



Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a restful but fun half term break, celebrating Easter and Eid with your family and friends.

There is so much to look forward to this term with trips, after school clubs and an exciting curriculum planned ahead!

This term, we say goodbye to Miss Clare (Yr3) and Miss Riley (RR), we wish them all the best in the future. We welcome back Mrs Fleming from maternity, who will be working along side the Year 1 team. Also, joining Slade in Reception is Mrs K Islam, a great addition to the team.

Attendance

Please can you ensure that non-emergency dental and optician appointments are booked outside school hours.

For any other medical appointments, we ask for evidence with via letter, appointment card or email. This is to support your child's authorised absence.

All lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Please can you ensure your child arrives by 8.55am through their allocated gate to avoid any learning time being missed.

We want our children in school and learning. Please support us with this by avoiding any unauthorised leave during term time. This ensures your children do not miss out on any learning and avoids any potential fines you may receive for taking unauthorised leave.

We aim for all children to achieve 96% or above attendance.

If your child is absent from school please report to the school office 0121 675 0618



We have noticed some children are bringing in unhealthy snacks at break time and, although we know it may be difficult, please encourage your child to choose healthy options. You can find useful information on the 'Change4Life' website.

Join Change4Life's Family Snack Challenge!

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Children are eating nearly three times the recommended amount of sugar and over half of this comes from sugary snacks and drinks.

Help your kids snack smarter by trying our easy family snack challenge.

1 : Packaged snacks?

If you're shopping for packaged snacks for your children, try sticking to 100 calorie snacks, 2 a day max!



2 : Fruity snack

Try a new fruit for your snack – how about a peach, pineapple chunks or a mandarin?



3 : Adventurous veggies

Have a veggie snack such as carrot, pepper or cucumber sticks with a lower-fat dip.



4 : Say no to 'reds'

Use the FREE Change4Life Food Scanner app to choose snacks with no 'reds'.



5 : Drink smarter

Ditch the sugary drinks for water, lower-fat milks, sugar-free or no-added sugar drinks. Try iced water with your favourite fruit.



6 : 5 A Day champions

Fruit and vegetables are a perfect snack – and count towards your 5 A Day. Try having all of yours today!



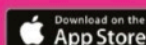
7 : Create your own

It's your turn to think of some! How about swapping your usual snack for a less sugary one? For more ideas, search [Change4Life](#).

Download our FREE Change4Life Food Scanner app to see what's really inside your food and drink. Discover which ones are the healthiest!

Search 'Food Scanner' to find out more.

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99 Club Progress

2G

11 club - Anthony, Ayat
22 club - Zakariyah, Maham, Mahayla, Heber
44 club - Dahlia
55 club - Zara

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33 club - Raheem
77 club - Uqbah, Ethan
88 club - Zakariyya
99 club - Vincent, Zain, Mandy, Khadijah,
Aizah
Bronze club - Dannie
Silver club - Ayana, Abdullah
Gold club - Hashim



RED NOSE DAY



We would like to thank you all for donating towards Red Nose Day. The children looked amazing in their bright red outfits and sparkling painted red noses.





Thank you to all the families that attended Easter breakfast. The kitchen made some amazing waffles, fruit pots and much more. We hope that you had a fantastic Easter and half term.

EASTER CREATIONS

Well done to all the children who created wonderful Easter Bonnets and Egg decorations. It's so lovely to see such hard work and creativity!



Year 2 Trip

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Church. The children made heart collages, held a stone to help with their worries, made friendship bracelets and palm leaves, wrote something they were thankful for and created scratch art for their hopes and dreams.



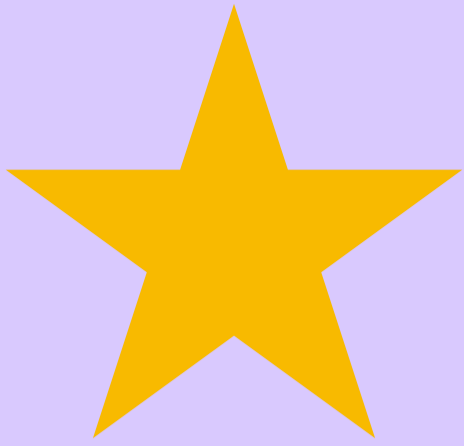


Iftar



We had a wonderful evening celebrating Iftar with pupils and families from Year 5/6. We hope that everyone had a fantastic Eid.





Iftar



"Eid is a time of joy, a time of togetherness and a time of gratitude."





We are proud to announce that pupils in Year 4 will have their writing published with Young Writers company. This is a very exciting time and we look forward to reading your amazing pieces once they are published.





Let's talk Makaton

We are excited to let you know that we are launching the Makaton Sign a week initiative in school. Every week we will be teaching all the children a sign or pair of signs which they will practice throughout the school day. We will also email the signs home and post them on X (formerly Twitter) for everyone to access. This week's signs are 'hello' and 'goodbye'.

It would be great if you could practise the signs at home and share them with your wider family and friends. We are really hoping that all the children at Slade will develop a signing vocabulary over the coming months that will be a really valuable life skill for them in the future.

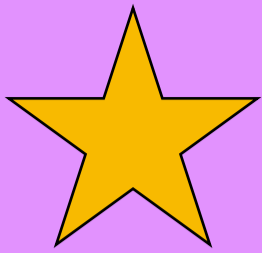


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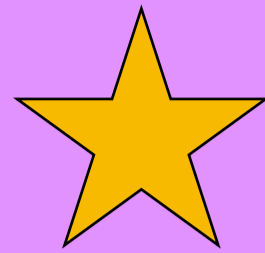
Helpful Makaton Signs

The poster displays seven Makaton signs with line drawings and labels:

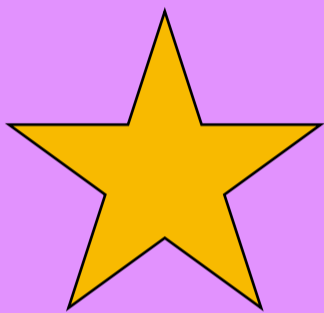
- Please**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together.
- Thank-you**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together, moving from chest to mouth.
- Hello**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together, moving from chest to mouth.
- good**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together.
- morning**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together, moving from chest to mouth.
- afternoon**: Hand held flat, palm up, fingers together, moving from chest to mouth.
- School Uniform**: Small circular movement in front of mouth + Flat hands make small, slow downward movement on chest. Second movement is longer.



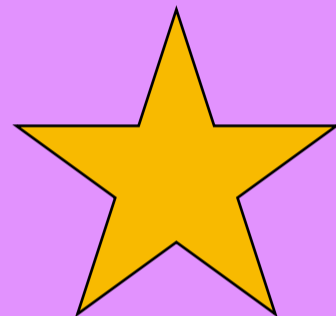
Trips



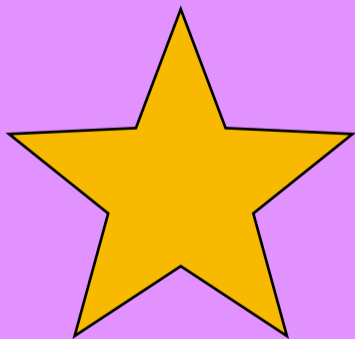
Year 5 - Mary Arden Farm, Shakespeare 19th April
EYFS - Ash End Farm 17th May
Year 2 - Woodlands 12th June
Year 4 - Tamworth Castle 25th June



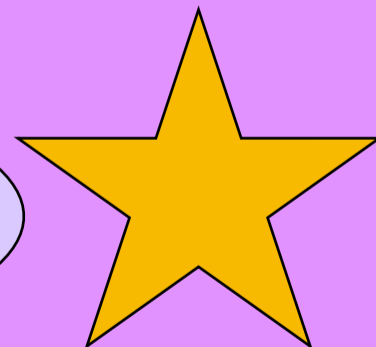
After school Clubs



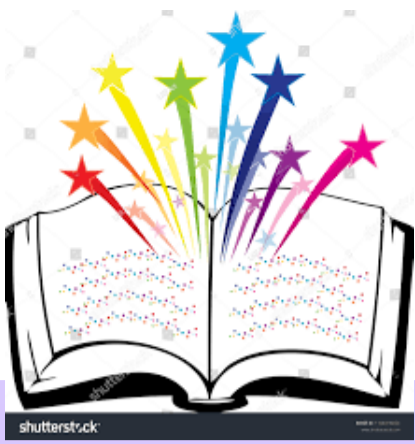
Singing Club - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
AVFC Year 3 - Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm
Steel Pans - Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm



Swimming



5EP - Tuesdays
2J & 2G - Wednesdays



- Research shows that pupils that read more, achieve more in all subjects.
- In the past, reading plus has enabled pupils who struggled with their reading to become confident readers.
- ReadingPlus something your children can access on their own. Our pupils should be reading with their parents after school every day, but we appreciate that this isn't always possible. Reading plus provides your children with exciting texts and follow up questions that they can access independently.
- Please aim for 30 minutes every week day or 2.5 hours spread across the week.



As much as we love telling you of all the AMAZING things that your children do whilst in school we want to hear from you!

Any achievements, activities or celebrations that you would like to share with Slade and all our families, please do. We would love to hear and celebrate with you.

Send any information/photos to enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk with the subject title 'my magical moments'

We can't wait to see and share.



**LET US
KNOW**

Trips

Year 5 Mary Arden Farm 19/04

Year 4 Tamworth Castle

EYFS Ash End Farm

Year 2 Woodlands



The school gates open daily at 8.40am and lessons start promptly at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is on time so that they do not miss any of their learning time.

Nursery AM 8.30-11.30am.

Nursery PM 12.15-3.15pm.

If your child is unwell and not be able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the office.

0121 675 0618 from 8am or email enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk.

Please make every effort to get in touch so that we can ensure the safety of your children.

School Uniform

Purple jumper or cardigan

White polo shirt or blouse

Grey trousers/skirt/dress

Black shoes (no trainers)

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is labelled with their name and class.

Children should not wear jewellery to school. Where they have their ears pierced, they should only wear stud earrings.



PE / SWIMMING KIT (Yr2-Yr6)

A plain white t-shirt - with or without logo

Black shorts/joggers

Trainers/black pumps

Girls - One piece swimming costume

Boys - Above knee trunks

Towel

No earrings are to be worn on swimming days



SUMMER TERM 2024

School Term Dates



May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024

HALF TERM - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st
May 2024

Staff Training Day - Friday 5th July 2024

Term Ends - Friday 19th July 2024

Staff Training - Monday 22nd July 2024