

London Marathon 2026



SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 24 April 2026

Term 5, Issue 1

Dear Parents and Families,

A very warm welcome back to the Summer Term. This is always a much-anticipated time in school, as it brings with it some of our biggest events, including Sports Day and a range of exciting educational trips for the children. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday, with plenty of time to relax and enjoy being with your families in the lovely weather.

It has certainly been a busy and productive first week back for both the children and staff and we have truly hit the ground running for the term ahead. It has been fantastic to see the children settle quickly back into their routines, making the most of our extensive grounds and enjoying more outdoor learning opportunities. They are also back on the field at lunchtimes, which they absolutely love, and it has been particularly pleasing to see them exploring the wooded area and putting their Forest School skills into practice.

Wednesday was an exciting day in school as we held interviews for the Deputy Headteacher position. We were delighted with the high number of applicants, and alongside two of our Governors, Stuart Concannon and Jessica Watson-Reynolds, I spent the day meeting a strong field of candidates. It was a rigorous process, with a variety of tasks to help us identify the best person for the role. I am very pleased to share that, from September, Mrs Stephanie Stephens will be our new Deputy Headteacher! Many congratulations to Steph on this important next step in her career and I am confident she will continue to do an excellent job leading Teaching and Learning across the school in order to impact the lives of all of the children here at Slade.

Tomorrow, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Ball, and I will be heading to London with a group of children to take part in the Mini London Marathon. We were fortunate to be offered places by the National Deaf Children's Charity following the launch of the new Peppa Pig episode earlier this year where George was diagnosed with a moderate hearing loss. As many of you will know, places in both the Mini Marathon and the main event are highly sought after, so this is a fantastic opportunity and we are very grateful to the charity for offering us so many places!

Finally, a reminder for parents of children in Water House: as winners of the Term 3 house competition, they have chosen an own clothes day as their reward. This will take place on Friday 1st May, when all children in Water House are invited to come to school in non-uniform to celebrate their achievement. Well done to Isaac and Peony, our Water House Captains, for organising this.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend wherever it takes you.

Viki

Saturday 25 April

TCS London Min-Marathon - Details known to participants

Football - Tonbridge Angels vs Torquay United Kick off 12:30, National League South - see page 11

Rugby - Tonbridge Juddians vs Leicester Lions, Kick off 15:00, National League 1 - see page 11

Monday 27 April

- Year 3 and 4 Dynamos Cricket Competition (Tonbridge Cricket Club) - Details known to participants

Tuesday 28 April

- Pegasus Class Swimming

This is the first session. Please make sure you have provided consent and payment via your Arbor account - see page 4 for full details

- Gnome Class Educational Visit to Tonbridge Mosque

Wednesday 29 April

- Elmer Class Forest School
- Sprite Class Educational Visit to Tonbridge Mosque

Thursday 30 April

- Sphinx Class Swimming
- Year 5 Educational Activity Day at Carroty Wood

Friday 1 May

- Elf Class Forest School (Morning)
- Pixie Class Forest School (Afternoon)
- Water House Non Uniform Day.

Water House have chosen to have a non-uniform day after winning the Housepoint championship in Term 3. All children in Water House are invited to come to school in non school uniform clothing. All other children should come to school in school uniform as usual. You can check which house your child is in by looking at the profile page on your Arbor account. Children are in one of four houses (Air, Earth, Fire, Water) from Year 1.

Looking Further Ahead?

Our yearly planner can be found on Page 17 of today's newsletter and online via [the school website](#).

WELCOME TO SUMMER AT SLADE

We hope that all of our children and families enjoyed a wonderful Easter and Early Summer holiday; the sun has continued to shine brightly this week as we welcomed everyone back for the beginning of the summer terms at Slade.

Amongst the highlights of this term, we can include:

Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 April - Year 2 Educational Visit to Tonbridge Mosque
 Tuesday 28 April - Pegasus Class first swimming lesson
 Thursday 30 April - Year 5 Activity and Learning Day at Carroty Wood
 Monday 4 - Friday 8 May - Deaf Awareness Week
 Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 May - Year 4 Educational Visit to Radha Krishna Hindu Temple
 Wednesday 7 May - Year 3 Educational Visit to Harry Potter Studios, Leavesden
 Monday 11 - Thursday 14 May - Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests
 Monday 18 and Thursday 21 May - Year 6 Cooking at Tonbridge School
 Tuesday 19 May - Year 1 Educational Visit to Chessington World of Adventures

Term 5 ends on Friday 22 May.

Most of these visits include the need for parents to provide consent and/or payment for their child to take part. Please refer to the notification email about the specific trip or event with regards to the requirements. Upcoming consent and payment deadlines include:

23:59 Sunday 26 April: Year 3 Educational Visit to Leavesden (Final Payment of £10)
 23:59 Monday 27 April: Pegasus Class Swimming (Consent and payment of £25)
 23:59 Monday 27 April: Gnome Class Educational Visit to Tonbridge Mosque (Consent only)
 23:59 Tuesday 28 April: Sprite Class Educational Visit to Tonbridge Mosque (Consent only)
 23:59 Tuesday 28 April: Year 2 and 3 Sporting Event Schools Team Building (Consent for participants)

All payments and consents are made via your Arbor account follow Trips for Educational Visits and Sporting Events and follow Clubs for Swimming Lessons.

We thank you for all of your contributions towards visit and special lessons which allow these valuable events to continue.



PEGASUS CLASS SWIMMING

One exciting event that will begin next week is Pegasus Class visiting Tonbridge Swimming Pool for their first ever scheduled swimming lesson.

Parents are reminded that these lessons will last 30 minutes and begin on Tuesday 28 April from 14:30 - 15:00. They will run at the same time weekly in term time, with the last session being on Tuesday 23 June.

Children should remember to bring their swimming costume and a towel in a separate bag from their usual school bag. They can bring goggles and a swim hat if they use them.

The children will be back in school and ready to collect in the normal way.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

The families in Year 5 will be in the process of making decisions on their preferred choices of secondary schools. With the application window for applications opening in the Autumn, getting a look around and a feel for potential choices is vital.

To help parents and carers, the West Kent group of secondary schools have published a timetable of open events and taster sessions. You can download the booklet from our website using the link here:

[2027 Entry Open Days](#). The document includes details from all participating schools.

We encourage pupils in Year 5 to attend their chosen open days or events - if they fall within school time please just let us know via attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk so we can record the absence accurately.

YEAR 6, ON THEIR WAY...

A final request for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to let us know if their child has had a place accepted at a different secondary school from that offered to them in the National Offer Day on 2 March.

The electronic registrations will be prepared to be sent to the secondary schools in the next few weeks and to protect your personal data we need to make sure we are sending them to the correct destination. Just let us know about any changes via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk.

AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW INTAKE

Finally from a school places update, we had the pleasure last Thursday to confirm the offer made by Kent County Council for places at Slade for children starting primary school in the Early Years Foundation Stage in September. We are delighted to say that we were again oversubscribed and will fill our 60 places available in Elmer and Gruffalo Classes in the Autumn.

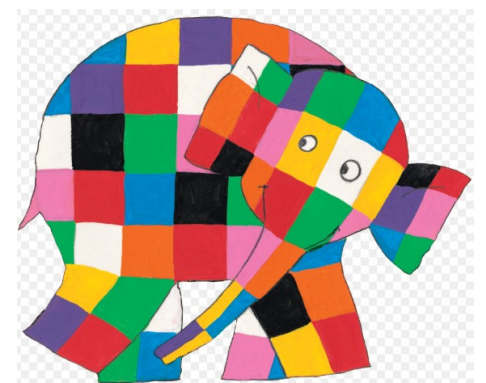
We look forward to welcoming all of our new children and their families to Slade, with details of upcoming events this and the other side of the summer holiday included in the welcome pack provided at the time of acceptance.

If you are taking a look at our newsletter for the first time today after accepting a place at Slade, a very special welcome to you.

A reminder to those parents who are yet to send in their decision to accept or decline the offer. The deadline for doing this is next Thursday, 30 April. We will accept decision emails up to 23:59 on Thursday night. All acceptance emails should be accompanied with proof of evidence as listed in our confirmation of offer email sent on offer day.

Any parent or carer who does not respond by the deadline faces the possibility of the offer being rescinded by Kent County Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk.



BOARD GAMES FUN

Mrs Vokes launched her new Board Games Club this week and 26 happy children took part in a variety of different types of board game with old friends and new.

The club runs on a Tuesday lunchtime between 12:30 and 13:00 and is open to children in Years 2-5 and is held in the Year 6 Griffin Classroom.

There are three places still free for the club - snap them up via Arbor (Clubs). A full list of school run clubs open to your child will also be listed on the Clubs section of Arbor.

A full timetable of Term 5 clubs can be viewed on our website through this link:

[Term 5 Activity Clubs.](#)



Whilst we speak about activity clubs, everyone at Slade would like to congratulate Lauren Merish from Trinity Dance who runs our Gymnastics and Cheerleading clubs as well as being a familiar face to classes who have been taught dance by Lauren in regular PE sessions. Lauren completed her first half-marathon last weekend, despite facing a n injury during her training leading up to the event. Lauren now has the running bug and plans more half-marathons in the coming years. She was incredibly pleased to have completed the London Landmarks Half-Marathon over a 13.1 mile course that takes the runners past some of London's most iconic landmarks. Many congratulations, Lauren!

NEW BUILD UPDATE

The team from Integra Buildings have been hard at work out of sight this week, however lots of groundwork happened over the Easter holiday including the pipe laying and final preparations for the arrival of our new building. The team are confident of an on-time completion of the job and remain on course to meet this target.



The building itself is due to arrive this weekend unless situations out of the contractors hands delay this delivery - this will then be pushed back by a week.

To prepare for the large load, parents, carers, friends and our local community will have seen the removal of sections of our external and internal gates and railings towards the end of this week; replaced by Heras fencing which will provide a secure area for the contractors to carry out their work. The original gating and fencing will be returned after the work is complete.

Let's see what we see on Monday morning!

TONBRIDGE GRAMMAR MATHS CHALLENGE

Miss Maple was proud and delighted to have taken four of our Year 6 children to the Tonbridge Grammar School Maths Challenge event, held at the girls secondary school yesterday morning.

The challenge saw teams of four from fifteen primary schools across West Kent compete against each other in a series of different maths related activities.

We are thrilled to tell you that our team of Yao, Kemal, Ted and Scyld came in 2nd place - which given the opposition is an outstanding achievement.

The morning was divided up into four rounds managed by the Maths team at Tonbridge Grammar School. The first round was one of Pure Maths using the four operations quickly, efficiently and accurately.



Round 2 saw logic have to be applied to the questions which meant that the team had to work excellently together, each taking a strand of the question before piecing it all together to come up with the correct answer.

Shuttle Runs was the title of Round 3 - where the team split into pairs. The first pair had a complex puzzle to solve before handing the next pair their answer. It was that answer that was used in the question for the second pair - each shuttle run took in four to six questions - it wasn't until the final question when the team found out if there was an element incorrect! The Slade team won full marks in this round, working well, supporting each other as they went.

The fourth and final round was a runabout! Team member 1 started by running the length of the hall to collect a question from one of the teachers. They would run back to the team, work out an answer before running it back to the other end of the hall. If the answer was correct the next team member will run to retrieve the next question. If it is an incorrect answer, then they must have another go, and so on.

It was a fantastic event, with thanks to everyone at Tonbridge Grammar School for hosting and to the parents and friends of the team for being the transport.



SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS



Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Stephens.

This week's hot topic: Social Media Awareness.

In today's digital world, social media is a big part of children's lives—even at primary school age. While many platforms are designed for older users, children may still access them through shared devices, older siblings, or by signing up with incorrect ages. As a school community, it's important that we work together to keep children safe online.

Why it matters:

Social media can expose children to inappropriate content, online strangers, cyberbullying, and pressure to share personal information. Young children are often not developmentally ready to manage these risks independently.

What parents and carers can do:

- Check age restrictions: Most social media platforms (such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat) have a minimum age of 13.
- Talk openly: Have regular conversations about what your child is doing online and who they are interacting with.
- Set boundaries: Agree on clear rules for device use, including time limits and where devices can be used.
- Use parental controls: Explore built-in safety settings and monitoring tools on apps and devices.
- Know the signs: Changes in behaviour, secrecy, or reluctance to talk about online activity can signal a problem.

What we teach in school:

Through our Computing and RSHE curriculum, we help pupils understand:

- The importance of keeping personal information private
- How to be kind and respectful online
- What to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable
- Who to talk to if they need help

Need support?

If you have concerns about your child's online safety, please speak to a member of staff. You can also visit trusted resources such as NSPCC or Childnet for up-to-date advice.

Working together, we can help children enjoy the benefits of technology safely and responsibly.

MONSTER MAKES WITH REBECCA, AND SOME SLADE FACES!



Monster Makes is a new show now available on the BBC iPlayer designed for pre-schoolers and young learners. Hosted by CBeebies favourite Rebecca Keatley (known to older readers as one half of the Let's Play team with Sid and Rebecca), the show helps young minds let their creative and design ideas turn into easy to make fun. Alongside Rebecca sits the lovable monster, Murphi who has a simple ethos, that anyone can make something brilliant with a bit of monster magic,!

Each episode also features the Mini Monsters who encourage viewers to recycle by making their favourite creations. Mini Monsters who include our very own Matilda, Rose and Evelyn, now in Year 3, but in Sprite Class in Year 2 at the time of filming. The girls spoke to us this week about the amazing experience which is now showing on CBeebies and on the BBC iPlayer.

'To audition, we had to make something of our choice at home with items we had available. We had to do this whilst speaking to Rebecca on Zoom to show how confident we were. After we had been told that we had been successful, we were invited to do some filming. On that day, we watched some others and we quickly made friends with the other children who had been chosen to become Mini Monsters! You will see why when you watch the programme, but we were taught how to do the conga whilst wearing Murphi ear headbands which was filmed. It was scary to start with, but we soon got used to it - then we had to say who we were to the camera - again you'll see why when you watch the episodes!'

'We then had to go separately into a room, given equipment and resources to make our item. We had to give clear instructions on how to make it whilst actually being filmed!'

Evelyn stars in episode 5 of Monster Makes, 'Dusty Old Box'. 'I made a Monster Glove Puppet; after I had made it I showed the puppet with the other two children who had made other coloured puppets - our puppets had five eyes!'



Matilda is the main Mini Monster in episode 6, 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. 'I made a butterfly puppet using stickers to make the eyes and mouth. I had yellow bits of paper for its frills and pink card for the wings. I was proud of what I made; all of our episodes are now out on the iPlayer - we loved watching and showing the episodes to our family and friends!'

Rose has the main role of all of the Mini Monsters in episode 16, 'Carrots'. 'I made a caterpillar on a leaf. It was quite tricky making the leaf part but it was lots of fun. The lady who ran the filming session was very friendly so I knew exactly what to do; I would love to do it again!'



ARTHUR SHINES AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL

We are delighted to bring you news of Arthur's experience at the recent Tunbridge Wells Arts and Music Festival.



Arthur has performed at the annual event designed to showcase talented artists from across the world before, although this year was especially memorable for him as he managed to achieve a 1st in his year 5 Piano performances playing a grade 7 piece 'Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence' by Ryuichi Sakamoto.

It was another fantastic event this year, with so many young performers putting themselves in front of an audience and giving it their all! Every performance brought yet another moment between the young musicians, their instruments and the audience which we can only imagine has deepened a connection with music as it has with Arthur.

Many congratulations to Arthur who consistently produces such high levels of ability and confidence when he is playing and we look forward to seeing and hearing much more of him in the future.

SUPPORTING MIND AT THE MARATHON

This weekend is the world famous London Marathon and we have runners competing in the junior version on Saturday and we are delighted to say, some parents taking part in the main event on Sunday. Good luck to everyone taking part in the schools race, we will cover this event in next week's newsletter.

Meanwhile running the 26.2 mile (42.2km) route around South East, East and Central London is Imogen, mummy of Ted in Pixie Class who is shortly to be joined at Slade by younger sister Harriet. Imogen will be running and raising money Mind, the mental health charity. Imogen told us this week about her decision to run for this amazing and important cause, 'I'm running the London Marathon on Sunday, raising money for Mind because I think mental health is incredibly important. Part of the reason I wanted to run for Mind is to help break down the stigma surrounding mental health. I really struggled at school and didn't know how to identify or understand what I was feeling, let alone how to talk about it or who I would talk to. The work that Mind and our local [West Kent Mind](#) do is so important to support adults and children alike and also to advocate for positive change around mental health within our society.

I'm so grateful to everyone who has donated and anyone who still chooses to do so, but the awareness is as much as what it's about for me.'

If you would like to donate to Imogen's marathon run in support of Mind, you can do so via Just Giving: [Just Giving: Mind at the London Marathon](#)

It promises to be an amazing day and the children are incredibly excited for mummy, as Imogen explained, 'Ted and Imogen have been a huge motivator and support through my training and they will be also during the event itself; they have done some wonderful drawings which have been made into t-shirts!' The pictures are shown in design (right) and on our front cover today.

Wes Ivens-Gardiner, also a Pixie Class parent is also running and we wish both Wes and Imogen a successful run - and well done for all of your efforts; the children and everyone at Slade are very proud of you!



SUMMER IN FOREST SCHOOL

Now that the warmer weather has reached us, a reminder of the different kit required for Forest School depending on the temperature and likelihood of rain.

Summer Kit includes:

- Thin long sleeved t-shirt
- Thin long trousers
- Lightweight jumper or fleece
- Boots (trainers are fine in dry weather)
- Sun hat and sun screen
- Thin long trousers
- Waterproof jacket/trousers if rain is possible
- Carrier bag for muddy clothes



The Green Rangers have been busy alongside Miss Hall this week preparing the area for a new term of outside learning. They have also launched a new lunchtime activity centre for any pupil to pop into and join in, making Bookmarks, Friendship Bracelets and relaxing by doing some finger knitting. at lunchtimes out on the field, the new Green Rangers activity centre is the place to be to be creative in the shade!

FINAL OUTING OF THE SEASON FOR THE ANGELS

Tonbridge Angels will play their final match of the 2025/26 season tomorrow, bringing to an end a largely successful campaign, the first under new boss Alan Dunne. In their last league match the Angels smashed 6 past Farnborough in their clash in North Hampshire.

Tomorrow, they take on the biggest club in the National League South, Torquay United. The Gulls need a draw or, if results in other matches go against them, a win, to secure a play off place to compete to get promotion to the 5th tier of English football. It promises to be another exciting match at Longmead in front of another big crowd as the Devon team have a fantastic away following. Be there to send the Angels into the summer.

Kick off is at the earlier time of 12:30, so you get football and loads of time

in the afternoon as well! Tickets can be purchased on the day or online: [Buy Tickets – TAFC](#).

Good luck to the team after a brilliant National League South season.



JUDDIANS FAMILY DAY ENTRY



We have been delighted to be able to give away 30 family tickets to Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Football Club for their National League 1 match versus Leicester Lions tomorrow with a 15:00 kick off on our neighbours pitch. There will be family fun including bouncy castles for the children at the match. Each of the free tickets given away gain entry for two adults and children. If you go along to the game, let us know with your pictures and we will feature them next week.



LARKFIELD AQUASPLASH

Yesterday morning, Larkfield Leisure Centre played host to the Aquasplash Games involving ten primary schools from the Tonbridge and Maidstone area.

Our team arrived back at school at lunchtime and were eager to tell us all about the different activities that they performed in coming a fantastic 4th place in the mini tournament.

Harry and Aidan spoke to us, with Harry explaining what they had been up to, 'It was brilliant fun in the pool. There were different races which were timed, so we had to be fast - one was swimming with a volleyball - this was difficult because the ball wants to keep popping up out of the water, so you have to keep hold of it! There were other games where we had to retrieve 'sinker' (bricks or other objects that sink to the bottom of the pool). We had to get them from the bottom and then reach up to put them in the plastic box to get points.'

Aidan's favourite game was rescuing the ducks, he was keen to reassure us that they were not mallards from nearby Leybourne Lakes, but plastic ducks! 'We had to swim, run in the water or float really fast towards the ducks at the other end of the pool. When we reached them, we had to throw them accurately into the poolside box and we got points for each duck we managed to get in the box, It was so much fun!'

It was a wonderful event and congratulations to our super swimmers on their achievements. Thankyou to everyone at Larkfield for hosting and to the parents who transported the children to and from the leisure centre.



TEAM BUILDING AT SKINNERS SCHOOL

Later on Thursday, Mrs Ball was at the first of two Team Building events being held at Skinners School in Tunbridge Wells. The evening festival encouraged the teams from schools across West Kent to perform tasks and reach a goal by playing and working together to achieve success. It was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by everyone taking part.



THE
SLADE
DRAGONS



SLADE'S FIRST DRAGON BOAT RACE!

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

JOIN THE CREW

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NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
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ON FRIDAY 8TH MAY IF OVER SUBSCRIBED

BE PART OF THE DRAGON BOAT CREW!

The Slade Primary School PTA will be taking part in the annual Tonbridge Dragon Boat Race, a hugely popular event which takes place on the River Medway each September.- and they are looking for crew members!

Thousands line the banks and bridges of the river between the Canoe Club and The Big Bridge as boats compete against each other in fun, river races - and we are giving you the chance to be part of the action!

The details are below and on the poster on page 13 of today's newsletter. Places are limited as our vessel is a dragon boat rather than a cross channel ferry, so in the event that places are over subscribed, a ballot will be held to form the final crew.

The ballot will close on Friday 8th May! With thanks to our sponsors, all money raised (including from the participant sign up fee and stall on the day) will go to the PTA.

Date: Sunday 6th September

Time: Approximately 8:00am – 4:00pm (with breaks throughout the day)

Commitment: This is a full-day event, and participants will be expected to attend for the entire day. All team members will have at least 2 races over the course of the day. If we reach the final, the crew will be selected by random. We will also have a stall on the river front that all team mates can use as a base and help with in short intervals

Fee: £25 per rower (this goes straight to the PTA)

Experience: No experience needed – full training/tactics will be provided on the day

Suitability: Open to all abilities and fitness levels

The Slade Dragons are sponsored by:

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WINNERS OF THE WEEK

TED AND PUP

Attendance: Gnome, Pegasus, Phoenix Classes

Punctuality: Phoenix Class in Year 4

SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK



EYFS: Leo and Denis

Year 1: Royce and Julianna



Year 2: Reno and Henry

Year 3: Rohan and Norah



Year 4: Alfie and Sonia

Year 5: Rosie and Sami

Year 6: Peony and Anna

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Air - 0000 Points
2. Earth - 0000 Points
3. Water - 0000 Points
4. Fire - 0000 Points

TIDY CLASSROOMS

As judged by our House Captains

Key Stage 1: Not judged this week

Key Stage 2: Not judged this week

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 - Gnome Class (25/30)

Key Stage 2 - Year 6 Class (26/30)

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:

Henry for Kindness

Norah for Resilience



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS CHAMPIONS

Individual Champions This Week

Year 2: Max (Sprite)

Year 5: Harriet (Hydra)

Year 3: Catherine (Pegasus)

Year 6: Scyld (Dragon)

Year 4: Nivy (Sphinx)

Term 5 Class Competition (Current Table)

DAILY MILE TERMLY COMPETITION



Class Champions This Week

Key Stage 1: Elf (120 Laps)

Key Stage 2: Wyvern (90 Laps)

Summer Competition (Weeks Won)

Key Stage 1: Elf (1)

Key Stage 2: Wyvern (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.

Three 100%ers to begin the term.

Congratulations to everyone in Gnome, Pegasus and Phoenix Classes for all being here everyday this week!



Our Attendance Target = 97.0%

Our Attendance This Year = 95.6%

Our Attendance This Week = 96.6%

Attendance Ted This Week

Position	Class	Year Group	Attendance this Week
1	Gnome	Year 2, Mrs Manktelow	100%
1	Pegasus	Year 3, Miss Meers and Miss Elliott	100%
1	Phoenix	Year 4, Miss Taylor and Miss Maple	100%
4	Dragon	Year 6, Mrs Worley	98.3%
5	Elmer	EYFS, Mrs Mulhern	97.1%
6	Gruffalo	EYFS, Mrs Pearson	96.7%
6	Hippogriff	Year 3, Mr Louth	96.7%
6	Sphinx	Year 4, Mrs Burnside	96.7%
9	Wyvern	Year 5, Miss Hall and Mrs Potter	96.3%
10	Pixie	Year 1, Mr Clark	95.0%
11	Sprite	Year 2, Mrs Shrimpton	94.2%
11	Hydra	Year 5, Mr Duffin	94.2%
11	Griffin	Year 6, Mrs Fordyce	94.2%
14	Elf	Year 1, Mrs Hitchcock	93.3%

Late Children This Week = 30



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: Phoenix

A few more late this week unfortunately, but weekly winners Phoenix are still leading the way with no one late at all. Coupled with their Attendance of 100% it means that everyone in Miss Taylor and Miss Maple's Year 4 class has been here, ready to learn all day, every day!

September	October	November
		

December	January	February
		

March	April	May
	<p>Saturday 25 - TCS Mini London Marathon</p> <p>Monday 27 - Dynamos Cricket</p> <p>Tuesday 28 - Gnome Class visit to Tonbridge Mosque</p> <p>Wednesday 29 - Sprite Class visit to Tonbridge Mosque</p> <p>Thursday 30 - Year 5 Educational Activity Day at Carroty Wood</p>	<p>Friday 1 - Water House Non Uniform Day</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>Saturday 11 - PTA Music Festival (15:00 - 18:30)</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.