



# South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Michaelmas Term

6 October 2023

## Dates for your Diary - October 2023

Monday, 9th:	Reception - Year 8 Pastoral Parents' Evening from 4.30pm to 7.00pm
Tuesday, 10th:	Year 6 Parents' Coffee Morning at 8.30am Reception - Year 8 Pastoral Parents' Evening from 4.30pm to 7.00pm PTA Bag2School Collection
Wednesday, 11th:	U11 Hockey v St Margaret's (H) at 2.30pm U11 Rugby v St Margaret's (H) at 2.30pm U12 Rugby v Barnardiston Hall (A) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (A) at 2.30pm
Thursday, 12th:	South Lee Prep School Open Day from 9.00am to 3.00pm
Friday, 13th:	Jeans for Genes Charity Day Adventure Challenge Trip to Hilltop - departing at 1.30pm
Sunday, 15th	Adventure Challenge Trip to Hilltop - arriving at 3.30pm
Tuesday, 17th:	Year 5 Parents' Coffee Morning at 8.30am PTA Halloween School Disco at 5.30pm
Wednesday, 18th:	U11 Rugby v St Joseph's College (H) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v Holmwood House (A) at 2.30pm

## THURSDAY, 19TH TO SUNDAY, 29TH: HALF TERM

Tuesday, 31st: Year 4 Parents' Coffee Morning

## Dates for your Diary - November 2023

Thursday, 2nd:	PTA Committee Meeting at 8.30am
Friday, 3rd:	PTA AGM at 4.30pm
Tuesday, 7th:	Year 3 Parents' Coffee Morning at 8.30am
Wednesday, 8th:	U11 Hockey v Ipswich High (H) at 2.30pm U12 Rugby v Ipswich High (H) at 2.30pm
Friday, 10th:	U9 Netball v Fairstead House (A) at 2.30pm U9 Hockey v Fairstead House (A) at 2.30pm

## NOTICES

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 13th October we will be holding our annual Jeans for Genes Day. Children are asked to come to school in non-uniform with a donation of a £1.

Your donations will make a big difference to the lives of children and families living with genetic conditions.

### PTA Bags2School Collection

The PTA, in collaboration with Bags2School, will collect high-quality, second-hand clothing for men, women, and children, along with paired shoes, handbags, belts, and accessories.

Bags2School collection is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th. Please drop off your bags at the cottage during morning drop-off. The more we gather, the greater the benefit for our school.

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# Celebration Assembly Awards

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## Pupil of the Week

Freddie D for hugely improved communication and effort

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# Head's Awards



**Nursery- Swans:** Arlo S for being so brave at his dentist appointment **Reception:** Beatrice Baber for her amazing confidence in singing and storytelling | **Year 1:** Shonagh O'SJ for her passion singing in the Harvest festival | **Year 2:** William T for coming up with some amazing adjectives in English | **Year 3:** Thomas W for his amazing performance in the Harvest Festival | **Year 4:** Jenson B-S for a fantastic piece of creative writing | **Year 5:** Edith A B for being more resilient across all subjects | **Year 6:** Elodie C for a real improvement in her confidence | **Year 7:** Luke S for extending himself in lessons | **Year 8:** Alfie B for rising to the challenges to take on responsibilities of a new role

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# Celebration Assembly Awards



## Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



**Nursery:** Maxim W for his beautiful manners at snack time and Francis B for always having a positive “can do” attitude | **Reception:** Olivia P for her zest for school and Daphne B for her enthusiastic performance in the Harvest festival | **Year 1:** Luxmi P for her positive attitude in all lessons and Jack J-W for his adjectives to describe a dragon | **Year 2:** Hubert B for speaking so clearly in Harvest assembly and Tavin W for bringing smiles and laughter into the classroom | **Year 3:** Agnes L for her excellent independent work in DT and Elizabeth C for her detailed and careful work in STEM



### Artist of the Week

Beatrice B for her patient and careful painting



### Players of the Week

**Rugby**  
Aarun V

**Hockey**  
Isabelle S



### Musician of the Week

Maggie P for for challenging herself to play the whole of Ode to Joy



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# Featured articles

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## A Trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre

Excitement is building...! In just one short week, our fantastic residential trip to Hilltop awaits the children of Years 4-8. You'll find a handy kit list below to help you prepare.

Please note that we are scheduled to arrive back at South Lee on Sunday, 15th October around 3:30pm. Please park at the Victory Grounds when picking up your child, allowing the coach to access the driveway easily.

Got more questions bubbling up? Don't hesitate to get in touch with the one and only Mr. Catchpole. He's your go-to person for all things related to this exciting trip!

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
- 1 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

Children may bring up to £10.00 in pocket money (preferably in coins if possible). Souvenirs are available for purchase, and there is a tuck shop with a limited allowance for sweets. We kindly request parents to limit sweet packs to one, as we aim to promote healthy eating habits among the children.



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# Featured articles

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## Senior Duke

Exciting news for Year 7 and 8 pupils!

They can now access their Senior Duke account online, complete with tasks to enrich their educational experience.

The Senior Duke program is designed to empower pupils, enabling them to take on responsibilities and challenges that contribute to their personal growth and development.

This exciting opportunity marks a step forward in providing pupils with the tools and resources they need to succeed in their educational endeavours. It encourages them to embrace new challenges and take ownership of their learning, ultimately preparing them for a bright future.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the Senior Duke online platform, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's form tutor. They are there to support pupils and parents alike, ensuring a smooth and enriching experience throughout the Senior Duke journey.

To log in, pupils simply need to use their unique usernames and passwords [here](#).



## Pantomime (Reception to Year 6)

Get ready to rock and roll! Pre Prep and Lower Prep students are in for a thrilling outing to the pantomime on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

We shall leave school at 10.00am travelling via coach or minibus and are scheduled to arrive back at school by 3.30pm.

The cost of the trip will be £20.00, and will include tickets to the electrifying Dick Whittington Rock and Roll Panto, a packed lunch, as well as transportation to and from Ipswich Wolsey Theatre.

Payment can be made via BACS transfer to South Lee School:  
Account Number: 00388098  
Sort Code: 30-91-49

Children will be required to wear their full school uniform, including blazers.

It's going to be a day packed with music, dancing, and pure panto fun – an experience that'll have them tapping their toes and singing along!

Please complete the **FORMS** questionnaire to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend this fantastic trip.



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# Featured articles

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## Sharing the Gift of Books: Bringing Literature to Zimbabwe

Mr. and Mrs. Moyns, former parents of two delightful children who attended South Lee from Nursery through to upper school, have a heartwarming story to share. Their son, Oliver, revealed his remarkable talent for singing at the tender age of four, and it was a moment of immense pride for South Lee when he was selected to perform at Kings.

Currently, Mrs. Moyns is embarking on a truly noble quest, one that aims to rescue forgotten children's books languishing on dusty shelves. Her mission is nothing short of inspiring: to breathe new life into a library at her cherished childhood primary school in Zimbabwe, with the aim of enriching the lives of young ones aged 4 to 13.

Regrettably, the pandemic has drawn a stark line between the educational experiences of fortunate children who could continue their studies online and those in Zimbabwe who faced significant challenges. Mrs. Moyns firmly believes that this gap is too significant to ignore, and so she takes determined action.

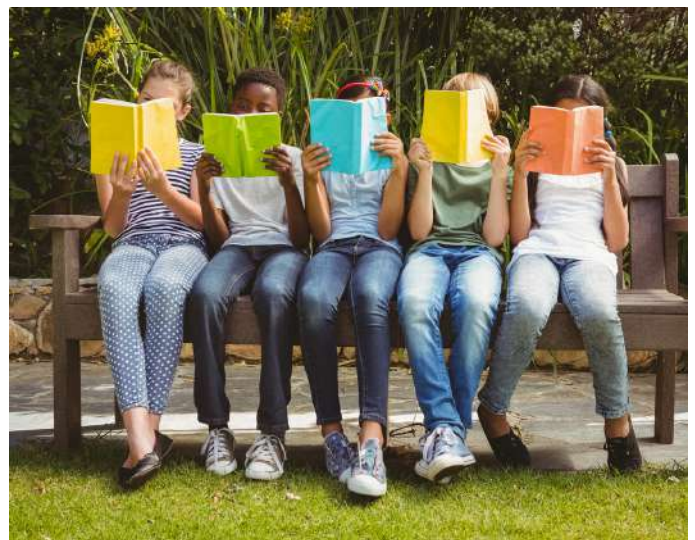
In her own heartfelt words, she humbly shares, "I may not be able to save the entire world, but I can certainly do something for one or two schools back home, beginning with my own alma mater."

We wholeheartedly seek your support for this remarkable initiative, inviting you to generously donate any old or unwanted children's books you may have. Your contribution will play a vital role in assisting Mrs. Moyns on her noble mission. Thank you for becoming a part of this profoundly heartfelt effort.

## Verse Speaking Competition

Over half term the children in Years 4 to 8 are asked to select a poem which they will learn for our Verse Speaking competition. The first round of this will be judged internally the week commencing the 20th November, with the finals on the morning of the 30th November. Mrs Thomas, Mrs Martineau will be judging the initial round. The children will be assessed on the clarity and personality of their delivery and on how well they have learnt the sentiment of their poems.

Form Tutors will circulate some possible options for your children to learn but do help them at home too.



# Our Journey in Images



🌿🌟 Our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us for our cherished traditional Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 5, 2023! Our talented children poured their hearts into their performances, presenting delightful songs and poems. They worked tirelessly to make this event special. After the service, our little ones couldn't wait to share their classrooms and showcase some of their incredible creations. They were absolutely delighted and bursting with pride!🌟#HarvestFestival #SouthLeePrep



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# Our Journey in Images

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👩👧👦 Reception children had a blast learning to bake today! 🥰🍰 #BakingFun #LittleBakers #LearningThroughPlay



🐉🌟 Year 1 is getting creative with dragon designs! 🧠 We're diving into "How to Train Your Dragon" for inspiration and turning our ideas into fantastic poems! 📖📝 #DragonDesigns #InspiredByBooks #CreativeKids ❤️🇬🇧



# Our Journey in Images



🌟 Our Year 5 pupils had an amazing day at Adastral Park for an Introduction to Physical Computing on October 3, 2023. 🤖 They were incredibly well-behaved and enthusiastic throughout the visit! 🙌👩🏫  
#LearningAdventures #ProudTeachers #STEMEducation 🚀😊



🇬🇧🇮🇪 Today in Year 2 Math class, we had a blast with Place Value Wars! 😊 We teamed up with partners and UNO cards to create 2, 3, or even 4-digit numbers. The highest number takes the victory! 🎯🎉 #MathFun #PlaceValueWars #LearningGames 🇬🇧🇮🇪

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# PTA Insights: What's New?

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## **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST - £1**

**BRING YOUR SPOOKIEST OR CUTEST PUMPKINS  
TO SCHOOL ON 17 OCTOBER FOR THEM TO BE  
JUDGED AT THE HALLOWEEN DISCO!**

Prizes for 1st Place:

- Reception - Yr 2
- Year 3- Year 6
- Year 7 - Year 8



# Halloween Disco

£5 ENTRY  
ON THE DOOR

**SOUTH LEE SCHOOL**

TUE 17 OCT (AT) 5:30PM 'TIL 7PM

RECEPTION - YR 8

REC-YR2 REQUIRE AN ADULT PRESENT

PRIZES FOR  
BEST COSTUMES

SPOOKY TREATS,  
FOOD & DRINKS  
FOR SALE

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# Community engagement

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## LADIES TENNIS MORNING



**A weekly coaching session  
for beginners and improvers**

**Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time)**

£10 per session\*

Pay and play (only pay for sessions attended).

\*£13 pp if only 2 people attending a particular week

**Victory Ground Tennis Club**

Nowton Road, Bury St Edmunds IP33 2BT

For further information contact  
David on **07771 900659** or email:

**[davidhalltennis@gmail.com](mailto:davidhalltennis@gmail.com)**

Rackets available to borrow if required.



**DAVID  
HALL  
TENNIS**

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# Community engagement

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## Musical Theatre Masterclass with Grace Wellfare

Date: Thursday, 26 October 2023 | Time: 10.00am

Get ready for an exhilarating journey into the world of Musical Theatre at Theatre Royal! Join our professional performer, Grace Wellfare, for a morning filled with action and creativity on our grand stage. This immersive experience begins with a dynamic physical and vocal warm-up to prepare you for a day in the shoes of a professional performer. Throughout the morning, you'll delve into the enchanting world of musical theatre, learning songs and dances from your favorite productions. Dive deep into character development, connect with their captivating journeys, and even explore scenes from beloved shows.

This workshop is perfect for anyone passionate about musical theatre, eager to enhance their skills and deepen their love for the stage.

### **About Grace:**

Grace Wellfare has dedicated nearly a decade to freelance drama and dance instruction in East Anglia. She honed her craft at Masters Performing Arts CDMT and the prestigious Guildford School of Acting. Grace's impressive portfolio includes performances in productions like Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Polar Express with Warner Bros., and Lapland UK. She's even been honored as Best Actress in a Feature Film for her role in Solitary by Banana Dream Pictures. Grace has shared her expertise with young talents across East Anglia at renowned venues like Dance East, New Wolsey Theatre, The Garage, and The Mercury Theatre in Colchester. Most recently, she showcased her choreography skills during the audition day for The Wonderful Wizard of OZ at Theatre Royal.

Ready to join the fun? Book your spot at Musical Theatre Masterclass with Grace Wellfare Thursday, 26 October 2023 from 10am

Ready to join the fun? Book your spot at:

<https://theatreroyal.org/shows/musical-theatre-masterclass/>.



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# Community engagement

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## Hang Out – Film and Pizza Night

Date: Friday, 27 October 2023 | Time: 6:30pm

Get ready for our inaugural youth social event, exclusively for those aged 10+! Join us at the theater for a delicious slice of pizza and a refreshing drink before settling into our auditorium for a movie chosen by none other than you!

**The featured film of the night: School of Rock!**

Secure your ticket now by visiting

<https://theatreroyal.org/shows/hang-out-film-pizza-night/>

