

Slaley First School



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

We have had the most wonderful week and the children are quickly getting back into their routine. Pine & Spruce Classes have started swimming again and they have settled so well into this.



Making Vegetable Creatures for the Slaley Leek Show tomorrow.

Thank you so much to everyone who brought in vegetable and to Kerry & Sam Gent who sourced some free vegetables from Tesco.

Dates For the Diary

Friday 18th September - Tempest Photography

Friday 25th September Macmillan Reading Café - 9am - 10am - ALL WELCOME

Monday 19th October - 9.15am & 2.15pm October - Harvest Festival (In school - more information to follow)

Thursday 5th November - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 11th November 3pm - 6pm - Parents Evening

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day

We are also planning a Halloween Night - Date to follow soon.



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PRAISE ASSEMBLY

Our next Praise Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 16th September** when parents of children in Pine Class are more than welcome to join us at 2.45pm.

Mondays - **Multiskills Club** (Year 1 - Year 4) **3.30pm - 4.30pm** (At Slaley First School.) PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MULTISKILLS ON **MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER (Harvest Festival Day)**

Dance with Pip (Reception to Year 4) **3.35pm - 4.30pm** (At Whitley Chapel C of E First School.) Children will need to be transported by a parent/carer straight after school.

Tuesdays:

Tennis Club with Tom Geary (Year 1 - Year 4) **(3.20pm-4.20pm)** These sessions are arranged directly through Tom.

Wednesdays:

NO CLUBS, however, After School Wraparound will be available as usual **(3.20pm - 5.30pm)**

Thursdays:

Lego Club with Mrs O'Neill (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) **(3.20pm - 4.20pm)**.

Safeguarding Notes

During our recent Inset day, staff have carried out some training on the changes in the document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSiE26). One of the main changes in this document refers to the ever-growing presence of AI in our lives. As parents and educators, we need to be aware that whilst Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers exciting educational benefits, it introduces serious risks that require active parental supervision. General AI tools and chatbots can expose children to inaccurate information (hallucinations), data privacy violations from shared personal information, and age-inappropriate content.

Additionally, advanced generative technology poses severe safety threats like deepfakes, AI-driven grooming, and cyberbullying through altered photos taken from public social media profiles. Over-reliance on these tools can also stunt critical thinking and active brain development. Organisations like the NSPCC and Internet Matters **advise parents to establish open tech conversations, teach digital skepticism, and replace adult-oriented platforms with child-safe, age-appropriate alternatives.**

Our PHSE curriculum has changed to reflect this guidance and we will share this with you all very soon.

Governance

As some of you will know, Andrew Patterson, who was our Chair of Governors has recently retired. At our next Full Governing Body meeting, we will be voting in our next Chair of Governors. The current acting Chair is our Vice Chair, Emelie Borg. All governance details can be found in the relevant section on our website.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

The school photographer is in school next Friday (18th September) am.
Individual photos and class photos will be taken.

Slaley Leek Club Show

Is on this Saturday 12th September. The Hall is open for exhibits from 10 to 12.30, and then reopens at 3 for tea and cake, with the Hall open at 3.30 to see who won the prizes.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!
See you next week!

Mrs Hayward