



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Lent Term

1 March 2024

Dates for your Diary - March 2024

Monday, 4th:	Year 3 Viking Day (<i>Year 3 Costumes needed</i>) 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, 6th:	Bags2School Collection - Please drop off bags at Mayfield door 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 (<i>Author Emma Young visits</i>) - <i>Costumes Optional</i>
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
Monday, 18th:	Pre-Prep Swimming club ends
Wednesday, 20th:	Creative Trip departs at 9.00am
Thursday, 21st:	Pre-Prep Verse Speaking Finals (R - Y3)
Friday, 22nd:	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs for West Suffolk Hospital Easter Activities & Egg Hunt Easter Lunch Creative Trip returns at 4.00pm

Celebration Assembly Awards



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Ezmai B for her good sense of nurture

Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: **Ralph S** for having more independence skills | Reception: **Fraser K** for reading his poem with wonderful expressions | Year 1: **Luxmi P** always displaying our pillars and being a considerate friend to everyone | Year 2: **Mariah B** for being kind and helpful around the classroom | Year 3: **Harry S** for creating and presenting a fantastic PowerPoint | Year 4: **Theo G** for fantastic focus work in Science and STEM | Year 5: **Mollie P** for her reflective work in Maths | Year 6: **Henry D** for maintaining his focus across the curriculum | Year 7: **Maisie B** for displaying quiet enthusiasm in all aspects of School Life | Year 8: **Euan A** for working hard in many areas of the curriculum

Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: **Millie C** for showing so much enthusiasm for exploring science this week and **Belle A-W** for a fantastic yoga lesson with Caroline | **Reception:** **Beatrice B** for always respecting the classroom boundaries perfectly and **Oliver T** for having lots of fun with patterns in number | **Year 1:** **Frida F** for her excellent newspaper report and **Reuben T** for his wonderful imaginative reason for Stonehenge being built | **Year 2:** **Oliver O'C** for great alliterative sentences and **William T** for some amazing doubling and halving in maths | **Year 3:** **Kieran O'S-J** for great progress with his writing in English and **Albert B** for excellent work on Lindisfarne in History



Artist of the Week

Maggie P for being really inventive



Players of the Week

Football
Thomas W

Netball
Willow W



Musicians of the Week

The string orchestra group for their fabulous performance



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.

Viking Day

On Monday 4th March, Year 3 will be having their Viking Day. It's an exciting day at school where all our lessons are focused on learning about the Vikings. We'll have a guest speaker, who is an expert on Vikings, leading workshops and activities. **Your child can wear a Viking costume all day if they'd like.**

The cost for the day will be **£15 per child**. Please make payments to:

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: South Lee School Ltd

Account Number: 00388098

Sort Code: 30-91-49

Once you've made the payment, please send an email to let us know so that we can keep a record for the accounts department.

Notice

Parent's Evening

Reminder: Parents' Evening will be held on **Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March 2024, from 4.30pm to 7pm**. Appointments for Parents' Evening will be available for booking starting from Tuesday 20th February via the parent portal. For **Reception to Year 3, meetings will be with the Form Tutor to discuss your child's overall progress across the curriculum**. For **Year 4 to Year 8, meetings will be subject-based**. Please remember to book individual appointments with each of your child's subject teachers.

Year 3 STEM

Just a friendly reminder that as part of our Energy topic, we'll be crafting draught excluders. We **kindly ask for outgrown woolly tights** (excluding those intended for younger siblings!) and socks to facilitate this activity.

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.catchpole@southlee.co.uk)

World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on **Thursday, 7th March**. On this day, your **child will have the chance to dress up as their favourite book character**. They can choose between a flamboyant or a more understated look, so let their imagination run wild!

In addition, we have a special treat in store as author and former pupil of South Lee Prep School, Emma Young, will be visiting. It's sure to be an inspiring day celebrating the joy of reading and storytelling.

'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!

Usborne Book Fair

The Book Fair will be visiting us on **Friday, 8th March**. If your child would like to purchase a book from the Usborne Book Fair, please send them in with some money.

Books at the fair will range in price from **£7.00 to £10.00**, offering a wonderful selection for our young readers to explore.

Our Journey in Images



What a fantastic Catchpole Club lunch we had recently. The vibes were buzzing, and the food was spot-on! Such a blast catching up with everyone.

#CatchpoleClubMemories
#SchoolLunchFun



Absolutely delightful to have had so many parents join us at our Reception Coffee Morning! ✨ It was wonderful catching up with familiar faces. Here's to building strong connections and a supportive community!



Our talented U13 netball squad emerged victorious in an exhilarating match against OBH with a final score of 20-16! The teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship displayed on the court were truly commendable. A massive shoutout to each player for their outstanding performance!

Our Journey in Images



Dive into the wonders of science with us this week in pre-school! From captivating experiments to hands-on exploration, our little scientists have been on an exciting journey of discovery. Join us as we ignite curiosity and spark imaginations!



Another brilliant day at the pool for our Year 1 swimmers! They dived into the water with enthusiasm and showed great progress in their swimming skills. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing each week. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 1! #SwimmingStars #Year1





My Week by Harry

A really great lesson I have enjoyed this week was... Maths. I've been learning about fractions, and I feel much more confident with them now. It's really exciting to understand something that used to feel tricky!

The best moment of my week was... when we got assigned new lunch tables. It was so exciting because it meant a change and a chance to mix with different friends. I couldn't wait to see who I would be sitting with and to share stories and laughs during lunchtime.

This week, I have learned... a brand new swimming technique called the freestyle stroke. It's been really exciting to try something different and improve my skills in the pool. I can't wait to practice more and become even better at it!

I'm really grateful for... being at this school because it's such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Being in my class is amazing because I have such supportive teachers and classmates who make learning fun. I'm especially thankful for the opportunity to meet new friends.



South Lee Prep School & Nursery, Bury St Edmunds



Community Relations



BURY FRIENDLY ORCHESTRA

SPRING CONCERT

GRIEG PIANO CONCERTO IN A MINOR, OP 16
FEATURING SOLOIST **ARCHIE BONHAM**

GRIEG WEDDING DAY AT TROLDHAUGEN

LUMBYE COPENHAGEN STEAM RAILWAY GALOP

SIBELIUS KARELIA SUITE (MOVEMENTS 1 & 3)

SVENDSEN 2 SWEDISH FOLK MELODIES

ABBA MEDLEY

CONDUCTOR: **CHRIS PARSONS** • LEADER: **RACHEL SOKOLOWSKI**

THE APEX • BURY ST EDMUNDS • IP33 3FD
SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024 • 6PM

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