voices Concert o2</p>

March	April	May
<p>Thursday 5 - World Book Day</p> <p>Wednesday 11 - Year 4 Maidstone Visit</p> <p>Monday 16 - Bikeability Group 2</p> <p>Tuesday 17 - Bikeability Group 2D</p> <p>Wednesday 18 - Bikeability Group 2E</p> <p>Thursday 19 - Bikeability Group 2F</p> <p>Wednesday 18 - Year 1 Tunbridge Wells Visit</p> <p>Friday 20 - Year 5 Herstmonceux Visit</p> <p>Tuesday 24 - Parent - Teacher Consultations (16:00 - 19:00)</p> <p>Thursday 26 - Parent - Teacher Consultations (16:00 - 19:00)</p> <p>Tuesday 31 - Spring Concert (18:30)</p>	<p>Thursday 2 - Last Day of Term 4</p> <p>Friday 3 - Friday 17 - Easter and Early Summer Holiday</p> <p>Monday 20 - First Day of Term 5</p>	<p>Monday 4 - National Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday 5 - Sphinx Hindu Temple Visit</p> <p>Wednesday 6 - Phoenix Hindu Temple Visit</p> <p>Thursday 7 - Year 3 Leavesden Visit</p> <p>Thursday 7 - Year 6 Activity Week Video Meeting Release</p> <p>Monday 11 - Thursday 14 - KS2 SATs Week</p> <p>Friday 22 - Last Day of Term 5</p>

June	July
<p>Monday 1 - First Day of Term 6</p> <p>Monday 1 - Friday 5 - Multiplication Screening for Year 4 pupils</p> <p>Monday 8 - Friday 12 - Phonics Screening for Year 1 pupils</p> <p>Wednesday 10 - Year 4 Hands on History Workshop</p> <p>Friday 12 - Year 2 Kent Life Visit</p> <p>Thursday 18 - Sports Day</p> <p>Thursday 25 - Reserve Sports Day</p> <p>Tuesday 30 - EYFS26 New Parents Information Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 1 - EYFS26 New Parents Information Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 2 - Transition Day</p> <p>Tuesday 7 - Open Evening (17:00 - 19:00)</p> <p>Monday 13 - School Reports Sent to Parents</p> <p>Monday 13 - Year 6 Production (18:30)</p> <p>Wednesday 15 - Year 6 Production (18:30)</p> <p>Friday 17 July - Last Day of Term 6</p>

More information about these events will appear nearer the time.

Events and dates are subject to change

[Full Online Calendar](#)

[2025/26 Term Dates](#)

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

Slade PTA

Slade PTA

pta@slade.kent.sch.uk

Wraparound

Yeti's Wraparound: Childcare Voucher questions and all General Enquiries

yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk

Sport and Activity

Extra Curricular Activity Clubs (booking and queries) Sports Events and Representative Sports Tournaments

sportsandactivities@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 Emma's Kitchen

emma@emmaskitchen.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

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 Emma's Kitchen 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 £2.60 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 £5.25 per session After School Club is charged at £5.25 per session:
 After School Club 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.