

Welcome to Slade 2026/27



SLADE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome Guide for Parents and Carers
Early Years Foundation Stage 2026/27

WELCOME TO SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for choosing Slade Primary School for the first stage of your child's educational journey. At Slade, we believe every child deserves an excellent education, and we are committed to ensuring that each pupil is encouraged and supported to achieve their very best. Building strong relationships with our families is extremely important to us, as we know that by working closely together we can help every child reach their full potential from their individual starting point.



For us, this partnership begins now. We are very much looking forward to getting to know your child and your family over the coming months before they begin school. As part of your family's induction to Slade, I would like to invite you to attend the upcoming events we have planned. Details of these can be found in your welcome pack.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to support your child's transition into school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to the school during the summer term and to working together over the coming years.

Dear Parents and Families,

Starting school is a very special milestone, and while it is an exciting time, we understand it can also feel a little daunting for both children and parents.

So I want to reassure you that at Slade we do everything we can to provide a kind, caring and nurturing beginning to school life for both your child and you.

First up, we've arranged a school visit for later on in the summer term to help your child explore and get used to their new surroundings. I will also be getting in touch with your child's preschool to help me find out a bit more about them.

Then in September, we're planning a home visit so that you and your child can meet their new teachers in a familiar environment.

Appointment times for the home visits will be available at the Parent Information Meetings on 30th June and 1st July. I also look forward to meeting you at one of these dates, where you will also have the chance to ask any questions you may have.

We're really looking forward to getting to know you and your child. In the meantime, I hope that you all have a relaxed and healthy summer.



WELCOME TO SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Families,

I am delighted that your family will be joining us at Slade.

I am here to support you through the process, from your initial tour of the school in the Autumn, through the application and acceptance you've just completed, and now, looking forward to September and beyond to what we all hope will be a very happy and successful relationship.



The aim of this guide and the links we have created within it (find out more on each subject by clicking on the links in the text) is to introduce you to the detail I trust you find useful in preparing yourselves and your child for September.

The most important thing is to be reassured that our support does not stop here; if you have any questions or would like clarification of anything we send now or during your time at Slade, please just ask us, we will always be happy to help.

Equally, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns before the September start via the familiar email admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk.

We all send our continued best wishes that you, your family and friends are well and we look forward to seeing you in school for the information meetings and settling in sessions.

Dear Slade Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Slade Governors, a huge welcome to the Slade community.

We are thrilled that your child will be joining the school in September.



Slade is a welcoming and inclusive environment and everyone works together to ensure that all of the pupils thrive and that learning is a joyful experience for everyone. Our staff and our PTA will support you and your child every step of the way during your time at the school.

I look forward to meeting you and thank you for choosing Slade - you've made a wonderful choice!

Eleanor

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Headteacher: Viki Garrett



Assistant Headteacher: Steph Stephens

Phase Leaders:



Natalie Pearson
EYFS and Year 1



Sarah Meers
Year 2 and 3



James Duffin and Helen Lipman
Year 4, 5 and 6



Catherine Barber
Inclusion Lead



Jill Westwood
School Business Manager

PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET



Libby Wilmshurst
Family Liaison Officer



Tracey Arnold
Attendance Officer



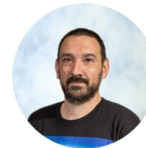
Yanina Dunton
Finance Officer



Amanda Parsons
PA to the SLT



Ray Dolley
Caretaker



Adam Humphrey
Caretaker



Jayne Laker
Teacher of the Deaf



Wendy Ball
Fitness and Wellbeing



Stephen Laws
Admissions & Communications

YOUR CLASSROOM TEAM

The Class Teacher and Class Teaching Assistant line up in both Elmer and Gruffalo Classes will be known shortly.

You will be sent an email in advance of the Parent Information Meetings on Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July. This email will detail the teaching team allocation for your child's class as well as the dates and times of their settling in sessions and personal timetable for the opening weeks of September.

UNIFORM

Pupils are asked to wear the correct uniform at all times. However, there is no expectation that they wear branded school uniform.

There is more information in our [School Uniform Policy](#) with a full list of the Slade uniform requirements which can be found on the school website > [School Uniform](#).



Uniform can be purchased through these retailers:

Non branded items can be bought from all high street and supermarket retailers and at second hand sales held regularly by the Slade PTA in school.

Our branded supplier is local company Paul Marchant. Paul offers home and to school delivery and is contactable via 07710 517237 or paulmarchant76@btinternet.com. You can also purchase branded items at second hand sales held regularly by the Slade PTA in school.

When in EYFS Reception Year, the children are asked to use a standard sized bookbag. This is to ensure that the bags fit into the containers they are kept in when in the classroom.



PE KIT

PE Kit is a plain white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts, which are available to buy at high street or supermarket retailers.

We also have a branded green tracksuit option for colder days, which can be purchased through Paul Marchant contactable via 07710 517237 or paulmarchant76@btinternet.com. PE Kit is also available at the second hand sales held regularly by the Slade PTA in school.



FOREST SCHOOL

The children also visit Forest School in all weathers across, at least once a term. The kit list is included here and can be purchased from any high street retailer or the PTA second hand sales held regularly at school.



Forest School Kit Checklist

Winter (less than 15°C)	Summer
<input type="checkbox"/> Base Layer – long sleeve t-shirt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin long sleeve t-shirt
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid Layer – Jumper and jogging bottoms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin long trousers
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick/warm waterproof coat (or warm coat with waterproof layer over the top)	<input type="checkbox"/> Light weight jumper/fleece
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof over trousers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots
<input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots.	<input type="checkbox"/> Trainers/walking boots ok when dry
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick welly socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen
<input type="checkbox"/> Hat	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Snood (<i>not essential</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof trousers
<input type="checkbox"/> Large carrier bag for muddy clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof jacket
	<input type="checkbox"/> Large carrier bag for muddy clothes

YOUR ARBOR ACCOUNT EXPLAINED

At Slade we are proud and pleased to partner with Arbor Education; the UK's most popular cloud based School Management Information and Parent Interface system.

You will be sent a link to join Arbor before the summer holidays.

We use the information you provide on your Admission Form to populate the pages on your Arbor site. We therefore advise that you log in when you receive the link and have a quick check that all of the information is accurate so any incorrect information can be amended before the start of the school year in September.

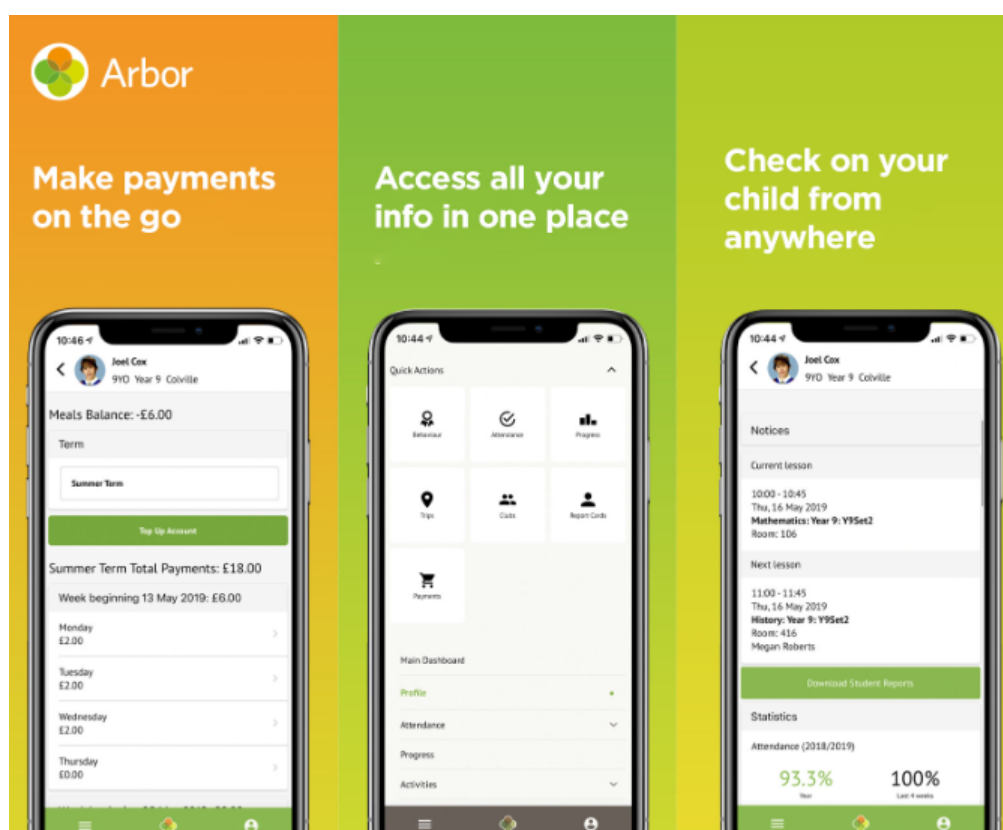
You will be able to view your Arbor site in two different ways: via your internet browser (The Parent Portal) or by downloading the Parent App; the mobile version of the Parent Portal, for use on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

Get started on Arbor by having a look at their online guide:

[Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

At Slade you are able to do the following using your Arbor account:

- View, add to or amend most of your child's personal information held on the system such as contact details, declared medical conditions, dietary requirements, consents given
- View your child's daily register marks and attendance statistics
- View your child's personal calendar
- Send and receive messages to school
- Book school run Activity Clubs (details are released termly)
- Book Parents' Evening appointments (details are announced in advance of these events)
- Provide consent and payment for Educational Visits (details are announced in advance of these events)
- Provide consent and payment for special lessons such as swimming (currently applicable from Year 3)
- Provide payment for school meals (currently applicable from Year 3)



We hope you find using Arbor an easy and useful experience; if you have any difficulty accessing or using your Arbor account, please contact the school office where we will be happy to help.

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS!

We believe in clear, on time and reliable communications between home and school with a strong commitment that as parents and carers, you will hear about events, special lessons, theme days and anything else you need to know that will enhance your child's experience at school all in good time and that there is never a reason for you to be unaware of anything that directly affects your child or family.

All we respectfully ask of you is to read the communications we send as it will include information important to you!

If you need clarification on anything in our communications, or require any email or section of our newsletter to be provided in a different language, please just ask by dropping us a quick email.

Keeping up-to-date with information sent to you will prevent your child missing out on special events and means that you will not end up with reminders filling up your inbox, especially where we require consent or payment to be made. Our communications will be normally be sent by email to the email address on your Arbor account. This is the address you will have used on your admission form.

Communication from school will include:

School Newsletter

Drops into your inbox every Friday afternoon and details the events of the past week along with important information about the week and term ahead. It is via the newsletter that you will find out about dates to book events, clubs and parents meetings or if there are any new or changed entries to the diary. The newsletter is also the place to read the headteacher's weekly notes to parents.



The school newsletter is available to read on the school website: [Slade Primary School - Newsletter](#).

Today at Slade

Every morning at 7:15 , we send an email to all parents and carers with the events happening on that day, including Forest School sessions and swimming lessons as a reminder to prevent anything being forgotten, including vital kit!

By email

Whole group or school information is sent by email using the email address on Arbor. Your first Arbor generated emails often pop up in the Junk folder - please check this over the next few weeks to make sure you have not missed anything from school.



By telephone

We would telephone you in the case that your child has an accident or has fallen ill at school. This will often just be a call for information or request for consent to administer pain relief medication, but may be with a recommendation to collect your child (if they have vomited for example).



By SMS

We would use SMS in emergencies such as the school being shut at short notice, or if children have an amended collection time after an educational visit.



Contact Details

Each method of contacting you relies on us having accurate contact details. Please make sure you keep us up-to-date with any change of email address, telephone number or postal address.

CONTACTING US

We value the importance of parents keeping in touch where they have something to say, or have a question about any aspect of school life. There are lots of ways to get in touch and we recommend saving these addresses and numbers in order to contact the correct person on school will be able to provide you with the quickest response.



Reporting absence

Email: attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk

Message: via your Arbor app or portal

SMS: Use the SMS number we will send to you in July

Telephone: 01732 350 354 (option 1)

Please also see page 13 and 18 of this guide for more about absence from school

Class and curriculum related questions and comment

For class specific questions and direct notes to the teacher, each class has its own email address:

Depending on your child's allocated class this will either be elmer@slade.kent.sch.uk or gruffalo@slade.kent.sch.uk. The class inbox is not monitored during school time and should not be used for urgent messages.

For urgent messages for the class teacher, please contact us via office@slade.kent.sch.uk or by telephone on 01732 350354.

General and urgent questions or comment

Email: office@slade.kent.sch.uk (anytime)

Message: via your Arbor app or portal (anytime)

SMS: Use the SMS number we will send to you in July (anytime)

Telephone: 01732 350 354 (Monday to Friday 08:00 - 16:00)

Other useful email addresses

safeguarding@slade.kent.sch.uk for any safeguarding concerns

flo@slade.kent.sch.uk to contact Family Liaison Officer Libby Wilmshurst

finance@slade.kent.sch.uk to contact Finance Officer Yanina Dunton about past or future payments

YOUR CHILD'S DAY AT SLADE

The school day starts promptly at 08:50 with registration.

The entrance gates are open between 08:40 and 08:50.

If you arrive after this time, you will find the entrance gates closed and you should make your way to the school office gate, where your child will be registered in as late.

After the 08:50 registration, the school day varies across each yeargroup with staggered breaks and lunchtimes and slightly later finishing times for the older children.

You are advised of the current timings and entrance and exit arrangements in advance of the new school year as these change depending on your child's yeargroup and class.

In EYFS (Year R) the day looks like this:

08:40 - Gates open

08:50 - Registration

08:50 to 12:00 - Morning session (break and snack times included and are flexible)

12:00 to 13:00 - Lunch

13:00 to 15:15 - Afternoon session

15:15 - Collection

Children in our EYFS Classes are dropped off and collected from the EYFS Playground Gates on The Slade. The teachers and other senior members of staff are also at the gates to welcome them each morning.

Parents, carers and anyone else listed to be able to collect your child will collect from the EYFS Playground Gates on The Slade. The contact list on your Arbor account is used as consent for an adult picking up a child from school. Please make sure this is kept up to date by making us aware of any changes.



2026/27 TERM DATES

The school year consists of 190 days split into 380 sessions (morning and afternoon).

We use the standard Kent County Council calendar for our term dates, adding in the five INSET Staff Training Days.

***Please note that the start of Term 1 is different for children in EYFS Year R. You should refer to your personalised Group Dates which will be sent to all parents before the end of June 2026.**

Term 1

*First Day: Thursday 3 September 2026

Last Day: Friday 23 October 2026

October Break:

Monday 26 October - Friday 23 October

Term 2

First Day: Monday 2 November 2026

Last Day: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas and New Year Holiday:

Monday 21 December - Tuesday 5 January

Term 3

First Day: Tuesday 5 January 2027

Last Day: Friday 12 February 2027

February Break:

Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

Term 4

First Day: Monday 22 February 2027

Last Day: Thursday 25 March 2027

Easter and Early Summer Holiday:

Friday 26 March - Friday 9 April

Term 5

First Day: Monday 12 April 2027

National Holiday: Monday 3 May

Last Day: Friday 28 May

Summer Terms Break:

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Term 6

First Day: Monday 7 June 2027

Last Day: Tuesday 20 July 2027

Summer Holiday begins:

Wednesday 21 July

All dates listed here are inclusive.

Please refer to your personal timetables for details of the opening weeks of Term 1.

Slade have allocated the following as INSET Staff Training Days:

Tuesday 1 September, Wednesday 2 September, Monday 4 January, Wednesday 21 July

Parents and Carers will be notified as soon as possible when the final INSET day has been confirmed.

Where possible, medical appointments should be made within school holidays. Vacations should always be taken during the holiday times in accordance with our [Attendance Policy](#).

We should be notified of all planned and daily absences via attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk at the earliest possible opportunity.

MORNING SNACK

Each morning, the children in the Early Years Foundation Stage and in Key Stage 1 receive a free fruit snack, which is eaten at about 10:00.

The snack varies each day and includes fruit such as apples, bananas and satsumas to tomatoes and carrots.

Please discuss with your class teacher if you wish to provide your own healthy morning snack for your child.



WATER



Each child will be presented with their own Slade water bottle when the class teacher and teaching assistant pop round for their Home Visit session in September.

Your child is more than welcome to bring their own water bottle to school once they have started school, but we do ask that every child brings a full water bottle each day.

This will stay in the classroom and be taken home in the afternoon, children are provided with a cup of water at lunchtimes. There are opportunities to refill water bottles when needed during the day from water machines situated around school.

SCHOOL MILK FROM COOL MILK

The UK Government are currently continuing the programme set up by the EU for free milk for under 5's. This is free of charge for all children up to their 5th birthday.

Cool Milk, the governments chosen partner for the scheme, provide us with this milk as part of our joint commitment to guidance issued by the Food Standards Agency and the School Food Trust who say that providing children with the 190ml of plain semi-skimmed milk is a small switch that can have an extremely positive impact on their health.

We will register all children prior to 1 September, making sure that your child can have their daily drink of milk from Cool Milk.

Parents will want to know that on the day of a child's 5th birthday, the government stop providing this milk free of charge.

To continue receiving milk, you must register via the Cool Milk website using this link > [Parents – Cool Milk](#)

For more information on the health benefits of the daily milk drink, visit the Cool Milk website: [Cool Milk](#).

If your child is dairy intolerant and you wish to provide your own milk alternative, please speak with your class teacher in advance.



SCHOOL MEALS WITH EMMA'S KITCHEN

Slade Primary School are delighted to introduce you to our School Meal and Catering partner, Emma's Kitchen. Emma's Kitchen are a local, family company headed up by Emma Barnes and husband Alex. Alongside school kitchen team Kirsty (Head Cook), Jemma, Jazz and Hannah (Cooks) they provide a healthy, varied and seasonal menu for the children at school.

For more information about Emma's Kitchen, visit their website: [Emma's Kitchen](#).

The current menu is always available on the school website. The Summer Term menu for Term 5 can be viewed here: [Term 5 Menu Slade Primary School](#).

School meals for EYFS and KS1 children are currently free through the universal free school meals scheme from central government.

Once in KS2, meals currently cost £2.60 per day and are paid for online through your Arbor account.

Your admission form includes a section on allergies and dietary requirements. We provide a copy of this information to the kitchen team each day in order that they can help keep your child safe. Please keep us updated if any details change.



Emma's Kitchen
Cooking With Love



PACKED LUNCH



Children are welcome to bring in a healthy packed lunch from home if they prefer.

We are proud of being recognised as a Healthy School, therefore we encourage the packed lunch to include a brown or wholemeal breaded sandwich or wrap, a portion of fruit including tomatoes or cucumber, cheese and a yoghurt. The packed lunch should also include a drink.

We are a nut free school, so please avoid nuts of any kind for lunch or breaktime snack.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Slade Primary School we support Kent County Council by recognising the positive link between regular attendance, punctuality and high academic achievement.

We want all Slade pupils to achieve their full academic and social potential, which is only possible if children attend school regularly and on time.

Recent research found the odds of Year 6 pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths were 1.3 times higher among those whose attendance was 95 per cent or higher than those with 90 to 95% attendance.

Missing just 10 days of Year 6 reduced the odds of reaching the expected standard by around 25%.

Our Family Liaison Officer, Libby Wilmshurst, is available to speak to if you have any concerns about attendance, Libby can be reached via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk.



Attendance Ted is presented to the class with the best attendance each week in our special Friday Celebration Assembly with Punctuality Pup awarded to the class with the highest attendance alongside having no late marks in the previous week.

[More > Read our Attendance & Punctuality Policy and Information Leaflet via the school website](#)

You should therefore, where possible, make routine medical appointments for evenings or out of school time. Where this is unavoidable, please allow us as much notice as possible, with notification and details of the required absence sent to attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Vacations and breaks away should always be taken in the planned school holiday - please refer to the Term Dates each year. If your child is going to be absent due to a family holiday during the school term, you must let us know in advance via attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Further information can be found on the Kent County Council website which includes details of penalty notices that are issued if children miss school without good reason:

[School absences - Kent County Council](#)



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium funding.

This funding reaches beyond just meals including the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and we encourage you to find out more and apply if you think you may be eligible. There is an option on our Admissions Form to ask us to help with this application if you are unsure on how to do this.

The FSM scheme is not to be confused with universal free meals currently offered by central government to all EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. Families who are eligible for FSM should apply regardless of receiving meals through the universal scheme.

You are able to apply for FSM now and where applicable, we will be able to start assistance straight away.

[More > Find out who is eligible for FSM status and apply via \[kent.gov.uk\]\(https://kent.gov.uk\)](#)

[More > Find out more about the HAF Programme](#)

[More > FSM and Pupil Premium at Slade](#)

PARKING AND WAITING AT SCHOOL

We are lucky to be in short walking distance from two car parks - please use these if you plan to drive to school rather than competing for the small number of spaces that may become available on the narrow streets that surround Slade or by parking illegally or irresponsibly.

Parking in Upper Castle Fields Parking is free for 30 minutes at anytime, but please be aware that you must still obtain a ticket to park.

Charges apply in all other car parks.

We value the good relationship we share with the Slade residents and we must ask that all of our parents and carers respect our local community both on the road and when dropping off or collecting children to school. You must not park directly outside the school at anytime, nor on yellow lines or over the driveways of our neighbours. Please use the car parks or walk all or part way to school. Dangerous and illegal parking can be reported to Tonbridge and Maling Council.



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL WRAPAROUND PROVISION

We know that wraparound Breakfast and After School Clubs are important to many working families.

Full information on the provision provided at Slade from September 2026 including prices and booking details will be released shortly.

We will ensure that all families receive the up-to-date information about wraparound provision when details are confirmed and after the completed admission form with contact details has been submitted.

NHS HELP AND ADVICE

Our local NHS team would like to pass on useful hints and tips including details on sleep for 4-5 year olds as well as how to deal with other common issues at this age.

They also describe some of the services that the team carry out once the children are in school.



More > [See the Starting School Leaflet via kentcht@nhs.uk](mailto:kentcht@nhs.uk)

WHAT TO EXPECT, WHEN?

What to expect, when?

Guidance to your child's learning and development in the early years foundation stage



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Action for Children have produced information, supported by the Department for Education (DfE), to give you a guide to the learning and personal development of a typical child that is going through the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

This is a guide to some of the things your child is experiencing and beginning to do now.

Don't worry if this is not the case, every child is their own character and will develop at their own pace and in good time for them!

If you have any concerns once at school, please consult your class teacher or request a conversation with our Inclusion Leader, Catherine Barber. Catherine can be contacted via cbarber@slade.kent.sch.uk.

BEING RECEPTION READY

We are pleased to share a guide to Starting Reception which sets out the personal, social, emotional and physical skills that most children will develop by the time they start school.

The definition has been created to help parents, caregivers, and the early years professionals involved in looking after your young children be ready to start school.

The guides have been written and presented by startingreception.co.uk and contains information, tips and will answer some of those questions you may have asked yourself as you prepare to make sure your child is ready for Reception!

Download the booklets here:

[Starting Reception: Your child's journey to school starts at home](#)

[The Potty Training Guide](#)

[The Children's Toothbrushing Guide](#)

If you have any questions about the content of these guides, please do ask any member of the team at the Parent Information Meetings on 30 June and 1 July.



INFORMATION MEETINGS



We would like to invite all of the parents and carers of our 60 strong new intake to attend one of our Parent Information Meetings.

The Information Meetings feature all of the information you will want to know for the summer and into September and starting school at Slade, including the opportunity to find out more about the home visits to happen in the first week of Term 1.

You will be able to meet Viki Garrett, our Headteacher, Foundation Stage Leader Natalie Pearson, your child's class teacher and teaching assistant as well as other members of the team as we welcome you to school.

This meeting is for parents only and will be held in the school hall with entry via the Main Playground Gate. The meetings will be held at the following times, there is no need to inform us which meeting you plan to attend, but we do encourage every family to attend one of them:

Evening Session - Tuesday 30 June 2026. Please arrive at 18:20 for an 18:30 start

Morning Session - Wednesday 1 July 2026. Please arrive at 09:20 for an 09:30 start

CLASS SETTINGS: ELMER AND GRUFFALO

Once we have received all of our 60 acceptances for the new school year intake, the fun begins!

Our teaching team will be contacting preschools, and we will be using the information you provide us via the admission form to create what we aim to be two balanced classes based on gender, winter vs. summer born children, any extra need and English as an additional language amongst other criteria.

Once this is finalised, we will let you know if your child will be starting life at Slade as an Elmer or a Gruffalo!

The Children will have a chance to visit the classrooms on their Settling In Session on Thursday 2 July.

Further details of this event, including the time that your child will be invited to attend will come in an email which will also inform you of the class setting for the year.

This email will be sent in advance of the Parent Information Meetings on 30 June and 1 July where you will have a chance to meet the class teacher and teaching assistants.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND



I have read this guide and listened at the Information Meeting, but I am still unsure about something.

Who can I ask?

Don't worry; we are to help. We can be reached during school hours on the telephone by calling 01732 350354 or at anytime via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk. We will always find the best placed member of the team to answer your question within 24 hours of receipt.

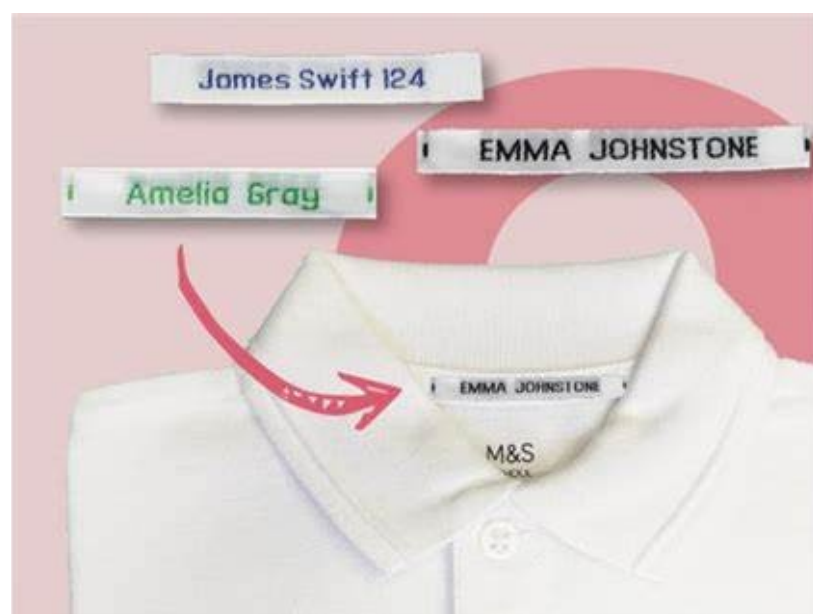
Once your child has started school, please refer to page 9 of this pack to see how to contact the member of the team best placed to answer your question.

I DO NOT WANT IT LOST!

I have bought all of the school uniform and the PE kit, how can I be sure it won't get lost?

Label everything, literally everything, with your child's name.

Also, let them know where you have put their name, so in time they can check for themselves.



HAVE I GOT EVERYTHING?



What should my child bring to school once they have started?

Their reading book, any phonics home learning that may have been done between home and school, as well as a full water bottle.

In the first few days, just the water bottle!

FOREST FUN

Will my child's class go to Forest School?

Yes, every class will have at least one Forest School session each term.

You will be informed in the last newsletter of each term of the following term's Forest School timetable as well as reminders via our Today at Slade email. The timetable is also included on our school website calendar pages.



MY CHILD IS ILL

My child is ill, I am not sure if they can come to school, or what to do?



This can be done by email to our dedicated and confidential email address attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk , by In-App Message via your Slade Arbor App or portal and by telephone (01732 350354, choosing Option 1 to leave a message).

Messages made by any of these methods should be made by 08:30.

If your child has had an ongoing bout of vomiting or diarrhoea brought on by a bug, they should be kept away from school for a period of 48 hours following the last episode. Please seek advice from school where vomiting has been a one off episode.

We use the latest [NHS guidance](#) when considering if a child is well enough to come to school. You will find lots of advice about infectious diseases (such as, but not limited to: chickenpox, impetigo and conjunctivitis) - if you are unsure, please ask for guidance on when children can return to school or consult the [NHS website](#) where required.

If your child is taken ill at school, especially if they have vomited or suffered an episode of diarrhoea, we will call the contacts on the admission form to ask for the child to be collected.

MY CHILD REQUIRES MEDICINE

My child needs prescribed medicine or pain relief whilst at school. Who will administer this?

During the day, we are able to administer prescribed medicines that can not be taken at other times. This will be administered by a trained member of staff from the school office. You should complete the form behind the link below before we can give prescribed medicine:

[Parent Agreement for Administering Medication at School](#)

Where we have permission (obtained verbally at the time of an incident) we are able to provide age related doses of liquid paracetamol for minor complaints.

APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

I don't understand why I have to apply for Free School Meals if they are already free to Reception Year children!

There are two schemes: Universal Free School Meals which mean that every child in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a free school meal currently funded by central government and Benefits Related and Pupil Premium Free School Meals.

Parents and Carers who are eligible for Benefits Related and Pupil Premium Free School Meals should apply even though they already receive the EYFS and Key Stage 1 meals free of charge as the school receives funding that can assist your child and your family in excess of providing lunch at school. Free School Meals are open to anyone who is in receipt of certain benefits. If you are eligible, you should apply for this today through this link: [KCC FSM](#), or at anytime when your circumstances change. For more assistance with your application, please contact Libby Wilmshurst via flo@slade.kent.sch.uk .

WELCOME FROM YOUR PTA

Welcome to Slade Primary School from your PTA

The Slade Parent Teacher Association meets regularly to discuss fundraising ideas to support our children across the school and strengthen the sense of community between year groups.

Over the past few years, we have run events such as the Firework Night, Christmas Sale, Valentine's Fundraiser, KS1 Film Night, KS2 Disco, Easter Hunt, and Summer Fete to raise money that is then directed straight back into the school. Recently, the PTA has funded playground upgrades, new sports equipment and storage, new technology resources for use across the school, the installation of air conditioning in Deacon House, and the renovation of outdoor learning equipment. Each year, the PTA subsidises class trips, provides funding for forest school and end-of-year class parties, and supports the purchase of classroom resources. We work in close collaboration with the staff at Slade to ensure the children benefit from every penny raised.

The PTA Committee is a group of volunteers who run the fundraising events and manage the finances, but all parents and carers of children at Slade are automatically part of the PTA itself. We are always delighted to welcome anyone, at any point throughout the year, who may wish to volunteer their time, skills or simply their thoughts during meetings to help guide our activities.

Our current committee is due to step down at the end of this academic year, so we are keen to find the next generation of enthusiastic volunteers to take the PTA into 2027. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out to us at: PTA@slade.kent.sch.uk.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Wishing you a lovely summer...from everyone at the PTA.



Some of the resources bought for our Early Years Foundation Stage classrooms from the proceeds of last year's events. Similar donations are made to each class across the school.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

NEW CHAIR, TREASURER & SECRETARY NEEDED NOW!

Our PTA exists to make school life richer, happier and more memorable for our children. But right now, without three key volunteer roles filled, the PTA will be forced to close at the end of this academic year.

What does that mean?

- No events - Christmas Sale, Disco, Easter or Summer
- No trip subsidies
- No classroom parties
- No resource donations
- No learning enrichment - outdoor classrooms; air conditioning; break time resources; funds for sport team uniforms; budget for forest school; food for the school bunnies!!!



EMAIL US: PTA@SLADE.KENT.SCH.UK

Tuesday 30 June (18:30) Main School Hall

New Intake Parent Information Session (Evening Meeting)

Featuring all of the information you will want to know for the summer, into September and starting school at Slade. A chance to meet the Headteacher, Foundation Stage Leader, the class teachers as well as other members of the team as we welcome you to school!

This meeting is for parents only, entrance via the Main Playground Gates on Stafford Road

Wednesday 1 July (09:30) Main School Hall

New Intake Parent Information Session (Morning Meeting)

Featuring all of the information you will want to know for the summer, into September and starting school at Slade. A chance to meet the Headteacher, Foundation Stage Leader, the class teachers as well as other members of the team as we welcome you to school!

This meeting is for parents only, entrance via the Main Playground Gates on Stafford Road

Thursday 2 July

Elmer and Gruffalo Class Settling In Sessions

Group 1 (half of each class): Morning Session

Group 2 (half of each class): Afternoon Session

You will be informed of which group your child will be in between Thursday 21 May (National Reallocation Offer Day) and before the Parent Information Meetings on 30 June and 1 July.

This session is for the children only

Wednesday 2 September - Friday 4 September

Home Visits

The class teacher and assistant would like to visit you at home, in the child's familiar setting for a quick 'get to know you' session. The date and time we would like to plan this visit for will be provided at the Parent Information Meetings on 30 June and 1 July.

Monday 7 September - Wednesday 9 September

Morning in school (Whole Class) with Lunch

Group 1 (half of each class): Morning Session

Group 2(half of each class): Afternoon Session

These groups are the same as those for the settling in sessions on Thursday 2 July.

Thursday 10 September - Wednesday 16 September

Morning in school (Whole Class) with Lunch

The whole class come in between 08:40 and 13:00.

This time includes the first opportunity for the children to experience lunchtimes at school.

There will also be one afternoon for each child during this period to complete the transition. More details will follow.

Thursday 17 September

Full Time in School

EYFS Gates open to full time pupils between 08:40 and 08:50 with collection from the EYFS Area at 15:15

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

Contact details and information about wraparound provision will be sent to all families in the summer term of 2026.

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.

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.