

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This week has been filled with notable achievements and experiences at our school.

The older children have demonstrated outstanding resilience and dedication during assessment week. Their commitment to giving their best effort has made me immensely proud, and I am certain you share in this pride. Their perseverance and positive attitude exemplify the values we strive to instil in our pupils.



Beyond the assessments, our pupils have engaged in various enriching activities. Our Under-11 Dodgeball team participated in a tournament and secured an impressive third place. Their teamwork and enthusiasm were commendable.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Pre-Prep pupils to the Piddly Circus in Nowton Park. The performance was filled with laughter and amazement. A particularly memorable moment was when Miss Gisbey was invited on stage to ride a unicycle on the performer's shoulders. She embraced the challenge with grace, although I must admit to feeling a touch of apprehension during the act!

Later that day, I attended the Under-11 cricket matches against St Joseph's College. Observing the significant progress our pupils have made since the beginning of the term was truly heartening. Their development in skill and confidence is a testament to their hard work and the support they receive.

With assessments concluded, we now look forward to our whole school trip. I am writing this letter on Thursday evening, anticipating a day filled with excitement at Bewilderwood tomorrow. I expect to be fully engaged, perhaps even enjoying the slides and boats alongside the children.

Regrettably, I will miss the Early Years Foundation Stage 'Shrek' family fun day. I am aware of the tremendous effort our Nursery staff have invested in preparing for this event, and I am confident it will be a fabulous experience for our youngest learners and their families.

As we approach the bank holiday and half-term break, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families.

Warm regards,
Mrs Sarah Catchpole
Head

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 26th May - Friday, 30th May: Inclusive Half-Term

JUNE 2025

Week 7: Character Strength for the Week - Gratitude

Monday, 2nd:	16:00 Mini Green Tennis v OBH, Culford and Finborough School at OBH (A)
Tuesday, 3rd:	14:30 U11 Mixed Cricket Tournament (H) 16:00 Mini Orange Tennis v Culford, OBH and Barnardiston Hall at Culford (A)
Wednesday, 4th:	09:00 Martineau Lecture - Mr. Wall 14:00 U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Ipswich High (H) 14:00 U11 Boys Cricket v Ipswich High (H) 14:15 U13 Mixed Cricket v Town Close (A) 14:15 U11 Mixed Kwik Cricket v Brookes UK (A)
Thursday, 5th:	World Environment Day
Friday, 6th:	D-Day Anniversary 09:00 Year 1 visit to Great Cressingham 10:45 Year 2 Cake Sale 11:15 - 12:45 Pre-School into Reception Transition Morning 14:00 Colour Run and BBQ
Sunday, 8th:	Year 8 Leavers Residential Trip to Peak District Departs

Week 8: Character Strength for the Week - Humility

Monday, 9th:	Nursery Barnados Big Toddle Walk 10:00 Mini Orange Tennis County Finals at Framlingham College (A)
Tuesday, 10th:	10:00 Mini Green Tennis County Finals at Framlingham College (A) Year 8 Leavers Residential Trip Returns
Wednesday, 11th:	10:00 Mini Red Tennis County Finals at Ipswich School (A) 14:15 U13 Mixed Cricket v Orwell Park (A) 14:15 U11 Boys Cricket v Orwell Park (A) 14:15 U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Thetford Grammar (H) 14:14 U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Thetford Grammar (H)
Thursday, 12th:	09:00 Whole School Photograph 10:00 Premier Tennis County Finals at Framlingham College (A)
Friday, 13th:	08:30 Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning and Tour of the Prep School 10:45 Year 3 Cake Sale 14:15 U9 Girls Kwik Cricket v Barnadiston Hall (H) 14:15 U9 Boys Kwik Cricket v Barnardiston Hall (H)

Regular Font: Pupils Only

Italic Font - Parents' Invited

Pupil Absence Request

Regular attendance is essential for children's learning and development. At South Lee Prep, we work in partnership with parents to support excellent attendance and punctuality, which are vital for making the most of every learning opportunity. If you plan to take your child out of school, please complete the Absence Request Form: [Absence Request Form](#)

Reminder About Nuts

We kindly remind all families that South Lee is a **strictly no nut school**. We have pupils with severe nut allergies, and it is very important that no snacks or lunch items containing nuts are brought into school. This includes items such as cereal bars, spreads, and other packaged snacks that may contain nuts or nut traces. We are very grateful for your continued support in helping us keep all our children safe.

USEFUL REMINDERS

Upcoming Bake Sales

Our popular Friday cake sales return this term, with each year group taking a turn to bring in and sell sweet treats. Thank you in advance for your support – all funds raised go towards PTA initiatives.

Year 2: Friday, 6th June 2025

Year 3: Friday, 13th June 2025

Year 4: Friday, 20th June 2025

Year 8 Leavers Residential Trip to Peak District

As part of the Year 8 Leavers' programme, pupils will take part in a residential trip to Buxton in the Peak District from **Sunday, 8th to Tuesday, 10th June 2025**, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Catchpole. The itinerary includes a walk in the Hope and Castleton area and a visit to The Heights of Abraham in Matlock Bath. Consent forms and payment details have been sent home. For any queries or further information, please contact [Mr Catchpole](#).

Nursery Barnados Big Toddle Walk

Nursery children will be taking part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle on **Monday, 9th June 2025**, a fun sponsored walk in support of vulnerable children across the UK. Further details will be shared on Tapestry. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.

Whole School Photograph

Our whole school photograph will take place on **Thursday, 12th June 2025 at 9.00am**. We kindly ask that all pupils come to school in full summer uniform, including ties, and are dressed neatly and smartly for the occasion. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning and Tour of the Prep School

We warmly invite Year 2 parents to a Coffee Morning on **Friday, 13th June 2025, at 8:30am**. Following the coffee morning, there will be a guided tour of the Prep School. Kindly RSVP the [School Office](#) to assist us with our preparations.

Tea Time Tunes

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our next Tea Time Tunes on **Monday, 16th June 2025 at 4:30pm**. This informal gathering is a lovely opportunity for pupils to share their musical progress in a relaxed setting. To help us plan refreshments, please RSVP to the [School Office](#) by **Friday, 13th June 2025**.

National Thank A Teacher Day - 18th June 2025

Who's made a difference to your child's day, week—or year? National Thank a Teacher Day is just around the corner, and we would love for our school community to get involved! Pupils, parents and carers can send a free thank you card to a teacher or member of staff who deserves a little recognition. It only takes a minute and means the world. Click [here](#) to send a free thank you card!

South Lee Pre-School Graduation

We are pleased to confirm that the South Lee Pre-School Graduation will take place on **Monday, 23rd June 2025**. This special occasion marks an important milestone for our youngest children, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements with you. To assist us with planning and catering, we kindly ask parents to RSVP to [Mrs Williams](#) by **Monday, 16th June 2025**. Further details about the event will be shared closer to the time.

Years 4 - 8 Bawdsey Residential Trip

Thank you to the 45 pupils who have signed up for the Year 4–8 residential visit to Bawdsey Manor this October. Mr Catchpole is currently working closely with PGL to finalise the weekend activity timetable. **The second and final payment of £120 is now due**, and we kindly ask that this is made using the usual payment methods.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Edward B from Pre-School had an amazing time at the Hadleigh Show this weekend with his sheep and is so proud to show off his rosettes! He earned 6th place in the Young Handlers class, where he demonstrated fantastic control and care, and 2nd place in the Fancy Dress with his brilliant partner, Eugene the ram. Well done, Edward — what a superstar!



Our Nursery and Reception children were treated to a delightful surprise this morning.

Mrs Buckingham, one of our school governors, brought in her pet goats for a special visit. There were lots of smiles as the children gently stroked them and enjoyed spending time with their new four-legged friends. A wonderful way to start the day!



Well done to our U11 team for their fantastic performance in Tuesday's dodgeball tournament. The children showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon, and we were delighted to see them finish in 3rd place.

A brilliant effort all round!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Pre-School, Reception, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fun-filled introduction to the Piddly Circus on Wednesday afternoon — a brilliant little taster packed with tricks, stunts and plenty of giggles!
We hope the children enjoyed the performance, especially with Miss Gisbey joining in on the fun!



Our boys' cricket team and girls' Kwik Cricket team took on St Joseph's College with enthusiasm and determination. They played with passion, supported one another, and made the most of every moment out on the pitch!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



This week in Nursery, we've been learning all about animals! The children loved role-playing as farmers — they milked our pretend cardboard cows and explored farm-themed tuff trays. There were lots of smiles and imaginative play as we deepened our understanding of the world through hands-on learning.



*What a Shrektastic morning in our forest!
It was lovely to see so many of our Nursery and Reception families join us for our EYFS 'Shrek' Family Fun Morning — lots of laughter, smiles, and a touch of ogre mischief among the trees! Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a brilliant way to start the day!*

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



From treehouses to twisty slides, rope bridges to boat rides — our Year 1 to Year 8 pupils threw themselves into the magic of BeWILDerwood! A brilliant day of climbing, exploring, and laughing together in the great outdoors. It's safe to say South Lee pupils know how to embrace a bit of adventure!