



# South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term

14 June 2024

## Dates for your Diary - June 2024

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 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 Pre-School into Reception Class Transition Morning from 11.15am- 12.45pm U9 Girls Kwik Cricket v Barnardiston Hall (A) at 2.15pm U9 Boys Kwik Cricket v Barnardiston Hall (A) at 2.15pm
Monday, 24th:	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Tombola prizes for the Summer Fete Groundforce Afternoon
Tuesday, 25th:	Mary Poppins Dress Rehearsal at 2.00pm
Wednesday, 26th:	Year 8 Leavers Programme begins Prep School Production: Mary Poppins at 6.00pm
Thursday, 27th:	Prep School Production: Mary Poppins at 6.00pm
Friday, 28th:	Nursery Sports Day at 9.30am Reception Pupil Bake Sale at 10.45am Pre-Prep Sports Day at 2.00pm

## Dates for your Diary - July 2024

Monday, 1st:	Moving Up Morning Nursery Graduation Year 8 Scuba Diving at Diviline, Ipswich Music & Verse Evening at 5:30pm
Tuesday, 2nd:	PTA Pupil Summer Fete Year 8 to visit Felixstowe Year 8 Leavers' Dinner at 6:00pm
Wednesday, 3rd:	Year 8 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
Thursday, 4th:	Speech Day & Prizegiving at 11:00am Family Picnic for Years 4 - 8 (siblings welcomed to join) at 12:30pm Prep Sports Day (Years 4 - 8) at 2:00pm
Friday, 5th:	South Lee Prep School & Nursery End of Term Celebration Day Pupil Crinkly Cup Summer BBQ Party at 12:50pm

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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.

**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.

**21 June 2024: Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning**

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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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## Open Morning - Monday, 17th June 2024

Please be informed that our school will be hosting an Open Morning on Monday, 17th June 2024. To ensure a professional and welcoming atmosphere, we kindly request that all pupils attend dressed in their full school uniform, looking smart and presentable. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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## Invitation to Year 7 Parents: IPQ Presentations

We would like to invite you to join us for the Year 7 IPQ (Independent Project Qualification) presentations on **Monday, 17th June 2024 at 9am**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the hard work and creativity of our students showcased in their projects.

We look forward to seeing you there to support and celebrate our Year 7 pupils' achievements.

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## Year 7 & 8 Trip to Pizza Express

We're excited to inform you that Year 7 & 8 pupils will be going on an educational trip to Pizza Express on **Tuesday, 18th June 2024**. Letters containing permission slips and trip details will be sent home with your child in their book bags. We kindly ask that you fill them out and return them to your child's form tutor promptly.

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## Year 5 Camping Trip

Pupils in Year 5 have been invited to camp-out at school on **Thursday, 20th June 2024**. We will be pitching our tents next to South Lodge and sleeping in them for the evening. Our plans include an early evening walk in Nowton Park (weather permitting), followed by a hot dinner back at school, and a campfire in forest school with team-building games. This camp-out is not compulsory, so if your child chooses to opt out, please inform **Mrs. Thistlethwaite**.

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## Non-Uniform Day In Aid of Eco Warriors - Friday, 21st June 2024

**Friday, 21st June 2024**, will be a non-uniform day for our Eco Warriors initiative. We would appreciate it if your child attends school in non-uniform and brings a £2 donation. We aim to purchase bird boxes with the funds raised.

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## Prep School Production: Mary Poppins

This is a friendly reminder for parents of Years 4 - 8 to book their tickets for the upcoming Prep School Production: Mary Poppins. Each child is entitled to two tickets per performance. Please email the school office at **office@southlee.co.uk** with your preferred date by **Thursday, 20th June 2024**. Any spare tickets will be released on **Friday, 21st June 2024**, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## Monday, 24 June 2024 - NON-UNIFORM DAY & GROUND FORCE AFTERNOON!

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. Additionally, it will be **Ground force Afternoon**, where we'll be working together to enhance our school grounds. Your participation in these activities is greatly appreciated.

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## Nursery Sports Day

The Nursery Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 28th June 2024**, at **9:30 am**. We look forward to seeing you there to cheer on our youngest athletes!

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## Pre-Prep Sports Day

We are pleased to inform you that the Pre-Prep Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 28th June 2024**, at **2:00 pm**. We warmly invite all parents to join us for this exciting event and cheer on the children as they participate in various activities and races. Your support and encouragement mean a great deal to the children and help make the day even more special.

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## Donation Request: School in Ghana

Our very own Mr Brinkley will be heading to Ghana over the summer holidays, where he will be working at a school. He has kindly offered to take along small items or gifts for the school, and he is inviting donations from our school community.

If you would like to contribute, donations can include items such as stationary, small toys, or small books. Please consider the weight and size of the items so that they can be easily transported.

Your generosity will make a meaningful difference to the pupils and teachers at the school in Ghana. Donations can be dropped off at the school office by **Monday, 1st July 2024**.

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# Chef Rachel's Corner

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These classic Fruity Flapjacks are soft, chewy, and oh-so-delicious with a secret fruity centre that your kids will adore. They're ready in less than one hour and make the perfect lunchbox treat or mid-afternoon pick-me-up!

## Fruity Flapjacks

### Ingredients:

- 35g/1½oz rolled oats
- 35g/1½oz wholemeal flour
- 25g/1oz caster sugar
- 25g/1oz butter, plus extra for greasing
- 80g/3¼oz blueberries or other berries or soft fruit, mashed

### Let's Get Started:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease a loaf tin with a little butter.
2. In a bowl, rub together the oats, flour, sugar, and butter using your fingertips until the mixture is crumbly.
3. Scoop half of the mixture into the prepared loaf tin and flatten into an even layer using a palette knife. Spread the mashed blueberries on top.
4. Spoon the remaining crumbly mixture on top of the blueberries, then press down firmly to flatten into an even layer.
5. Transfer the flapjack to the oven and bake for 18-20 minutes, or until golden-brown. Set aside to cool completely, then cut into slices and remove from the tin.

**Pro Tip:** These flapjacks can be frozen for up to one month, making them perfect for batch baking.



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# Celebration Assembly Awards

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## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Alton R for always being so kind and considerate

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## Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: **Aiden M** for settling into pre-school so well | Reception: **Olivia P** for overcoming her fear of minibeasts | Year 1: **Shonagh O'S-J** for having aa week full of enthusiasm for her learning | Year 2: **Tavin W** for being so enthusiastic with his learning | Year 3: **Albert B** for an excellent approach to his work all week | Year 4: **Pia Fellowes** for her amazing start on her endangered animal power point | Year 5: **Ruby Dempsey** for maintaining positive relationships | Year 6: **Annabelle W** for her commitment to her extra-curriculum activities | Year 7: **Luke S** for his mature and responsible attitude around school | Year 8: **Willow W** for the lovely effort that she put into her performance on Thursday

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# Celebration Assembly Awards



## Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: **Alec B** for helping a friend to complete a task and **Evelyn S** for such beautiful name writing | Reception: **Donnacha L** for making lovely friendships in class and **Wyatt C** for trying so hard with reading | Year 1: **Frida F** for a beautiful write up of her creative writing and **Reuben T** for taking his time to write up his story with his best presentation and always being so well mannered | Year 2: **Zuri J** for unleashing her creativity in the classroom! and **Hubert B** for consistently working hard across the board | Year 3: **Bruce F** for an excellent castle design on TinkerCAD and **Beau G** for a great descriptive piece of writing in English



### Artist of the Week

**Emilia L** for her joyful and focussed approach to making artwork



### Players of the Week

**Cricket**  
Derrick D  
Amalie C

**Tennis**  
Thomas W  
Raif W  
Kieran O'S-J  
Michael H-A

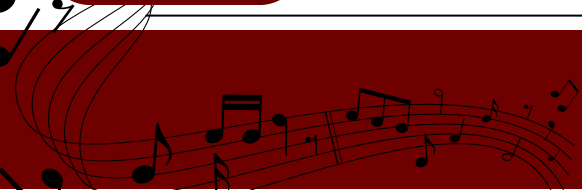


### Musicians of the Week

**David O'S-J** for mastering a very tricky and exposed rhythm in Samba band

### Drama Award of the Week

**Reuben T** for creating good characterisation in our mime work



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# Our Journey in Images

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Our Year 3 adventurers are having a fantastic time exploring the past on Anglo-Saxon Day! From interactive performances to hands-on activities, the excitement is palpable. They're embracing the spirit of the Anglo-Saxons with enthusiasm and curiosity!

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We are delighted to announce that Raif and Sener W, Michael A-H and Kieran O'S-J have achieved the impressive accomplishment of reaching the finals in the Boys' Orange Ball County Tennis tournament. This is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and talent. Well done, boys!

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# Our Journey in Images

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We are pleased to share the news that three of our dedicated staff members—Mr Abbott, Ms Sharpe, and Mrs Thistlethwaite—recently participated in the Race for Life event held last Sunday. This event, renowned for its fundraising efforts in support of cancer research and services, highlights our school's commitment to community involvement and social responsibility.

Mr Abbott, Ms Sharpe, and Mrs Thistlethwaite exemplified admirable determination and preparation as they took on the challenge of the Race for Life. Their decision to participate not only showcases their personal dedication but also reflects the values of empathy and solidarity that are core to our school's ethos.

Their involvement in such a significant event serves as a powerful example to our pupils and the wider school community. It underscores the importance of actively engaging in charitable initiatives and encourages us all to consider how we can contribute positively to causes that impact our community.

We commend Mr Abbott, Ms Sharpe, and Mrs Thistlethwaite for their inspiring commitment to making a difference. Their participation in the Race for Life exemplifies our collective dedication to fostering a caring and supportive environment within our school and beyond.

Their efforts remind us of the impact individuals can have when they come together for a common cause. We encourage everyone in our school community to celebrate and support their achievement, and to continue embodying the spirit of compassion and community engagement that they have demonstrated.

As we reflect on their participation in the Race for Life, let us be inspired to continue supporting initiatives that make a positive difference in the lives of others. Together, we can create a stronger and more compassionate community.

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## My Week by Alton

A really great activity I have enjoyed this week was... Maths because I absolutely love working with numbers and solving problems. It's fascinating to figure out various formulas and understand how a calculator works. Maths is like a puzzle that I get to unravel every day, and it's so satisfying when everything clicks into place.

The best moment of my week was... playing in the cricket match because it was my first time experiencing cricket and hitting the bowls. It felt amazing to be out on the pitch, learning new skills, and enjoying the teamwork and excitement of the game. I'm looking forward to more cricket matches in the future!

This week, I have learned... a lot about history, and it stands out because Mr Abbott makes it fun and relatable. He brings history to life with interesting stories and helps us see how it connects to our lives today. Learning with him has made me excited to discover more about the past and its impact on our world.

I'm really grateful... how nice and welcoming the school community has been with me, especially since I'm new to the school. Everyone has been friendly and helpful, from the teachers to my classmates. It's made settling in so much easier, and I feel happy to be part of such a supportive environment.



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