

# SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been another very enjoyable and busy week at school, full of positive energy and excellent achievements.

Tennis has taken centre stage, with plenty of competitive matches and late nights for Mr James. His efforts were rewarded as our Under 9 Orange team – Michael, Albert, Kieran and Thomas Wa – delivered outstanding performances, securing 6–0 victories against both OBH and Culford. They now progress to the County Finals next Monday, and I am extremely proud of their focus, teamwork and commitment.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Colonel Wall (father of Tavin, Tenley and Trace) as this week's Martineau Lecturer. He spoke with clarity and passion about his career flying refuelling aircraft and the opportunities it has given him to travel the world. The Year 6-8 children were fully engaged and asked thoughtful and well-considered questions. I am very grateful to Colonel Wall and his family for joining us for this event. As they prepare to move to Kansas, we will be sad to say goodbye to them at the end of term but look forward to hearing all about their next adventure. In the afternoon, it was a pleasure to watch our U11 cricket teams against Ipswich High, with our U11 boys winning by just 1 run! Our U13 team had fixtures away at Town Close.

This afternoon sees our much-anticipated Colour Run. Thank you for your generous donations and to our excellent PTA for organising such a vibrant event. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Farrow, our Chair, for her time, effort and enthusiasm – I suspect she knows the school site better than anyone at the moment.

On Sunday, Mr C and I will be heading to the Peak District with our Year 8 captains for a few days of walking, exploring and spending time together before they move on to their senior schools. We return on Tuesday evening and are very much looking forward to this new addition to the calendar.

Finally, thank you to the staff who have bravely agreed to be 'gunged' at the end of today's Colour Run – I am sure it will be a popular way to finish the week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Catchpole

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2025

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## Week 8: Character Strength for the Week - Humility

Monday, 9th:	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)

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## Week 9: Character Strength of the Week - Self-Discipline

Monday, 16th:	National Sports Week 15:30 U11 Tennis Tournament (H) 16:30 Tea Time Tunes
Tuesday, 17th:	15:30 Mixed Rounders Tournament (H) 17:30 Staff v Parents Cricket Match
Wednesday, 18th:	14:15 U13 Mixed Cricket v Framlingham Prep (A) 14:15 U11 Girls Kwik Cricket v Fairstead House (A) 14:15 U11 Boys Cricket v Fairstead House (A)
Thursday, 19th:	14:00 Full Board Governors Meeting 14:00 - 17:30 Production Rehearsal
Friday, 20th:	08:30 Years 7 & 8 Head's Breakfast 10:45 Year 4 Cake Sale 11:15 - 12:45 Pre-School into Reception Transition Morning 14:00 Years 4 - 8 Inter House Swimming Gala at Moreton Hall Health Club (A) 14:15 U8 Boys Kwik Cricket v Brookes UK (H)

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*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](#).

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## 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 3: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Year 4: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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## 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, 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Catchpole. For any queries or further information, please contact [Mr Catchpole](#).

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## Whole School Photograph

Our whole school photograph will take place on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning and Tour of the Prep School

We warmly invite Year 2 parents to a Coffee Morning on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 8:30am**. Following the coffee morning, there will be a guided tour of the Prep School. Kindly RSVP the [School Office](#) by **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**, to assist us with our preparations.

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## Tea Time Tunes

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our next Tea Time Tunes on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

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## Staff v Parents Cricket Match - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025

We warmly invite you to join us for our Staff vs Parents Cricket Match on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm**. There will be garden games for the children, including giant Jenga, and delicious food on offer – a BBQ in collaboration with Thurston Butchers, serving 6oz burgers and jumbo sausages (£5.00 each), along with homemade salads and strawberries and cream.

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## National Thank A Teacher Day - 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## South Lee Pre-School Graduation

We are pleased to confirm that the South Lee Pre-School Graduation will take place on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. Further details about the event will be shared closer to the time.

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## 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.

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK



## Pupil of the Week

**Freddie D** for being so enthusiastic during our Martineau Lecture.

## Artist Award of the Week

**Bruce F** for creating a wonderful album cover design.



## Players Award of the Week

**Molly F** for Cricket - her outstanding bowling effort claiming her personal best bowling figures, **Tommy B** for Cricket - his extremely accurate bowling which helped us to a one run win on Wednesday; and **Michael H-A, Thomas Wa, Kieran O'S-J and Albert B** for Orange Ball Tennis.

## Drama Award of the Week

**Editih A-B** for her energy in Shrek rehearsals.



## Musician Award of the Week

**Lola G, Evie D, Ivanna K, Henry D and Freddie D** for learning all four chords (and changing between them) on guitar to play 'Let it Be'... albeit slowly!

## Style Award of the Week

**Lily G** for always looking smart in her uniform.



## Linguist of the Week

**Agnes L** for earning the most Gold medals this week on the LanguageNut online learning platform.



# AWARDS OF THE WEEK



## Head's Award

**Pre-School:** **Florence M** for having so much enthusiasm for every area of learning. | **Reception:** **Archie H** for his wonderful progress with his extra sessions. | **Year 2:** **Reuben T** for having an increased level of focus and concentration in Maths. | **Year 3:** **Ilyas T** for great perseverance in his first week at South Lee! | **Year 4:** **Sofia R** for settling in really well. | **Year 5:** **James C** for his leadership skills in CCT. | **Year 6:** **Ruby D** for fantastic work in STEM. | **Year 7:** **Ivanna K** for displaying a calm and professional attitude in Shrek rehearsals. | **Year 8:** **Maisie B** for giving an excellent guided tour of the school to two visitors on Wednesday.



## Learning Disposition Awards

**Pre-School:** **Tenley W** for showing kindness to a new friend and helping them all morning and **Maya S** for being an amazing big sister. | **Reception:** **Anastacia B** for her fantastic *communication* skills in the classroom and **George W** for his wonderful *perseverance* with his writing. | **Year 2:** **Aleksander R** for having good *perseverance* in his Maths work and **Akira P** for having consistent *concentration* during morning tasks.



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



*The Boys' Orange Tennis Team had a successful afternoon at Culford, winning both matches and securing their place in the County Finals. Well done, boys!*



*What an inspiring Martineau Lecture from Colonel Wall! Pupils were captivated by his stories from a remarkable career in the US Military, with plenty of thoughtful questions to follow. Thank you, Colonel Wall, for such an engaging session.*



*This week in the Baby Room, the children explored sensory play by painting their feet with red paint and giggling as the brushes tickled their toes. They also enjoyed stories, peekaboo, and discovering different textures in a wildlife tray filled with sand, mud and grass. Meanwhile, in Cygnets 1, the focus has been on learning all about space.*



*It is not part of the Year 2 curriculum, but the children had been asking to learn about Pi for days. Their teacher introduced it this week – and they did a fantastic job. A brilliant example of curiosity leading the learning!*



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



*What a brilliant afternoon at our Colour Run! Thank you to our PTA for organising such a fun and energetic event, and to all the parents who joined in the spirit of the day. The children had a fantastic time – we hope you did too. Roll on the next one!*