



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term

7 June 2024

Dates for your Diary - June 2024

Monday, 10th:	Mini Green Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am
Tuesday, 11th:	Staff v Parents Cricket & BBQ at 5.30pm
Wednesday, 12th:	Year 2 & 3 Let's Make History, Anglo Saxon Day Mini Red Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Ipswich High (H) at 2.15pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Town Close (H) at 2.15pm U13 Girls Kwik Cricket v Thetford Grammar (A) at 2.15pm U13 Boys Kwik Cricket v Town Close (A) at 2.15pm
Thursday, 13th:	Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Mini Orange Tennis County Finals (A) at 10.00am Information Meeting for New Reception Parents at 4.30pm
Friday, 14th:	PTA Meeting at 8.30am Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning at 8.30am Year 3 Pupil Bake Sale at 10.45am Year 4 - 8 Inter-House Swimming Gala (A) at 2.00pm South Lee Alumni Drinks & Canapes at 6.00pm
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

Notice

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.

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

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.

14 June 2024: Year 3 Bake Sale

21 June 2024: Year 2 Bake Sale

28 June 2024: Reception Bake Sale

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.

14 June 2024: Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning

21 June 2024: Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning

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.

Staff v Parents Cricket & BBQ

We would like to remind you of the upcoming Staff vs. Parents Cricket & BBQ event, taking place on **Tuesday, 11th June 2024, at 5:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, so mark your calendars and get ready for an enjoyable evening of cricket and BBQ delights!

Information Meeting for New Reception Parents

This meeting will take place on **Thursday, 13th June 2024, at 4:00 pm**. It's a valuable opportunity for parents of new reception pupils to gather important information and ask any questions they may have about their child's journey at our school.

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Alumni Drinks & Canapes

We're excited to announce our upcoming Alumni Drinks & Canapes event! This special occasion will take place on **Friday, 14th June 2024 at 6.00pm**, where we eagerly anticipate welcoming past and present parents, pupils, and staff members. It's a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about fond memories, and celebrate the strong bonds that tie our school community together. Please save the date and join us for an evening of camaraderie and laughter.

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.

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](#).

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.

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!

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.

Chef Rachel's Corner



Summer is here, and what better way to celebrate than with another scrumptious recipe? Now that strawberries are in season, it's the perfect time to head down to your local Pick Your Own farm for a fun outing in the sunshine. You can pick your own juicy berries and even taste a few different varieties before choosing your favourites. Yum!

Summer Berry Crunch

Ingredients:

- Punnet of strawberries (as many or as few as you like)
- 500g full-fat Greek yogurt
- 90g oats
- 3 tbsp melted butter
- 50g light brown sugar

Let's Get Started:

1. First things first, let's get crunchy! Combine your oats, sugar, and melted butter, then spread them out on a tray lined with baking paper. Make sure to space them out nicely so they all get crispy in the oven. Pop them into a hot oven at 180 degrees for 10 minutes, giving them a little stir halfway through. Once they're golden and delicious, take them out and let them cool.

2. Now, let's assemble our masterpiece! Cut your strawberries into quarters and create a lovely thick layer at the bottom of your serving glasses. Spoon over your Greek yogurt, making sure to spread it out evenly. Then, for the pièce de résistance, sprinkle a generous layer of our homemade granola on top. Pro tip: Hold off adding the granola until you're ready to eat to keep that delightful crunch intact. And the best part? You can throw this dessert together on a whim whenever you're craving something sweet!



Celebration Assembly Awards



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Ben A for showing great community spirit

Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: **Emily G** for trying so well with literacy when writing her own name by herself | Reception: **Shanmukha S** for settling at South Lee so happily | Year 1: **Emilia L** for her mature attitude and approach to school | Year 2: **Edward S** for having a great first week | Year 3: **Bruce F** for outstanding work with angles in Maths | Year 4: **James C** for showing real zest and bringing joy to his friends during the school camp out | Year 5: **Charlotte B** for having a positive attitude in her Maths and English lessons | Year 6: **Alton R** for having a great week and tackling enrichment activities so positively|



Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: **Millie C** for showing great perseverance when given new tasks and **Arjun P** for using great imaginative skills when in our doctor's role play area | Reception: **Robert S** for his incredible knowledge at Roarr! ends and **Beatrice B** for radiating such happiness at Roarr! | Year 1: **Phinneas McQ** for his excellent effort in our creative writing lesson and **Luxmi P** for a gorgeous start on her diorama | Year 2: **Beatrice D** for a great work in creative writing and **Eliot C** for amazing problem solving in Maths | Year 3: **Elizabeth C** for fantastic work throughout all lessons this week and **Anna C** for always being a kind and caring friend

Artist of the Week

William J-W for painting his marble maze so carefully



Players of the Week

Cricket
Ben A

Cricket
Freddie C
Aarun V
Sener W
Malakai A-W



Musicians of the Week

Oscar T for his positive attitude and achievement in guitar and samba



Drama Award of the Week

Freya F for leading her group so positively in Drama Club



Our Journey in Images



Cygnets 1 Classroom Transformed into a Spa!
The children had an amazing time enjoying a relaxing and pampering spa week!



Our little pre-schoolers had a blast playing doctors! From bandaging up teddy bear "boo-boos" to giving out pretend prescriptions, they showed off their caring hearts and boundless imagination! Who knew check-ups could be this much fun?
#southleeprep #preschoolfun #futuredoctors



Year 1 are busy making dioramas of their creative writing! Meanwhile, Year 2 had an exciting LEGO robotics lesson in IT! 🤖💻
#CreativeWriting #Dioramas #Year1 #SouthLeePrep
#LEGO #Robotics #Year2 #SouthLeePrep

Our Journey in Images



For some of the senior 'non campers', we have filled the week with plenty of fun activities. A few days ago, we went on an adventure, to climb trees, a peaceful walk, plenty of fun in the park and of course we had to have a sweet treat before heading back to school. These are the days we remember! Childhood at its very best, with no gadgets in sight!



Years 3 & 4 had an exciting lesson making ice cream, blending history and science. They learned how people in the 16th century made ice cream and discovered how salt lowers the freezing point of ice. Who knew learning could be so delicious? 🍦✨

#PrepSchoolFun #IceCreamScience

Our Journey in Images



Our Reception children had an unforgettable day at Roarr! Dinosaur Park! They explored the park, marvelled at the life-sized dinosaurs, and enjoyed exciting activities. It was a day full of adventure, learning, and roaring fun!

#PrepSchoolAdventures #RoarrDinosaurPark #ReceptionFun

Our Journey in Images



Year 3 and Year 4 had a wonderful evening camping out at school. The children enjoyed supper, games and board games. Their first night camping out at school and they were amazing. We are so proud of them all!



Our Years 6 - 8 pupils had an incredible residential trip to Caythorpe. They enjoyed a week filled with adventurous activities, team-building exercises, and lots of outdoor fun. From climbing to canoeing, every moment was packed with excitement and learning. What a fantastic experience for everyone!

#PrepSchoolAdventures #CaythorpeTrip #LearningOutdoors



My Week by Florence

A really great activity I have enjoyed this week was... raft building. We learned how to design and construct a raft that floats and remains stable. It was so much fun working together and testing our creations on the water. I feel proud of what we achieved and loved every moment of it!

The best moment of my week was... spending time with my friends at Caythorpe Court. We had such an amazing time bonding, trying out new activities, and making unforgettable memories together. It was an adventure-filled week that I'll always cherish.

This week, I have learned... I've learned that it's important to take the time to listen and understand people. Whether it's listening to a friend's perspective or paying attention to what our teachers have to say, taking the time to understand others helps us connect and build stronger relationships.

I'm really grateful... that our teachers took us on this trip to Caythorpe. It was an incredible experience filled with adventures, challenges, and unforgettable moments. Their efforts made this week one to remember, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to have had such an amazing time with my friends and classmates.



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