School Newsletter
Term 1 Issue 6
Friday 16 October 2026



Slade Primary School

Dear Parents and Families,

This term has certainly been a busy one, and I can hardly believe that next week will be the final week of Term 1!

I have been incredibly pleased with how well the children have settled back into school life and am particularly impressed by their attendance and punctuality so far this year. We have made a really strong start, with attendance averaging close to 97% across the school, the highest I have seen for some time. In fact, last week four classes achieved 100% attendance, which is a fantastic accomplishment.

As we move into the colder months and the inevitable season of coughs, colds and sniffles, I hope we can all stay as healthy as possible. As a reminder, if you are ever unsure whether your child should attend school or remain at home due to illness, our Attendance page on the school website contains NHS guidance on a range of common childhood illnesses and when children should return to school.

I am also delighted to see our curriculum offer continuing to grow this term. Alongside the positive changes we have made to lunchtime provision, we have expanded our Outdoor Learning programme and introduced structured British Sign Language (BSL) lessons across the school. If your child has not yet started their BSL sessions, please do not worry. They are scheduled to begin next term, and I know they will thoroughly enjoy taking part.

A huge thank you goes to all those who have volunteered to continue as Reading Angels this year. Your time, commitment and support make a real difference to our children. The additional opportunities you provide for reading practice are invaluable and have a significant impact on developing children's confidence and enjoyment of reading. If you are interested in finding out more about what the role entails then please contact Mrs Burnside via the school office.

Continuing with the theme of volunteering, we held our PTA AGM on Monday. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us, either in person or via Zoom. During the meeting, on behalf of the school community, we expressed our sincere gratitude to Caroline Zuber, Emily Richardson and Flora Hudson, who have decided to step down from their PTA roles. It is difficult to put into words just how much time, energy and dedication they have given to our school. Their efforts have not only raised significant funds for our children but have also helped foster the strong sense of community that makes our school so special. Fortunately, as they still have children in the school, this is not quite goodbye, but I would like to thank them wholeheartedly for everything they have done over the years!

Next week we will be holding our parent consultation meetings, and it has been wonderful to see so many families booking appointments to meet with their child's class teacher. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school. I look forward to seeing many of you on either Tuesday or Thursday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone for our final week of the term!

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From The Headteacher

Next Week...

Monday 19 October

- Gruffalo Class Outdoor Learning
- 13:30 - Hearing Impaired Toddler Group

Tuesday 20 October

- Griffin Class Outdoor Learning
- 16:00 - 19:00 Parent - Teacher Consultations - Please see page 5 for details and exceptions

Wednesday 21 October

- Dragon Class Outdoor Learning
- Who Am I? Day - Please see previous emails, page 5 and page 16 for full details

Thursday 22 October

- Hydra Class Outdoor Learning
- 16:00 - 19:00 Parent - Teacher Consultations - Please see page 5 for details and exceptions

Friday 23 October

- Wyvern Class Outdoor Learning
- Last Day of Term 1

All of the diary dates for the school year can be found online:
Slade Online Diary

Around School

Term 2 Activities and Yeti's Bookings

The Term 2 Clubs and Activities timetable is now available on the school website and here:

Term 2 Clubs and Activities

Term 2 Activity Clubs will run every day of term (Tuesday 3 November - Friday 18 December inclusive).

School Run Activities:
These should be booked via your Arbor account - logon and choose Clubs where you will see each activity that your child is eligible for. It is important that you book your child's place as we will use the register list for future communications regarding the club, which may include cancellations or special events. The booking window will open at 20:00 on Sunday 18 October.

Independent Activity Clubs:
These should be booked and paid for directly with the provider using the contact details on the timetable. The club provider is responsible for all communications including those about cancellations or special events.

Yeti's Wraparound Provision:
Yeti's is back for another term of Breakfast and After School fun with the booking window opening at 20:00 on Sunday 25 October. If you are a childcare voucher payer, please arrange for the voucher to reach our bank account as soon as possible. Vouchers that have been paid into the school account by 11:00 on Friday 23 October will be loaded onto Arbor to ensure parents can secure sessions at Breakfast and After School Clubs. It is always useful for you let us know when you have released funds to us - you can do this via finance@slade.kent.sch.uk.

Junior Adventures Group

Slade Primary School have made the decision not to move ahead in a relationship with club provider Junior Adventures Group (JAG).

We understand that JAG were advertising and accepting places on an October Half-Term Holiday Club. We were completely unaware that they were doing this - no contracts had been signed with regard to this holiday provision; we made contact with them as soon as this came to light. We trust that any family who made a paid booking with JAG for this holiday club have now received details from them on how to claim this payment back. If you have any questions regarding this, you must contact Junior Adventures Group directly.

Slade Primary School understands the value of holiday provision for our families and we will continue to explore a range of options. We will update families with developments in due course.

Telling Us About Attendance

If for any reason your child is not going to be in school - this can be through illness, appointments of any kind, or visiting a secondary school open day - you should inform us using the correct email address which is attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk rather than the school office.

The Attendance inbox will be seen directly by those members of the team who will inform the register immediately of absence - which helps to safeguard the children as well as preventing unnecessary SMS or telephone calls home.

If you know your child is coming to school before 12:00 from an appointment, you can also let us know their lunch choice so this can be booked in advance and you will not run the risk of choices running out.

Parent - Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you all in school next Tuesday and Thursday at our Parent - Teacher Consultation meetings. Over 400 appointments have been made and we thankyou for your continued support.

Entry for your appointments will be via the Main Playground Gate and the meetings will take place in the classroom* **. Please arrive in time for your booked appointment to prevent any running delays.

* Mrs Worley's Phoenix Class appointments take place during the school day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - please enter via the School Office Gate.

** Mrs Mulhern's Elmer Class appointments will take place in the School Library.

A reminder that there are no after school activity clubs running on Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 February. Please make sure alternative collection arrangements have been made. Yeti's After School Club is open as normal, but places are now fully booked for Session 1 on both evenings.

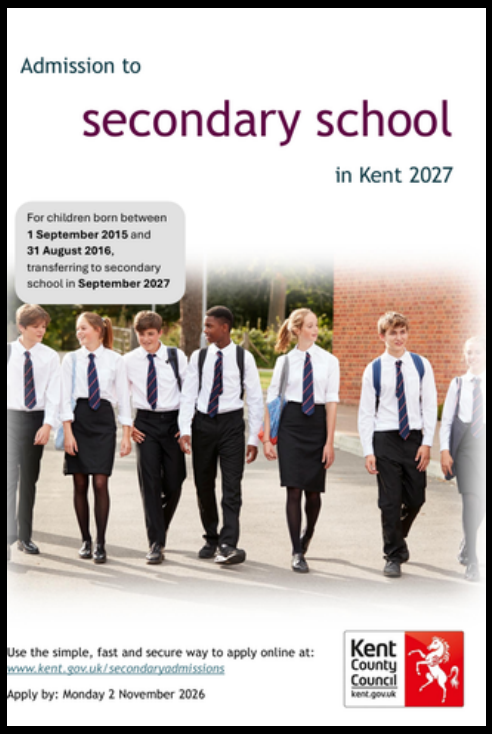
Secondary School Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 will know that the online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2027 is currently open and will close at 23:59 on midnight on Monday 2 November.

Kent County Council have produced an interactive guide to making an application if you haven't done it already - this can be found under this link: Secondary School Applications 2027.

The leaflet is interactive so parents can click on the links to take them straight to the KCC website and directly email us if needed.

If parents have any queries, the team can be contacted on kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk or 03000 41 21 21.



Who Am I?

Miss Ellis and Mrs Lipman are very excited to be bringing a range of activities to children across the school next Wednesday as we hold our popular Who Am I? Day at Slade once again.

The day is designed as an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community - to appreciate the people, cultures, experiences and interests here at school.

The children are invited to bring in some clothes or an item that helps describe themselves - please see our poster on page 16 for full details.

Themes on the day will include a chance for EYFS children to use great adjectives to describe themselves around a body shape they can design of them; Key Stage 1 children will be able to be as creative as they can be with the body outline - the result will show who they think they are! Year 3 and 4 will describe themselves in a paragraph and in Year 5 and 6 they will be writing 'A Day in the Life Of...' using what they do and where they go in order to identify themselves in the process.

In this week's newsletter, I have asked the fabulous SEN Team we have working for the children at Slade to introduce themselves to you.
Many of the names will be familiar, but they all work in different roles to make the whole team function properly and efficiently. The way we work together will be shown in the positive learning outcomes and school experience felt by the children we support.



CATHERINE BARBER
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Firstly, I am really pleased to provide the link to the latest SEND Information Report, which was discussed and agreed at the latest Full Governing Body Meeting on Wednesday evening. You can read it on our school website and here: Slade SEND Information Report.

Our SEND Team:

Catherine Barber
Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Lead
Hello, my name is Catherine Barber, and I am the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion. I am a qualified teacher with over 20 years of experience and have been a qualified SENCO since 2022. I have worked at Slade Primary School for the past seven years, and many parents will already know me through my work supporting children and families across the school. I lead our dedicated Inclusion Team, who are introduced below, and together we work to ensure that every child feels valued, supported and able to reach their full potential. I am incredibly proud of our school's inclusive ethos and the positive difference we make for all pupils.



Jayne Laker
Teacher of the Deaf and Assistant SENCO

Hi, I'm Jayne (or Miss Laker as the children call me!). I have worked at Slade Primary School for 20 years now and absolutely love it here. For the past 13 years, I have worked as the Teacher of the Deaf, running our lovely Titan's specialist resource provision. In the last couple of years, I have also taken on the role of Assistant SENCo, working alongside Catherine Barber as part of the inclusion team. As part of my combined roles, I spend time supporting our hearing impaired (HI) children across the school; teaching both HI and some of our mainstream children in Titan's in the mornings; observing in different classes around the school; carrying out specialist assessments and supporting our SEND children in the wider school community. I absolutely love my role and spending time with our wonderful children.
Outside of school, I am a massive 'petrol head' and love everything car related (especially the F1 and the Goodwood Festival of Speed!). I also love reading in my free time and spending glorious sunny days at the beach. I'm also a huge cat lover and currently have an elderly little girl called Cookie, who loves nothing more than snuggling up on a warm lap and snoozing (sounds perfect to me!).

Maxine Button
SEND Admin Assistant



Hello I am Maxine also known as Mrs Button!
Some of you may have known me from my previous role as FLO. I have been lucky enough to have worked at Slade twice and I am now embarking on a new role as SEND admin assistant. Already I am enjoying getting to know and build relationships with all parents/carers, and children but in particular families who navigate daily the challenges caring for a child with SEND. My role is to manage the paperwork, scheduling, and communication behind the scenes to support children with extra learning needs and their families. I am already loving my new role but I am particularly happy to be back with the Slade family!
Outside of school I love walking my dogs, Poppy (a very noisy Schnoodle) and Dotty (an adorable Australian Labradoodle). These walks are sometimes an ideal excuse to stop for a Latte and cake at cafes along the way (and why not!) My other passion / frustration is my garden - what I lack in knowledge I more than make up for in enthusiasm! If it involves muddy paws, green leaves and fresh air I am in my happy place!

Amy Shafer
Learning &Support Assistant/ Pastoral Support Worker



Amy has a dual role at Slade. In the morning she works as an LSA supporting SEND children in the classroom. In the afternoon, she is our Pastoral Support worker in Titans. A trained Play Therapist, Amy offers a range of therapeutic interventions at Slade from Talk Time to Socially Speaking to Play Therapy. Her hope is that she will enable children to find their voice, to proactively discuss concerns or worries they may have, to work through things that may have upset or unsettled them or to help them process something that was traumatic.

Suzanne Bachelor
Speech and Language Therapist



I love finding ways of sharing my skills with everyone at Slade School. I strive to help all adults support their students with speech, language and communication problems. In school I run face to face therapy sessions, set up programmes - that can support listening skills, speech sound production, vocabulary development, following instructions & talking - and provide training to all staff in school. I create many of my own resources which allows for bespoke, tailor-made support at Slade School. I thoroughly enjoy my Wednesdays here and feel lucky to be part of the Team.
As a little additional background, I graduated from The University College of St Mark and St John in 2000 with a BA (Hons) in Human Communication Studies. I am a member of The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice. I am also registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

500 Word Challenge

Mrs Mills, our school librarian, would like to share an invite for children at Slade to take part in the BBC 500 words Challenge - with lots of chances to win with creative storytelling!

500 Words, the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds, is now open for entries!

Make sure you submit stories before the deadline, at 21:00, Friday 6 November.

The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to create an original story in 500 words or fewer.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about writers' brilliant creativity!

The celebrity panel of judges include Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Francesca Simon, Sir Lenny Henry, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Rose Ayling-Ellis.

There are brilliant prizes to be won, including a framed illustrated cover of their story, created exclusively by Yuval Zommer, Nicola Kent, Matty Long, Diane Ewen, Becky Cameron, and Chanté Timothy.

If you want some amazing inspiratio, take a read of the stories written by the finalists of the 2025/26 competition.



Everyone has a story to tell and we want to inspire our children at Slade to tell theirs for 500 Words.
Join Lenny Henry and Naomi Wilkinson as they present a live lesson which explores what makes a memorable character, show you how to transform personal ideas into original story creations, and discover how a simple "what if?" question can unlock exciting plot possibilities.
The Live Lesson features storytelling tips from past 500 Words finalists and is designed to help children develop the confidence to start their own 500 Words story.
You can watch the lesson by clicking on the links below,

Watch Now via BBC Bitezize Watch the Live Lesson with BSL



Children who wish to enter should do so independent of school at home via the BBC Bitesize website:
BBC 500 Words Entry Submission.

You can find out everything you need to know via Bitesize, including:

500 Word Challenge: Everything you need to know The Panel
The Illustrators The Marking Criteria

If you decide to submit an entry, let us know, we would love to feature your story and to promote the creativity of the children at Slade through the newsletter.

Good luck; and happy writing!

News from the PTA



Caroline, Emily and Flora: Thankyou from everyone at Slade

On Monday evening, the PTA held their Annual General Meeting which brough the curtain down on six years of the most wonderful senior committee that any school could wish for.

The meeting was the time where Caroline Zuber, Emily Richardson (chair and co-chairs over that period) and Flora Hudson (Treasurer) officially stood down and handed the keys of the PTA on to a new committee.

We would like to put into words through the newsletter just how grateful every single member of the school community is to Caroline, Emily and Flora. From the children in this year's EYFS Classes who will be learning and playing with resources funded through the PTA'S efforts (including the Mud Kitchen built by Emily and her family!) through to pupils long since left Slade for secondary school for the same reasons, the parents who have enjoyed the many and varied PTA events which have grown and grown - as have the donations and therefore the ability to plough funds back into the school for the benefit of everyone - and of course the staff past and present, who have wanted to help and be part of some great events and have seen their dreams of new resources that would never have been able to be funded from school budgets come to delivery from the proceeds of those events as well as benefiting from large subsidies given by the PTA towards the cost of school trips which allows for some more ambitious planning in this regard as well.

We would like to add our personal thanks and gratitude to Caroline, Emily and Flora for their never ending friendliness, humour and smiles and for always including us by providing us with all of the information we need to share and promote PTA events, always in good time, to be able to support their efforts through the pages of the newsletter, the school notice boards (funded by, guess who?!) and the daily diary emails. Thankyou all, we are already missing you! We also know just how much hard work and personal time went into every single event you ran and as a result, we know that you deserve this time just to enjoy school as parents of children across the yeargroups at Slade.

After the AGM, we caught up with Caroline as she reflected on a wonderful period for them and for Slade:

Caroline, How long were you and Emily chair of the PTA?

We've both been actively involved for 6 years, running fundraising events since 2021 when we started with a socially distanced Teddy Bear hunt around Barden Lake!
Emily and I co-chaired for two years with Eleanor Hoyle (now Chair of Governors), then together for an additional year, and I've chaired this year.
Flora has been Treasurer for 4 years, signing up pretty much as soon as she joined the school community!

What made you want to become part of the PTA in the very first place?

Emily and I joined Slade at a time when Covid had a huge effect on how the PTA could raise money.
We had an idea for an outdoor event that we could set up in small waves to ensure people weren't gathering in large groups.
It worked well and brought the school community back together at a difficult time. From there it was a natural progression onto the committee for us both!!

News from the PTA

What was your favourite event?





Caroline - Difficult question - probably the Christmas Sale each year. It's such a fabulously festive and joyful event. The children are so excited to be able to choose and wrap gifts for their loved ones and it's a wonderful, whole school experience.

Flora - I wanted to join the PTA to help raise more funds for the school and all the lovely little extras for the children to enjoy. My favourite event has always been the Christmas sale. It's just magical and the children are always so excited to choose gifts for their families.

Which event, or achievement are you most proud of?

Caroline - I'm proud to have been part of some fantastic PTA committees and to have worked alongside such caring and creative parents and carers who are committed to supporting our wonderful school.
Looking back over the past 6 years, Slade PTA has raised over £100,000 - I'm honoured to have worked with past chairs and committee members to raise that money and see the difference it's made for all our children.
An active PTA can have such a profound impact. A big focus for me was ensuring the PTA was inclusive - I hope we achieved that and people felt able to join in and access our events.

Flora - I'm really proud of our 24/25 year when we raised over £27,000.

Are you looking forward to coming to events without having to give up a whole month beforehand in preparation?

Caroline - It would be so exciting to be able to attend a Summer Fete without worrying about gazebos, or a Fireworks Night without the anxiety of risk assessments, or whether Sum Up will work on the gate!!
It will be fun to come to events and enjoy them with my family, but I'll still always be happy to sign up to a rota! I've seen first-hand the difference it makes when lots of people are able to give a small amount of time.

Do you have a message for the incoming committee?

Caroline - It should be fun! Managing sheds, shopping lists, volunteers and the weather can be stressful.....but at the end of the day you're all giving your time and energy voluntarily, and it should feel enjoyable and worthwhile. Don't be afraid to mix things up, try new things and reach out to the school community for support - they're an incredible bunch!
In addition, my personal thanks to the school staff who have stood beside us on stalls, supported us tirelessly from the office, worked late to attend PTA meetings and encouraged us throughout the years. I am so grateful for your trust and guidance, and to every single person who has volunteered at, attended and championed our fundraising efforts. Thank you all so much.

Emily - Being part of the PTA over the past four years has been such a rewarding experience. We've loved building relationships with our wonderful teachers, getting to know the children and becoming an even bigger part of our school community. Most importantly, it's been incredibly satisfying to see how the money we've raised has helped support the school and create extra opportunities for our children. We look forward to handing over the ropes for a new team to put their spin on things.

Flora - I'm very much looking forward to coming to all the events and seeing what the new committee have in store for us! My only piece of advice would be to be careful with bank notes in the wind!

The Sound of The Cadets

We are sad to say that on Monday afternoon, a crime was committed at school.

We are able to report that an audacious break-in occurred during a brief time that the school office was unattended at lunchtime. The would-be theives drove in to the school carpark and caused damage to the office window as they gained entry - it was clear that they were looking for something as they made straight for a particular cupboard belonging to our Administration Officer, Mrs Arnold.

The staff in the office returned to their workplace to find that the crime had happened and, keeping calm, quickly telephoned the police.

We were incredibly lucky as Kent Police sent along their crack team of Cadets. It did not take them long to arrive and to begin putting together the clues. They interviewed the workers in the office, immediately spotted the means of entry and set about gathering every bit of forensic evidence available such as visible fingerprints, blood splatters and footprints.

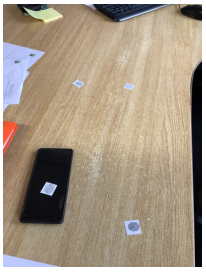
In addition to this, they asked some great questions and used evidence captured from our CCTV recordings which showed the offenders driving in, but making good their escape by running out of the premises after a delivery van blocked the chance of driving away.

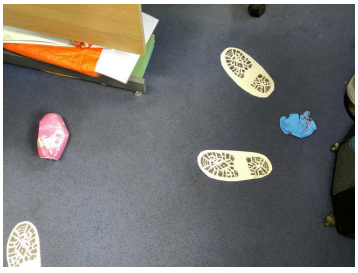
This was a lucky turn of events as noticed by the Cadets as they recognised that this meant that further evidence could be retrieved from the vehicle left behind. This was a successful hunch, as they were quickly able to ascertain that the vehicle had been reported stolen (adding to the growing charge sheet) and that the offender had left further evidence in the shape of fingerprints and, incredibly, his driving licence!

This information was relayed back to the station and the offender quickly apprehended at his home address.

The Cadets had obviously been listening hard and taking on the lessons of their course working alongside PCSO Toni Matthew as they also explained during their investigation how to be aware of cross contamination and how to best preserve evidence from the crime scene. They also understood the importance of elimination DNA traces and fingerprints so they did not waste anytime pursuing any dead end leads such as investigating those people whose traces will legitimately be found in the area.

Well done and thankyou to the Cadets for their great work this week.












Upcoming Fixtures

Term 2 fixtures to be released next week with details then passed to proposed participants.

Ultimate

Earlier in the week, our team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Ultimate Festival at Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells.

Ultimate is a fast-moving team sport enjoyed by millions of players around the world.
Ultimate has some unique features: there are no referees and it's played with a flying disc, to compete at the highest level, Ultimate players require speed, agility and endurance and our squad had plenty of this as they first found out how to play the fast moving sport, before testing ther wits against other local schools.
Well done to everyone who took part and thankyou to all of the parents who supported this event by taking the children to and from the event. Special thanks from Mrs Ball to Stuart McIvor for being our coach for the day.






National League Cup

Today, our girls football team have been competing in the National League Trust Cup at Yeomans Community Stadium, home of Tonbridge Angels FC. The girls finished fourth overall, reaching the semi finals on the day after playing well throughout and importantly, noted for their fantastic teamwork and with a sense of fair play to all of their opponents. There were large numbers of schools competing from across West Kent - whilst we did not proceed to the next round of the tournament, we did secure a victory over Woodlands, which had special meaning to Florence as they are her old school!

Congratulations to Langton Green on winning the tournament; they will go through to the South Eastern finals day and one step nearer to Wembley. Well done to all of our team: Millie, Daisy, Phoebe, Rosie, Ottilie, Harriet and Florence and many thanks to all of the parents, carers and friends who came along to support the team in some pretty miserable weather this morning and for transporting them back down Shipbourne Road.









Attendance and Punctuality

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 13:00 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.

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 zero late marks alongside the best attendance each week.

Your Class This Week

Class	Year Group	Attendance	Number of Late Entries	Winner!
Whole School		96.7%	18	
Elmer	**EYFS, Mrs Mulhern**	98.7%	2	Attendance Ted
Gruffalo	**EYFS, Mrs Pearson**	98.3%	2	
Pixie	**Year 1, Mr Clark**	97.7%	4	
Elf	**Year 1, Mrs Hitchcock**	93.7%	1	
Gnome	**Year 2, Miss Manktelow**	98.7%	3	Attendance Ted
Sprite	**Year 2, Miss Ellis**	98.0%	0	Punctuality Pup
Pegasus	**Year 3, Miss Meers and Miss Elliott**	98.7%	2	Attendance Ted
Hippogriff	**Year 3, Mr Louth**	95.0%	0	
Phoenix	**Year 4, Mrs Worley**	94.0%	2	
Sphinx	**Year 4, Miss Hall**	96.7%	0	
Hydra	**Year 5, Mrs Burniside and Mr Duffin**	97.3%	0	
Wyvern	**Year 5, Miss Taylor and Miss Maple**	96.7%	0	
Dragon	**Year 6, Mrs Lipman**	95.2%	0	
Griffin	**Year 6, Mrs Fordyce**	94.7%	2	

Whole School This Year

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Year: 96.7%

Celebration Assembly

Attendance Ted: Elmer (EYFS), Gnome (Year 2), Pegasus (Year 3)

Punctuality Pup: Sprite Class (Year 2)

Winners of the Week



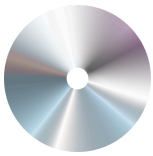
Superstars of the Week



EYFS:
Year 1: Herman and Jasper



Year 2: Ted and Olivia
Year 3: Aras and Thomas



Year 4: Pippa and Evelyne
Year 5: Edith and Uma
Year 6: Lara and Daisy

Celebrating our School Values

In this section, we celebrate those children who have been nominated this week for showing one or more of our School Values.

Kindness: Archie, Freya
Independence: Maria, Frankie
Resilience: William
Inclusion:
Honesty: Aidan

Outdoor Learning Golden Broom Award

Congratulations to Abid in Gnome Class and Hunter in Elf Class for your help in being the best at protecting the school envrionment at lunchtime.



Times Tables Rockstars are used across the school from Year 2 - 6. Each week the programme nominates Rockstars of the Week. This can be for the time spent during the week practising, for the number of points earned or for being a new user of the programme.

House Points This Week

Fire: 174 Points

Earth: 157 Points

Water: 126 Points

Air: 120 Points

Other Awards

Tidy Ted is a prize handed out by the House Captains, who go around the classrooms and judge which class keeps their room and cloakroom area the tidiest.

This week, they were unable to award the prize to any class!

In Our Community

Angels' Schools Partnership Day is Back!

Saturday 31 October: Angels v Salisbury

We still have tickets to give away for all the family to get along to the Yeomans Community Stadium in Longmead on Saturday 31 October to watch Tonbridge Angels take on high flying Salisbury FC in the National League South.

We have tickets to give away that provide free entry for one adult and one child, saving at least £18 on normal matchday entry. You can take the whole family - just request as many as you need (for example if you are going with 2 adults and 2 children you will need 2 tickets). All you need to do is write to the school office (office@slade.kent.sch.uk) letting us know how many tickets you would like and the name and class of your child. We will then let you know on the day that we hand the tickets to them to bring home. Gates open at 13:00 with plenty of time to grab food and a drink before the action on the pitch begins.



This weekend, Tonbridge Angels are at home after a fantastic win away at Maidenhead United last time out. Kick off is at 15:00 (gates open at 13:00) as the Angels take on Hemel Hempstead in the league. Tonbridge find themselves well positioned in 9th place - 3 points and 5 places above The Tudors from Hertfordshire. They will want to be pushing on for a spot in the early season play off positions with a win - be there to support local community football, where you can get up close to the players - for information and tickets for upcoming home games: TAFC.

Come on you Angels!

Hygiene Bank West Kent are a brilliant local charity that exists to end hygiene poverty in the UK.

Their work extends all over the country but shelves in West Kent are empty and they reached out to ask if anyone in our school community is able to help.

If you are interested in helping, Hygiene Bank West Kent have a wishlist of things they need:

Hygiene Bank West Kent via Amazon

You can find out more by visiting the official website:

https://thehygienebank.com/who-we-are/

The map here shows official drop off points in the area if anyone wanted to drop something off in person.



Who am I? Day: Belonging
Wednesday 21 October

Who am I? Day

The theme this year: belonging!

Each year, children are invited to think about the question:

What makes you unique?

This year, we're also asking:

What helps you feel that you belong?

What is it?

Our **Who Am I? Day** is an opportunity for everyone in our school community to celebrate the people, cultures, experiences and interests that make us who we are. Children will share what represents them with their class and enjoy fun activities celebrating diversity and belonging.

What do I need to do?

We'd love everyone at Slade to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community.

Bring in clothes or an item* that represents your culture, faith, identity, or a group you belong to. Children will come to school in their school uniform and change their clothes in the afternoon.

For example

- If you are part of a football club, you could wear this kit
- If you attend Brownies, you could wear your uniform
- If you go to sewing club, you might bring in your favourite item you have made

When?

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Why?

To celebrate our differences and have the opportunity to learn about all the different cultures and religions that makes our school wonderful!

*Please Note

You must have permission from an adult to bring in any clothing or items from home

Contact and Information

In Class
Non urgent messages from home directly to the class teacher : ***classname*@slade.kent.sch.uk**

School Office
General enquiries and information about school events: **office@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Absence: Attendance & Punctuality
Sickness reporting, term time absence requests and medical appointments: **attendance@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Yeti's Wraparound: Breakfast and After School Club from Yeti's
All enquiries that cannot be answered using the website link above: **yetis@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Activity Clubs: Extra Curricular Activity Clubs
Enquiries about Activity Club provision and questions following sports event invites: **sportsandactivities@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Finance
Questions about Childcare vouchers, school meal, educational visit and special lesson payments: **finance@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Family Liaison
Contact the Family Liaison Officer for advice or want a chat in confidence: **flo@slade.kent.sch.uk**

School Lunches
Comments and questions about school meal provision from Emma's Kitchen: **emma@emmaskitchenco.com**

Admissions: Admissions (Slade Website) In Year Admissions (Kent County Council Website)
Questions about In Year and September EYFS Admissions: **admissions@slade.kent.sch.uk**

Complaints: Slade Complaints Policy
Please refer to the Complaints Policy above, then: **feedback@slade.kent.sch.uk**

GDPR and Privacy Policy: UK and EU GDPR
Reporting of GDPR breaches and details of our Privacy Notice as well as changes to your consent: **eugdpr@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, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils eligible for benefits related Free School Meals.
School Dinners provided to Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) children are charged at £2.80 per meal.
Credit should be loaded onto their 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 £5.50 per session. After School Club is charged at £5.50 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
Full information can be found on the school website using the link above

Educational Visits, 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 dates as well as information on the event via email in advance.

SLADE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2026/2027

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Tu 20 - Parent - Teacher Consultations
We 21 - Who am I? Day
Th 22 - Parent - Teacher Consultations
Fr 23 - Last Day of Term 1
Mo 26 - Fr 30 - October Break

NOVEMBER

Mo 2 - INSET Day (School Closed to all pupils)
Tu 3 - First Day of Term 2
Fr 6 - EYFS pre application open morning (09:15)
Mo 16 - Fr 20 - Anti Bullying Week
We18 - EYFS pre application open morning (09:15)

DECEMBER

Mo 7 - EYFS Christmas performance (09:30)
Mo 7 - Christmas performance (14:00)
Tu 8 - Year 2 Christmas performance (09:30)
Tu 8 - EYFS Christmas performance (14:00)
We 9 - Year 1 Christmas performance (09:30)
Fr 11 - Christmas Day at Slade
Mo 14 - Carols by Candlelight (18:30 Parish Church)
Fr 18 - Last Day of Term 2
Mo 21 - Fr 1 Jan - Christmas and New Year Holiday

JANUARY

Mo 4 - INSET Day (School Closed to all pupils)
Tu 5 - First Day of Term 3

FEBRUARY

Mo 1 - Fr 5 Children's Mental Health Week
Tu 9 - Online Safety Day
Fr 12 - Last Day of Term 3
Mo 15 - Fr 19 - February Break

MARCH

Th 4 - World Book Day
Mo 15 - Fr 19 - BSL Week
Tu 16 - Parent - Teacher Consultations
Th 18 - Parent - Teacher Consultations
Fr 19 - Red Nose Day
Fr 19 - Down Syndrome Day
Tu 23 - Spring Concert (18:30 Parish Church)
Th 25 - Last Day of Term 4
Fr 26 - 9 April - Easter Holiday

APRIL

Tu 12 - First Day of Term 5

MAY

Mo 3 - National Holiday - School Closed
Tu 4 - Fr 7 - Deaf Awareness Week
Mo 10 - Th 13 - Year 6 KS2 SATs Week
Fr 28 - Last Day of Term 5
Mo 31 - Fr 4 June - Summer Terms Break

JUNE

Mo 7 - First Day of Term 6
Mo 7 - Fr 11 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Screening
We 9 - Class Group Photographs
Mo 14 - Fr 18 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
We 16 - Sports Day
Su 20 - We 23 - Year 6 Residential Activities
Th 24 - Reserve Sports Day
Mo 28 - New Entrant Parent Information Meeting
Tu 29 - New Entrant Parent Information Meeting

JULY

Th 1 - School Transition Day
Tu 6 - School Open Evening
Mo 19 - School Reports sent home
Tu 13 - Year 6 Production
Th 15 - Year 6 Production
Tu 20 - Leavers' Assembly
Tu 20 - Last Day of Term 6
We 21 - INSET Day (School Closed to all pupils)

More details on these events will appear neaer the time - please keep an eye on your inbox!

A full year diary can be found online:
Slade Online Calendar

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