



# South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term

24 May 2024

Monday, 27th to Friday 31st of May 2024 (Inclusive Half-Term)

## Dates for your Diary - June 2024

Monday, 3rd:	Term Restarts - Pupils Back to School at 8.30am Year 6 - 8 Residential Trip to Caythorpe Court at 9.00am
Tuesday, 4th:	U11 Dynamos Kwik Cricket Tournament (H) at 2.30pm
Wednesday, 5th:	U13 Boys Cricket v Barnardiston Hall (H) at 2.15pm
Thursday, 6th:	Reception Trip to Roarr Dinosaur Park Year 3 - 4 Overnight Camp Out at School
Friday, 7th:	Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Year 1 Pupil Bake Sale Pre-School into Reception Transition Morning from 11.15am - 12.45pm U9 Girls Kwik Cricket v Ipswich High (A) at 2.15pm U9 Boys Kwik Cricket v Ipswich High (H) at 2.15pm
Monday, 10th:	Mini Green Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am
Tuesday, 11th:	Staff v Parents Cricket & BBQ at 5.30pm
Wednesday, 12th:	Year 2 & 3 Let's Make History, Anglo Saxon Day Mini Red Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Ipswich High (H) at 2.15pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Town Close (H) at 2.15pm U13 Girls Kwik Cricket v Thetford Grammar (A) at 2.15pm U13 Boys Kwik Cricket v Town Close (A) at 2.15pm
Thursday, 13th:	Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Mini Orange Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am Information Meeting for New Reception Parents at 4.30pm
Friday, 14th:	PTA Meeting at 8.30am Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Year 3 Pupil Bake Sale at 10.45am Year 4 - 8 Inter-House Swimming Gala (A) at 2.00pm South Lee Alumni Drinks & Canapes at 6.00pm
Tuesday, 18th:	Year 7 & 8 Pizza Express Trip U11 Mixed Rounders Tournament (H) at 3.00pm
Wednesday, 19th:	U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Orwell Park (A) at 2.15pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Orwell Park (A) at 2.15pm U13 Girls Cricket v Ipswich High (H) at 2.15pm U13 Boys Cricket v Ipswich High (H) at 2.15pm
Thursday, 20th:	Year 8 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Nursery Trip to Jimmy's Farm Year 5 Camping Trip Martineau Lecture - St Mary's School at 10.30am
Friday, 21st:	Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Non Uniform Day in Aid of Eco-Warriors Year 2 Pupil Bake Sale at 10.45am

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# Notice

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## Transportation

We are expanding our school minibuss network, now serving even more routes daily from Newmarket and Stowmarket! Please note, our new stop on the Newmarket route is Marham Park. Additional stops may be available upon request. To reserve a seat on the daily bus service, please get in touch with the School Office on **01284 754654** or email [office@southlee.co.uk](mailto:office@southlee.co.uk).

### South Lee Bus Route from Newmarket

7.00am: Newmarket High Street  
7.20am: Kirtling  
7.30am: Lidgate  
7.50am: Kentford Bike Park  
8.00am: Marham Park  
8.30am: Arrive at South Lee  
Prep School

### South Lee Bus Route from Stowmarket

7.30am: Stowmarket  
7.40am: Haughley  
7.50am: Elmswell  
8.00am: Woolpit  
8.10am: Thurston  
8.15am: Rougham  
8.30am: Arrive at South Lee  
Prep School

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## Pupil Bake Sale

We are excited to announce our upcoming pupil bake sales. Kindly send your child in with £1 to purchase a delicious homemade treat. Your generosity not only encourages our pupils' creativity but also supports our school community initiatives. Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

7 June 2024: Year 1 Bake Sale  
14 June 2024: Year 3 Bake Sale

21 June 2024: Year 2 Bake Sale  
28 June 2024: Reception Bake Sale

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## Parent Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our upcoming Coffee Mornings, an opportunity for informal discussion and camaraderie among parents, as well as a chance to connect with the school community.

7 June 2024: Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning  
14 June 2024: Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning

21 June 2024: Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning

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## Return of Speech Day Cups to School

We kindly request for all Speech Day cups to be returned to the school office as soon as possible for our upcoming Speech Day event. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

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## Request for Donations: Sandpit Toys

We are looking to refresh our outdoor play area, particularly the sand pit. If you happen to have any sand pit toys that are no longer in use and are in good condition, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations. Items such as buckets, spades, shovels, sieves, and moulds would greatly enhance our outdoor play experiences for the children. Please drop off any donations at the school office.

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## Monday, 24 June 2024 - NON-UNIFORM DAY!

As requested by the PTA, **Monday, 24th June 2024** will be a non-uniform day. In exchange, we kindly ask that each pupil bring in a prize for the tombola at our upcoming summer fete.

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## Reception Class Trip to Roarr Adventure Park

We would like to remind our Reception parents about the upcoming adventure to Roarr Dinosaur Park on Thursday, 6th June 2024. Our reception children are eagerly anticipating this trip, where they'll embark on a journey just like palaeontologists, excavating and assisting the rangers in the search for three missing T-Rex's in the thrilling Valley of Dinosaurs.

Please keep an eye out for further information, which will be sent to you by the Form Tutor via email. This correspondence will contain essential details such as departure times, what to bring, and any other pertinent information.

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## Year 3 & 4 Overnight Camp Out at School

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 have been invited to sleepover at school on Thursday 6th June. The children will have some supper at school, play some team games and activities, have some chill time and then 'camp out' in the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our younger members of Lower Prep to develop their independence and push themselves to do something they may not have done before!

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## Summer Term Residential to Caythorpe Court

In the first week after half term 22 pupils from Year 6-8 will be setting off on their Summer term residential to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. This is a centre run by PGL and the children will experience a plethora of outdoor and adventurous activities including rifle shooting, kayaking and axe throwing! They will also get to experience the unique experience of living in a tent! For those going on the trip a kit list and activity schedule are attached.

*'A wealth of evidence suggests that outdoor learning in the form of residential programmes and school trips can be a major contributor to good health and mental wellbeing for our children'*

We hope the children who will be accompanied Mr C, Miss Sharpe, Mrs Macfarlane and Mrs T have a great time.

Activities include some of the following:

- Big Zipper
- Mountain Bike Riding
- Climbing (Outdoor Wall)
- Archery
- Bush Craft
- Assault Course
- High Ropes
- Agility Course
- Team Tasks
- Aerial Slide
- Super Swing
- Caving

All activities are led by certified instructors and adhere to the most stringent safety protocols.

Children will need to bring the following:

- Sleeping Bag
  - Pillowcase
  - Towel
  - Toilet Bag
  - Trainers/ Outdoor Shoes
  - Pyjamas
  - Torch & Batteries
  - I Complete Change for Evenings
  - Underwear
  - Socks
  - Slippers/ Indoor Shoes
- \*\* A tracksuit is best!

These may get muddy or wet!!

- 2 sets of old clothes e.g. T-shirt, trousers/ tracksuit, trainers, waterproof coat
- Thick socks, hat & gloves
- Baseball cap/ hat

\*\* A plastic bag for your wet kit

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# Chef Rachel's Corner

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I'm excited to share a delightful little recipe that's perfect for some half-term fun with your children. Whether you're teaming up in the kitchen or letting your older kids take the lead, this cool treat is sure to be a hit. Plus, it's a brilliant way to use up those overripe bananas in the warmer weather!

## Banana 'Ice Cream'

### Ingredients:

- 6 ripe bananas (or as many as you have!)
- A drizzle of honey
- A splash of milk

### Let's Get Started:

1. **Peel & Chop:** Start by peeling your bananas and cutting them into chunks. This is a great job for little hands!
2. **Freeze Time:** Pop the banana chunks into a zip-lock bag and place them in the freezer. Leave them overnight or until they're frozen solid.
3. **Blitz Away:** Once frozen, put the banana chunks into a food processor. Pulse them until they start to break down.
4. **Add the Magic:** Pour in a small splash of milk and a drizzle of honey. Continue blitzing until your mixture looks smooth and creamy, just like ice cream. Be careful not to over-blitz – we want it to stay cool and creamy!
5. **Taste Test:** Give it a taste and add a bit more honey if you like it sweeter.
6. **Enjoy:** Scoop your banana ice cream straight into bowls and dig in, or transfer it to a tub to enjoy later.

**Pro Tip:** This treat is best enjoyed fresh, but if you do save some for later, it will keep in the freezer for a few hours.



*Have a fantastic half-term  
and enjoy your homemade banana ice cream!*



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# Community Notice

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David Hall Tennis will be hosting Tennis Coaching Camps from Tuesday, 28th May 2024 to Friday, 31st May. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to improve their tennis skills and have a great time during the camp. For further details, please refer to the flyer attached below.



**DAVID  
HALL  
TENNIS**

## HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CAMPS

**Spring Bank Holiday Tennis Camp  
for 7-14 year olds**  
(separate groups for younger and older children)

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Friday 31st May  
9:30am to 12:30pm each day.

£18 per day or £45 for 3 days (sibling discount available)

**Sign up now at [www.davidhalltennis.com](http://www.davidhalltennis.com)**  
For further information email: [davidhalltennis@gmail.com](mailto:davidhalltennis@gmail.com)

**LTA —  
YOUTH**



# Our Journey in Images



In Maths, our brilliant Year 2 pupils crafted their very own watches! They had a fantastic time asking their friends for the time and recording their answers. We're becoming experts at telling the time! Well done, Year 2!



Our Pre-Prep Art Club is where creativity blossoms! Check out these fantastic creations and see the world through the eyes of our talented pre-prep pupils.  
#PrePrepArt #CreativeKids  
#ArtClubMagic #FutureArtists  
#SouthLeePrep



Our pre-schoolers had a magical moment releasing their butterflies! 🦋  
A heartfelt thank you to the PTA for generously providing them. #NatureInAction  
#EarlyYears #SouthLeeNursery



# Our Journey in Images



Our Reception to Year 4 pupils had a brilliant day out at Duxford Museum! From exploring historic aircraft to discovering fascinating exhibits, it was an adventure-packed trip that sparked curiosity and excitement. ✈️ #DuxfordAdventures #SchoolTrips #LearningBeyondTheClassroom #SouthLeePrep



Our Year 5 to Year 8 students had an unforgettable day exploring the grandeur of Sandringham House! From wandering through majestic gardens to delving into royal history, it was a day filled with awe and inspiration. 🌿 #SandringhamHouse #SchoolTrip #HistoryAdventure #SouthLeePrep



Thank you to all our Nursery Parents for joining in the fun at our Nursery Family Fun Morning! It was wonderful to see everyone come together for a morning of laughter, play, and bonding. 🌟

#NurseryFun #ParentEngagement #CommunitySpirit #SouthLeeNursery





## My Week by Zuri

**A really great lesson I have enjoyed this week was...** our Maths lesson because we learned how to tell the time. The best part was designing our very own clocks. Mine has bright colours and now I can practise telling the time at home. Maths has been so much fun this week!

**The best moment of my week was...** the school trip to Duxford with my friends because we got to see lots of amazing aeroplanes and learn about their history. It was so cool walking around the museum and seeing all the different types of planes up close.

**This week, I have learned...** cursive handwriting, and it was really exciting! I practised joining my letters together, and it made my writing look so fancy. It was a bit tricky at first, but my teacher helped me, and now I feel really proud of my cursive writing. I can't wait to keep practising and make my writing even neater!

**I'm really grateful for...** my teachers and friends this week. They've been so kind and helpful, especially when I needed a bit of extra help with my work. My friends always make me smile and laugh, and we have so much fun together. And my teachers are amazing – they teach us new things every day and make learning really exciting.



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