



South Lee Prep School & Nursery Newsletter

Michaelmas Term

17 November 2023

Dates for your Diary - November 2023

Saturday, 18th:	Community Performance of the Messy Messiah at St Edmundsbury Cathedral (Year 3 & 4)
Wednesday, 22nd:	U11 Hockey v OBH and Holmwood House (H) at 2.30pm U11 Rugby v OBH and St Felix (H) at 2.30pm
Thursday, 23rd:	PTA Thanksgiving Lunch at 12.00pm
Friday, 24th:	U9 Netball v Ipswich High (A) at 2.30pm U9 Football v Ipswich High (A) at 2.30pm
Monday, 27th:	U9 Netball Tournament at Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm U9 Football Tournament at Littlegarth (A) at 2.00pm
Tuesday, 28th:	Pre-Prep Christmas Production at 2.00pm Pre-Prep Christmas Production 10.00am
Wednesday, 29th:	U10 Rugby v Orwell Park (A) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v Framlingham Prep & Orwell Park (A) 2.30pm PTA Wreath Making Evening

Dates for your Diary - December 2023

Friday, 1st:	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday, 5th:	Nursery Nativity
Wednesday, 6th:	Reception - Year 6 Pantomime (Wolsey Theatre) at 10.00am U12 Rugby v OBH (A) at 2.30pm U13 Hockey v OBH (A) at 2.30pm
Thursday, 7th:	Charity Christmas Jumper Day Final Assembly & Crinkly Cup Christmas Dinner Christmas House Shout at 2.30pm
Friday, 8th:	Carol Service

TERM ENDS

NOTICES

Reception STEM

As part of our STEM activities on Friday, we'll be making pumpkin cookies to celebrate Thanksgiving. Please make sure the children are ready with a tidy apron and a container to take their delightful pumpkin treats home.

Year 1 STEM

This Friday in STEM, we'll be preparing sandwiches for Little Red Riding Hood. Make sure the children come equipped with a neat apron and a container to bring their sandwiches home.

Year 1 STEM

During Thursday's Enrichment session in Food Tech, we will be preparing a pasta bake. Please ensure the children have a clean apron and an oven-proof dish, preferably with a lid, to bring their pasta bake home.

Celebration Assembly Awards



Pupil of the Week

Raif W for making huge progress in focus and effort across all areas of the curriculum

Head's Awards



Nursery- Swans: Nelly T for her lovely enthusiasm during our nursery production | **Reception:** Calvin E for his fabulous work in his Art with his weaving | **Year 1:** Frida F for a great attitude across all lessons | **Year 2:** Ezmai B for speaking so clearly in our play rehearsals | **Year 3:** Michael H-A for having excellent ideas and creative thinking in CCT | **Year 4:** Amelie L for her excellent attitude in Maths and English | **Year 5:** Ewan B for his positive mindset in many areas of school life | **Year 6:** Annabelle W for embracing all aspects of school life and rising to challenges | **Year 7:** Luke S for embracing the fiver challenge from day one | **Year 8:** Euan A for being an excellent businessman and showing great acumen

Celebration Assembly Awards



Apple Awards (Pre-Prep)



Nursery: Tenley W for her fantastic pattern making in Mrs Thistlethwaite's art lesson and Arlo S for his fantastic kindness to all his friends | **Reception:** Daphne B and Wyatt C for getting their first reading book this week | **Year 1:** Well Done to all the children in Year 1 for their positive behaviour on the school trip | **Year 2:** Bea D for using a variety of punctuation in her written work and Mariah B for being so kind and thoughtful and for encouraging her classmates during their maths task | **Year 3:** Beau G for excellent work in History and Shia W-B for great enthusiasm with her singing



Artist of the Week

Rose W for her beautiful still life drawings



Players of the Week

Rugby
Aarun V

Hockey
Willow W



Musician of the Week

David O'S-J for working so hard and for singing so well during rehearsals for the carol concert



Featured articles

FINAL REMINDER **Pantomime (Reception to Year 6)**

Get ready to rock and roll! Pre Prep and Lower Prep students are in for a thrilling outing to the pantomime on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

We shall leave school at 10.00am travelling via coach or minibus and are scheduled to arrive back at school by 3.30pm.

The cost of the trip will be £20.00, and will include tickets to the electrifying Dick Whittington Rock and Roll Panto, a packed lunch, as well as transportation to and from Ipswich Wolsey Theatre.

Payment can be made via BACS transfer to South Lee School:
Account Number: 00388098
Sort Code: 30-91-49

Children will be required to wear their full school uniform, including blazers.

It's going to be a day packed with music, dancing, and pure panto fun – an experience that'll have them tapping their toes and singing along!

Please complete the **FORMS** questionnaire to confirm that you give permission for your child to attend this fantastic trip.



FINAL REMINDER **Join Us in Supporting Suffolk Homeless Shoebox Appeal this Christmas!**

As the holiday season approaches, we're excited to join hands with the Suffolk Homeless Shoebox Appeal to make a difference in our local community.

Here's what you can include in your shoebox:

- Warm Clothing: Socks, gloves, scarves, and hats
- Essential Toiletries: Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and sanitary products
- Non-Perishable Food Items: Energy bars or snacks
- Hot Beverages: Instant coffee, tea bags, or hot chocolate sachets
- Personal Notes: Heartfelt messages or festive greetings
- Warm Bedding: Blankets or sleeping bags

Please avoid including razors, shower gel, medicines, aerosol deodorants, and matches or lighters in your donations.

Drop off your boxes at the Mayfield Road door, and we'll ensure they reach those in need at the beginning of December.



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FINAL REMINDER Join Us for the Pre-Prep Christmas Productions: 'It's a Miracle'!

Get ready for an enchanting experience as the Pre-Prep present their Christmas Production, 'It's a Miracle'!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming shows on Tuesday, November 28th, at 2.00pm and Wednesday, November 29th, at 10.00am. It's an event you wouldn't want to miss!

To secure your tickets, please send an email to the school office indicating which performance you would like to attend. Each child is eligible for two tickets per performance. Tickets will be sent home in your child's bag for your convenience.

For any inquiries or ticket reservations, please contact the [school office](#).

Let's come together to celebrate the joy of the season and witness our young stars shine on stage. We look forward to sharing this special moment with all of you!



South Lee Prep School Christmas Fayre!

'Tis the season to be jolly, and what better way to kick off the festive cheer than by attending our much-anticipated Christmas Fayre! Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, from 15:00 to 17:00, as we transform our sports hall into a winter wonderland of joy and excitement.

To ensure that your child gets the most out of this delightful event, we kindly request you to complete a brief FORMS quiz. This will help us tailor the arrangements to suit your child's preferences and make their experience at the Christmas Fayre truly magical. Simply click on the following link to access the quiz: <https://forms.office.com/e/giV4DJwxrs>

For those unable to join us in person, fear not! The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has carefully considered the prices for the stalls and recommends providing your child with a budget ranging from £10 to £20. This will allow them to partake in the festivities, indulge in delectable treats, and perhaps even find the perfect little something to bring home.

Let's come together as a school community to make this Christmas Fayre a memorable and joyous occasion for our children!



Featured articles

A Day of Art and Adventure: Year 7 and 8's London Excursion

As we approach the end of the term, we are delighted to announce a special day out for our Year 7 and 8 pupils on Wednesday, 6th December 2023. This celebratory outing is designed to offer an enriching experience, combining the wonders of art and marine life right in the heart of London.

Our morning adventure begins at the iconic Tate Modern, where pupils will have the unique opportunity to witness some of the world's most captivating modern and contemporary art. It's a chance for them to be inspired by the creativity of renowned artists and explore the diverse expressions of the art world.

In the afternoon, our journey continues with a leisurely stroll along the scenic South Bank, leading us to the Sea Life London Aquarium. Housing one of Europe's largest collections of global marine life, the aquarium promises an educational and awe-inspiring experience.

A letter detailing this exciting plan has been sent home with your children today. To ensure a seamless and enjoyable day for all, we kindly request parents to promptly return the attached reply slip to Mr. Catchpole.

Let's make this end-of-term excursion a memorable and enriching experience, celebrating the achievements and growth of our Year 7 and 8 pupils in a unique and engaging way.



Join Our Elf Run for 'The Children's Trust'!

Exciting news, everyone!

The holiday season is upon us, and it's the perfect time for spreading joy, warmth, and, of course, a little bit of magic! We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, December 5th, our school will come alive with a touch of whimsy as we host an enchanting 'Elf Run' for a fantastic cause - 'The Children's Trust.'

This event is not just about donning pointy hats and jingling bells but about coming together as a community to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children who need our support. The 'Elf Run' is designed to be an inclusive and exciting experience for all our students. The length of the run will be determined by each child's age, ensuring that everyone can participate, from the youngest elves to the oldest.

If you're as eager as we are to contribute to this fantastic cause, please visit the donation link here: [The Children's Trust Elf Run 2023](#)

We can't wait to see our school filled with little elves running, spreading joy, and making a real difference in the lives of those in need. Your support means the world to us.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey.



Featured articles

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Support During Anti-Bullying Week!

We extend our sincere gratitude to those of you who generously contributed to our efforts during Anti-Bullying Week. Your commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for our pupils is truly commendable.

In this week's parent email, you will find an attached Anti-Bullying leaflet. We encourage you to share this valuable resource with your children, as it provides essential insights and information on fostering kindness, empathy, and understanding within our school community.

Your support plays a vital role in reinforcing our commitment to promoting a culture of respect and inclusion. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the well-being of our pupils and create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and supported.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and dedication to making Anti-Bullying Week a meaningful and impactful initiative. Your contributions are instrumental in fostering a culture of kindness and acceptance at our school.



Emotional Wellbeing and Childhood Neurodiversity Parent and Carer Workshops

In an effort to support parents and caregivers in navigating the challenges of emotional wellbeing and understanding childhood neurodiversity, the Psychology in Schools Team from Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (NSFT) is pleased to remind you about a series of upcoming workshops.

These free workshops, spanning the next few months, aim to offer valuable advice and support to families. Topics will include strategies for supporting young people with challenging behaviors and guidance on helping children and young individuals effectively manage overwhelming emotions. Additionally, there is a dedicated program of workshops specifically designed to explore and nurture the unique strengths of neurodivergent children and young people.

To view the complete list of workshops and secure your spot, we invite you to visit the 'Family Wellbeing' page on the Wellbeing in Education website at www.suffolk.gov.uk/wellbeingeducation. These workshops promise to be insightful and provide practical tools to enhance the emotional well-being of your child.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and connect with a supportive community. Your active participation can make a significant difference in fostering a positive and understanding environment for both you and your child.



Our Journey in Images



🌟 Shoutout to our amazing Year 8 students for showcasing incredible entrepreneurial skills this week! As part of the Fiver Challenge, they've turned a £5.00 investment into profitable ventures. Way to go, Year 8!

#Entrepreneurship #FiverChallenge #FutureLeaders #ProudMoment



🌟 Kudos to our amazing Year 1 pupils for showcasing impeccable behaviour on the recent school trip to the air force base!

#WellDone #BestBehavior #Year1Explorers #SchoolTripSuccess

PTA Insights: What's New?

Join Us for a Festive Wreath Making Workshop: An Evening of Holiday Fun!

The South Lee PTA is thrilled to invite you to a delightful evening of festive cheer with our Wreath Making Workshop on November 29, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

It's the perfect opportunity to get into the holiday spirit, so mark your calendars! To secure your spot, an advance payment of £40 can be made in cash, by cheque, or via BACS (account: 60838624 | sort code: 20-16-12). Simply send an email to office@southlee.co.uk, indicating your interest and make the payment to confirm your reservation.

This fantastic workshop includes all the materials you need, ensuring that you can let your creativity run wild. And that's not all! We'll also be serving delightful mulled wine and light snacks to keep the festive vibes going strong.

This event isn't exclusive - South Lee friends and family are more than welcome to join in on the fun. So, whether you're a seasoned wreath-making pro or trying it for the first time, we encourage everyone to come and enjoy this evening of holiday creativity and camaraderie.

Don't miss out on the chance to craft your very own beautiful wreath to adorn your home this holiday season. Join us for a memorable evening of festive fun!



Join the Festivities at Our Annual Christmas Fayre on December 1st!

The spirit of the season is upon us, and we are delighted to invite you to our much-anticipated annual Christmas Fayre! Mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with joy and excitement on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at the South Lee Sports Hall.

Get ready for a delightful experience with a range of activities, including external stall holders showcasing unique goods, an enticing advent raffle, engaging games for all ages, the magical Santa's grotto, and the ever-popular tombola. There will be something for everyone to enjoy!

Whether you're searching for the perfect holiday gifts, looking to indulge in some festive treats, or simply hoping to immerse yourself in the joyful atmosphere, our Christmas Fayre promises to be a memorable event for the entire community.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with us at the South Lee Sports Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you to our festive extravaganza!



School's Out!



We're back in December for the Winter Holiday. We can't wait to welcome children to two-fun-filled days at our holiday day camps in Bury St Edmunds. For 4-16 year olds covering the full working day from 8am-6pm, with over 100 action-packed activities... there's something for everyone!



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