



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Lent Term

16 February 2024

Dates for your Diary - February 2024

Monday, 19th - Friday, 23rd February (Inclusive Half Term)

- Tuesday, 27th: Reception Coffee Morning at 8.30am
Catchpole Club Lunch
- Wednesday, 28th: U1 Netball v OBH & Orwell Park (A) at 2.00pm
U13 Netball v OBH & Orwell Park (A) at 2.30pm
U11 Hockey v Framlingham Prep (A) at 2.30pm
- Thursday, 29th: The Benefits of Year 7 & 8 in a Prep School at 5.00pm

Dates for your Diary - March 2024

- Friday, 1st: U9 Rugby v St Joseph's College (A) at 2.30pm
U9 Hockey v Culford (TBC) at 2.30pm
- Monday, 4th: Year 3 Viking Day (*Year 3 Costumes needed*)
Pre-Prep Verse Speaking (Heats) in Class
Reception - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Academic)
- Tuesday, 5th: U11 Netball Tournament (H) at 3.00pm
Reception - Year 8 Parents' Evening (Academic)
- Wednesday, 6: U13 Netball v Kings Ely (A) at 2.30pm
U12 Football v Thetford Grammar (H) at 2.30pm
U11 Netball v Kings Ely (A) at 2.30pm
- Thursday, 7th: World Book Day 2024 (*Author Emma Young visits*) - *Costumes Optional*
- Friday, 8th: Usborne Book Fair
International Women's Day
U9 Hockey v OBH & Ipswich High (H) at 2.00pm
PTA Mothers Day Flower Sale (School Hours) - payment and confirmation of children that would like to take part by March the 1st. £5 per child.
- Monday, 11th: U9 Hockey Tournament - Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm
U9 Rugby Tournament - Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 12th: Year 1 Trip to West Stow
- Wednesday, 13th: U13 Netball v Orwell Park & Culford (A) at 2.00pm
U12 Football v Kings' Ely (A) at 2.30pm
U11 Netball v Ipswich High (H) at 2.30pm
U11 Football v Kings' Ely (A) 2.30pm
- Thursday, 14th: Martineau Lecture: A View from Gresham's by Alan Stromberg
- Friday, 15th: Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
Year 7 Senior Duke Expedition
U9 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (H) at 2.30pm
U9 Rugby v Barnardiston Hall (H) at 2.30pm
PTA Family Game Night at 5.15pm
- Saturday, 16th: East Anglian Prep Schools' Cross Country Championships (A) at 1.15pm

Celebration Assembly Awards



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Shonagh O'S-J for volunteering to assist Groundsman Rob with picking up leaves



Head's Awards



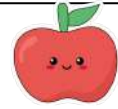
Nursery- Swans: Archie H for recognising numbers out of sequence | **Reception:** Lucas F for celebrating Chinese New Year with the school and his family | **Year 1:** Luxmi Patel for always upholding the South Lee Pillars | **Year 2:** Tavin W for showing kindness towards others | **Year 3:** Agnes L for designing and creating a fantastic Viking shield | **Year 4:** Percy B for being reflective with his decision making | **Year 5:** Charlotte B for a fantastic attitude in her Maths lessons this week | **Year 6:** Phoebe M for being a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the Upper Prep community | **Year 7:** Molly F for being a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the Upper Prep community | **Year 8:** Pip F for being a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the Upper Prep community



Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: Cassian T for being a supportive friend by giving lots of encouragement and Arjun P for excellent sound recognition | **Reception:** Daphne B for her superb effort in reciting poetry (**COMMUNICATIONS**) and Beatrice B for her fantastic effort in reciting poetry | **Year 1:** Frida F for her excellent communication skills and Akira P for always working hard in all lessons and then helping her friends | **Year 2:** Paul C for great work on division and William T for thinking of others | **Year 3:** Thomas W for excellent effort with his reading and Harry S for being a useful helper around the classroom



Artist of the Week

Oliver O'Connell for a lovely landscape picture



Players of the Week

Football

Benjamin A

Netball

Amalie C



Musicians of the Week

Malakai A-W for his excellent posture and bowing arm control



Notice

Attendance and Absence

If your child is absent, please ensure you **call us at 01284 754654 or email office@southlee.co.uk** on the first day of absence. If we haven't heard from you by 9am, our School Secretary will be in touch to inquire about the reason for the absence. For subsequent days of absence, please continue to **notify us by phone or email**.

We advise parents to keep children at home until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours following sickness or diarrhoea.

Unexplained absences will be marked as unauthorised, and these will be noted in the children's end-of-year reports.

For medical or dental appointments that requires absence from school, please inform us in advance.

Leave of absence will only be granted by the Headteacher under exceptional circumstances. **To request authorised leave, please email the school office.**

Uniform

We are making a concerted effort to improve the appearance of our pupils. All pupils are expected to wear their uniform to school unless they have a Games lesson before break time. For **Year 3 to Year 8, all pupils should wear a tie and blazer**. Please refer to the [uniform list](#) for details. If you require any uniform items, the second-hand uniform shop is open on most days. You can speak to Clare Fayers in the office or Jo Frost for assistance.

We have noticed numerous unnamed clothing items in both the girls' and boys' changing rooms. Please ensure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with the student's name.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening is scheduled for **Monday, 4th March, and Tuesday, 5th March 2024, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**.

Appointments for Parent's Evening will be made available on **Tuesday, 20th February** through the parent portal.

For **Reception to Year 3**, discussions with the Form Tutor will cover your child's overall progress across the curriculum.

For **Year 4 to Year 8**, appointments will be subject-based. Please book individual appointments with each of your child's subject teachers.

Notice

Dear Parents,

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- Neuroscience in the Early Years
- Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Nutrition and Health
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Bullying in Children and Young People
- Distressed Behaviour in Children
- Mental Health Awareness
- Counselling
- Team Leading
- Business Administration
- Customer Service

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed within a 6–12 week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2023
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course
- Access to a laptop, tablet or computer

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link ASAP. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course:

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q500000CQv5N>

Useful Reminders

Parent's Whatsapp

Please can we ensure that when we are sending information via WhatsApp about matches, including potential delays and arrival times, we allow the office to inform the class representative with specific details. Regrettably, there was some confusion this week, and some parents mistakenly believed that their children had returned from a match earlier than expected.

Mary Poppins Production

Pupils in years 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 who participate in the dance troupe, ensemble, or as vocalists are required to attend rehearsals every Thursday until 5.20pm. The weekly timetable is displayed on the Mary Poppins notice board every Monday, and we would appreciate it if pupils could take a moment to check it weekly. Additionally, all songs that pupils are currently rehearsing are conveniently uploaded onto Teams for them to practice.

Reception Coffee Morning

Join us for our Reception coffee morning on Tuesday, 27 February at 8.30am. Please sign in at the office. We look forward to seeing you all!

Year 2 STEM

On the first day back after the half-term break, Year 2 will require a favourite teddy bear or soft toy for their STEM lesson! The pupils will be crafting a coat to keep their teddy warm!

Year 3 STEM

The children will require an old pair of outgrown tights (not ones intended to be handed down to a younger sibling/cousin/friend) and a pair of outgrown socks. We will be creating sausage dog draught excluders as part of our Energy topic.

Hilltop Trip 2024

We are again planning to take a group of children to the Hilltop Adventure Centre at Sheringham, Norfolk in October and offer this opportunity to pupils who will be in Year 4 and above from September 2024. It is an activity packed weekend, which encourages self-reliance but is also well supervised. South Lee has been visiting this centre for over 25 years. All the details are outlined in the attached letter. If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact Mr Catchpole (s.catchpole1@southlee.co.uk)

World Book Day

World Book Day is scheduled for Thursday, 7th March. Your child will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character, with the freedom to choose a flamboyant or a more understated look. Following World Book Day, the Book Fair will be with us on Friday, 8th March.

'20 is Plenty'

Could your child take on the challenge of reading for 20 minutes (or more) every day until World Book Day on Thursday 7th March? Ensure your reading record is signed each day, and you could be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Our Journey in Images



What a flipping fantastic morning at South Lee! Our pupils were in full swing, battling it out in a friendly and spirited competition during the Inter-house Pancake Race for Shrove Tuesday!

#PancakeRace
#SchoolSpirit



Year 2 getting their maths on with a colourful twist! We're counting with Smarties – turning learning into a tasty treat!

#MathsFun #SmartiesCounting
#Year2Learning



What a blast we had celebrating Carnival and Mardi Gras! We indulged in delicious waffles, donned our finest costumes, and got crafty making masks. Plus, we added a touch of French flair with a round of our favourite game, Food Happy Families!

#Carnaval #MardiGras #FunAndGames

Our Journey in Images



Another action-packed P.E. session with our Reception superstars today! We had a blast exploring movement, coordination, and teamwork through fun games and activities.



A heartfelt shout out to Tavin W from Year 2, who brightened our day by sharing special Valentine's cards with all his friends! Your thoughtful gesture has filled our classroom with warmth and smiles. Thank you, Tavin, for reminding us that love and kindness make every day special!



Our Journey in Images



Spreading love and kindness! The children have been busy making compliment jars for their friends. Each jar filled with heartfelt valentine compliments. It's a beautiful reminder of their wonderful qualities whenever they need a little pick-me-up. #SpreadLove #KindnessMatters



Year 6 taking the spotlight! Directing mini productions of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes - Jack and the Beanstalk in Drama class.

#CreativityInTheClassroom
#RoaldDahl #DramaFun



Our Journey in Images



What a fantastic evening at the Valentine's Disco! The children had an absolute blast, all thanks to the hard work and organisation of the PTA!

#ValentinesDisco #PTA
#FunTimes



Wow! What a morning of House Shouts! Massive well done to every child for bringing their A-game and lighting up the stage with their awesome talents!

But let's give an extra round of applause to Abbey for totally smashing it and clinching the House Shout victory! 🏆 Keep shining, everyone! ✨

#HouseShoutFun
#TalentOnDisplay





My Week by Molly

A really great lesson I have enjoyed this week was... our History lesson this week, especially the one we had on Tuesday about the Civil War. Learning about the UK's history was fascinating, especially seeing how everything changed and developed over time.

The best moment of my week was... when my house won the Inter-House Pancake Race. It's such a fun event because it brings everyone from Reception to Year 8 together, and it makes our house community feel really strong

This week, I have learned... about sentence structures in English, which is really important to me because it helps me develop my writing skills

I'm really grateful for... the support of the teachers around me because they always make time to help and guide me. The school community as a whole is also very supportive, and that means a lot to me.



South Lee Prep School & Nursery, Bury St Edmunds

