

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been another full and rewarding week here at South Lee, with much to celebrate both in and out of the classroom.

We have marked Mental Health Awareness Week across the school, with children exploring the importance of looking after their emotional wellbeing during PSHEE lessons and form times. From discussing strategies to manage stress to reflecting on what makes them feel happy and calm, pupils have shown real maturity and care for themselves, and for each other. As we often say, keeping our minds healthy is just as important as looking after our physical health.



A huge well done to our U9 Girls' Benchball team, who came second out of fourteen teams in a tournament at KEGS on Tuesday—an outstanding achievement and one we are all so proud of. Congratulations as well to all the children who took part in the LAMDA exams; their hard work and confidence really shone through. A big thank you to Louise Lindfield and Judith Thomas for preparing the children so effectively.

Our U11 and U13 cricket teams performed brilliantly in their matches at Thetford Grammar and Orwell Park on Wednesday. As I write this, I can hear the U9 teams getting ready to head off to Ipswich High—we wish them the very best of luck and know they will give it their all.

As I mentioned last week, I have spent part of this week inspecting a large Prep School in central London. I always come away from these visits with new insights, but nothing beats walking back through the South Lee gates—I genuinely miss the children and staff when I am away. My thanks to Mr C, Mrs T, and Mrs Martineau for stepping in so seamlessly during my absence. It is always reassuring to know the school is in such safe hands.

Finally, thank you very much for your continued support—it really does make all the difference.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Sarah Catchpole
Head

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2025

Week 5: Character Strength for the Week - Kindness

Monday, 19th:	Years 5 - 8 Assessment Week Begins
Tuesday, 20th:	15:30 U11 Dodgeball Tournament (H)
Wednesday, 21st:	08:30 PTA Meeting 13:30 Pre-School, Reception, Years 1 & Year 2 Visit to Piddly Circus <i>14:15 U13 Mixed Cricket v Thetford Grammar (A)</i> <i>14:15 U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v St Joseph's College (H)</i>
Thursday, 22nd:	<i>14:15 U11 Boys Cricket v St Joseph's College (H)</i>
Friday, 23rd:	Years 5 - 8 Assessment Week Finishes 09:00 - 11:00 EYFS Family Fun Morning - Shrek Year 1 - Year 8 Visit to Bewilderwood

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

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

Pre-School, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Visit to Piddly Circus

Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Piddly Circus on **Wednesday, 21st May 2025**. This outing offers a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy an afternoon of fun and discovery in a new environment.

Years 1 - 8 Visit to Bewilderwood

Year 1 to Year 8 will be visiting Bewilderwood on **Friday, 23rd May 2025**. Should you have any queries or require further assistance, please contact the School Office. We very much look forward to a wonderful day out.

EYFS Family Fun Morning

We are very pleased to invite our **EYFS families to a Shrek-themed Family Fun Morning on Friday, 23rd May 2025**, from **9:00am to 11:00am** in our Forest School. There will be a variety of Shrek-inspired activities for families to enjoy together, including a bake sale, raffle, and a costume competition with a prize for the best Shrek look-alike. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Williams at k.williams@southlee.co.uk to confirm your place. We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a very enjoyable morning.

Colour Run and BBQ

We are looking forward to our Colour Run at Nowton Park on **Friday, 6th June 2025 at 2:00pm**. Parents are warmly invited to take part in the run or simply come along to cheer on the children. After the event, there will be a barbecue back at school for the pupils, with refreshments available for parents from approximately 3:00pm. If you are able to support, please consider sponsoring your child via our JustGiving page: [South Lee Colour Run 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.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Pupil of the Week

Percy B for his commitment to Bury in Bloom and Eco-Warriors.

Artist Award of the Week

Frida F for a lovely drawing from life.



Player Award of the Week

Benjamin A for Cricket - displaying a good all round performance with bat and ball which laid the foundation for his team's success and **Molly F** for Cricket - working hard on her bowling technique and taking wickets regularly in matches.

Drama Award of the Week

Bruce F for participating energetically and being a fantastic role model in drama.



Musician Award of the Week

Zuri J for her excellent effort and achievement in her cello lesson.

Style Award of the Week

Emilia L for always looking smart in her uniform.



Linguist of the Week

Henry D for his perseverance and determination to succeed in his speaking test and for the fantastic result.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Head's Award

Pre-School: **Maya S** for being helpful for Caroline in Stave House. | **Reception:** **Archie H** for his wonderful recall of our phonics phrases. | **Year 1:** **Olivia P** for her kindness when looking after her friends. | **Year 2:** **Luxmi P** for her improvement in her creative writing. | **Year 3:** **William T** for fantastic work on Motte and Bailey castle. | **Year 4:** **Anna C** for her hard work and great attitude towards her learning this term. | **Year 5:** **Theo G** for achievement in English and Maths. | **Year 6:** **Freddie C** for his consistent commitment to school. | **Year 7:** **Lola G** for a conscientious effort with her revision. | **Year 8:** **Luke S** for his amazing achievement in Maths..



Learning Disposition Awards

Pre-School: **Lucia L** for perseverance during our Maths activity and **Annabelle F** for making a wonderful caterpillar from play doh to go with our topic this week. | **Reception:** **George W** for his wonderful perseverance when creating a musical instrument in junk modelling and **Maxim W** for his wonderful curiosity lead play in our outdoor area. | **Year 1:** **Oliver T** for showing brilliant empathy and patience with those around him and **Mateo V** for showing fantastic perseverance with his handwriting. | **Year 2:** **Edison L** for having better concentration during tricky tasks and **Reuben T** for consistently having curiosity in Topic lessons.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



*Potion brewing, den building and bug spotting... just a normal afternoon for Year 1 at Forest School!
With pockets full of leaves and heads full of ideas, they turned the woods into a world of adventure...*



*With the sun shining and blue skies overhead, Year 2 took their art lesson outdoors this morning. Mrs T made the most of the lovely weather, turning our school grounds into an open-air studio.
A brilliant way to start the day — calm, focused and full of creativity!*



*What a day at the U9 Girls Benchball Tournament at King Edward's!
Out of 14 schools, our South Lee team showed fantastic skill, teamwork and determination to secure an impressive 2nd place finish!*

Well done, girls — you did us proud!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



This week in Nursery, we have been exploring colour through a variety of sensory experiences. One tuff tray featured brightly coloured paints, while another offered coloured rice and sensory scarves to encourage discovery through touch and movement. We've also been making the most of the outdoor area, enjoying imaginative play in the sand.



There was a joyful atmosphere in Year 3 this week as pupils began learning to play the ukulele, developing their understanding of rhythm, chords and technique.

The lesson was made all the more special with a wonderful cello performance by Dominic B, who shared his talent with the class. A delightful introduction to ensemble music and a lovely display of peer encouragement.



South Lee's First XI were prepped and ready to take on Thetford Grammar in today's U13 mixed cricket match. Spirits were high and the sun was shining – a fantastic afternoon of cricket was had by all!