

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we draw to the close of what has been a very busy, thoroughly enjoyable, and rather tiring week, I would like to share with you some of the many highlights from the past few days.

We began the week with great sporting success at the Under 11 Tennis Tournament, where Freddie, Aarun, Kieran, and Michael played superbly and secured first place. Congratulations to them all. On Monday evening, we also enjoyed a delightful "Tea-Time Tunes" performance. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Combes and all of our peripatetic music teachers for organising such a wonderful and varied showcase of musical talent. A huge thank you to the performers too.



Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our Evening of Music and Verse, which will take place on Monday 30th June at 4.30p.m. We are hoping to host this outside, so you are most welcome to bring a picnic and some foldable chairs, and enjoy a relaxed and informal evening of poetry, singing, and musical performance.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to host a mixed rounders tournament here at South Lee. It was a pleasure to welcome so many schools to our grounds, and to see our pupils enjoying themselves and playing with such enthusiasm and team spirit. In the evening, the school community gathered once again for the much-anticipated Staff versus Parents Cricket Match. It was an idyllic summer evening, and the children played beautifully in the sunshine. I would like to thank the PTA for their exceptional efforts in running the barbecue and raising over £350. A particular thank you must go to those members who volunteered on the evening itself, as it was exceptionally warm, and we are very grateful for your support. The evening concluded with a narrow victory for the staff team, although the match became quite close towards the end. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this special event.

On Wednesday, we held our final sports fixtures of the year, with matches against Framlingham and Fairstead. These were especially significant, as they marked the final Under 13 fixtures for our Years 8s here at South Lee. Every child represented the school brilliantly, and I was particularly impressed by two of our Year 6 boys who stepped up to play for the Under 13 team, securing eight wickets between them.

This morning, I thoroughly enjoyed breakfast with our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. We shared pastries and bacon sandwiches, and it was a lovely way to begin the day together.

I have just returned from our annual Swimming Gala, which was a real uplifting event. The sun was shining, the atmosphere was full of energy, and every pupil gave their absolute best. Congratulations to Abbey House, who were crowned the overall winners.

Rehearsals for Shrek will take place on Monday morning and throughout the day on Tuesday, in preparation for our evening performances on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June. We very much look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a truly memorable production.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Catchpole

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2025

Week 10: Character Strength of the Week - Integrity

Monday, 23rd:	<i>14:00 South Lee Pre-School Graduation</i> <i>15:00 New Starter and Reception 2025 Welcome Tea Party</i>
Tuesday, 24th:	Eco Warrior Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday, 25th:	<i>14:15 Prep School Dress Rehearsal</i> <i>18:00 Prep School Production</i>
Thursday, 26th:	Year 8 Self-Defence Training Year 8 Tenpin Bowling at Bury Bowl <i>18:00 Prep School Production</i>
Friday, 27th:	Year 8 Visit to Southlake Aqua Park 08:30 PTA Meeting <i>09:30 Nursery Sports Day</i> <i>14:00 Pre-Prep Sports Day (Reception - Year 3)</i>

Week 11: Character Strength of the Week - Optimism

Monday, 30th:	Moving Up Morning Year 8 Wimbledon Tennis Trip <i>16:30 Evening of Music & Verse</i>
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Tuesday, 1st	Year 8 Visit to Felixstowe South Lee Summer Fete Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Wednesday, 2nd:	Year 8 Trip tp Pleasurewood Hills
Thursday, 3rd:	<i>11:00 South Lee Speech Day</i> <i>14:00 Prep School Sports Day (Years 4 - 8)</i>
Friday, 4th:	South Lee Prep School & Nursery Celebration Day TERM ENDS

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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](#).

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.

Eco Warrior Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday, 24th June is our Eco Warrior non-uniform day. Children are welcome to come to school in their home clothes, and we kindly ask for a £1 donation to support the school's eco initiatives.

USEFUL REMINDERS

Shrek the Musical Jr. - Extra Tickets Available

We're pleased to let you know that extra tickets for this year's school production, Shrek the Musical Jr, are now **available to the school community**. The performance will take place on **Wednesday, 25th June and Thursday, 26th June 2025, both at 6:00pm**. Tickets are extremely limited and bookings will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to request extra tickets, please email the **[school office](#)** with your preferred number. Tickets will be distributed on **Tuesday, 24th June 2025**.

Nursery Sports Day

Nursery Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 27th June 2025 at 9:30am** on the Victory Grounds. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to come along and cheer on our littlest athletes as they take part in a morning of fun and games.

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Pre-Prep Sports Day will take place on **Friday, 27th June 2025 at 2:00pm** on the Victory Grounds. Parents and grandparents of children in **Reception to Year 3** are warmly invited to join us in supporting our youngest pupils as they take part in an afternoon of races, activities and team spirit.

Moving Up Morning

Children will be taking part in their Moving Up Morning on **Monday, 30th June 2025**. This provides an opportunity for them to spend time in their new classroom, meet their teacher for the next academic year, and begin looking ahead to the learning and experiences to come.

Evening of Music & Verse

We are pleased to share that our Evening of Music and Verse will take place on **Monday, 30th June 2025 at 4:30pm**. This special occasion will feature a selection of musical and spoken word performances from pupils across the school. Parents whose children are involved will receive a separate email next week with further information.

South Lee Summer Fete

Our South Lee Summer Fête will take place on **Tuesday, 1st July 2025**, during the school day. This is a pupil-only event, and children can look forward to an afternoon filled with fun, games and treats as we celebrate the end of a busy and successful term.

South Lee Speech Day

South Lee Speech Day will be held on **Thursday, 3rd July 2025 at 11:00am**. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us as we recognise the hard work and dedication of all our pupils.

South Lee Sports Day

Prep School Sports Day will take place on **Thursday, 3rd July 2025, at 2:00pm**. Parents of children in Years 4 to 8 are invited to bring a picnic lunch and join their children for a relaxed lunch after Speech Day and before the Sports Day events begin. Younger siblings are also welcome to join for lunch.

Years 4 - 8 Bawdsey Residential Trip

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

Iris C and **Sophia R-C** for bringing the community together through their creativity and entrepreneurship.

Artist Award of the Week

Oliver O'C, **Beatrice D** and **William T** for creating a winning house t-shirt design.



Players Award of the Week

Freddie C, **Aaron V**, **Michael A-H** and **Kieran O'S-J** - for Tennis (winning the Bury primary schools tennis tournament. | **Ivanna K** for Cricket - her aggressive batting display and hitting her first six of the season | **Aaron V** for Cricket - his fantastic bowling display and taking his personal best bowling figures.

Drama Award of the Week

Oscar T for his performance as the gingerbread man in the Shrek production.



Musician Award of the Week

Maisie B for developing her vocal solo in the Shrek production.

Style Award of the Week

Edison L for always looking smart in his uniform.



Linguist of the Week

Ruby D for coming first in both the class assignments and in the whole school ranking on LanguageNut. Well done Ruby!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Head's Award

Pre-School: **Lucia L** for being a supportive friend in the classroom. | **Reception:** **Winnie H** for her excellent innovation of our story. | **Year 1:** **Donnacha L** for amazing improvement in his handwriting. | **Year 2:** **Cooper L** for fantastic achievement in his handwriting and spelling. | **Year 3:** **Eliot C** for fantastic effort and diligence while completing extension tasks. | **Year 4:** **Jameson T** for showing great focus and putting in a huge amount of effort into his 'Stig of the Dump' prequel. | **Year 5:** **Jenson B-S** for always working hard and being an outstanding member of the school community. | **Year 6:** **Tommy B** for coaching and helping another pupil during cricket club. | **Year 7:** **Lola G** for continuing to be a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the South Lee Community. | **Year 8:** **David O'S-J** for embracing all end of term activities with a committed approach.



Learning Disposition Awards

Pre-School: **Alec B** for concentrating really hard during Graduation rehearsal and **Cassian T** for always showing curiosity when learning. | **Reception:** **Riyan P** for his wonderful teamwork in our Maths lesson using his communication skills and **Flynn L** for his excellent concentration across all lessons this week. | **Year 1:** **Lucas F** for brilliant perseverance when writing his story retell in English and **Olivia P** for fantastic concentration in computing lessons when learning how to type. | **Year 2:** **Shonagh O'S-J** for fantastic communication when expressing her feelings and **Edison L** for showing great levels of curiosity in his lessons.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



A fantastic performance from all our talented pupils at yesterday evening's Tea Time Tunes. From start to finish, each child demonstrated confidence, focus and musical flair. Well done to everyone who took part. It was a thoroughly enjoyable showcase of talent.



We said a big thank you to the incredible staff at South Lee Prep School and Nursery on National Thank a Teacher Day! From helping with the little things to inspiring big dreams, our teachers and support staff go above and beyond every single day.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



We are proud to share that Mr Simon Clinch, our Head of Computing and Digitally Enhanced Learning, has been named a Bronze Winner in the 2025 Pearson National Teaching Awards for Transformational Use of Digital Technology.

This national recognition reflects not only Mr Clinch's creativity, passion and commitment to purposeful innovation, but also South Lee's ongoing dedication to preparing pupils for a future shaped by digital confidence and curiosity. His work continues to inspire staff and pupils alike, enriching learning across the school.



Armed with iPads and plenty of creativity, our Year 8 pupils worked with Mr Clinch to design a scooting circuit during their IT lessons. They then brought their plans to life by marking the track on the lower playground, where our Reception and Year 1 children can now whizz around at break times!



The final fixtures of the term for our U13 mixed cricket team and U8 Boys Kwik Cricket teams. A great way to end the season!



The Head's Breakfast with Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, marking the last breakfast for our Year 8 students before they move on to their senior schools.