

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting and happy first two days back at school, and we are thrilled to welcome both our returning students and lots of new faces joining our South Lee Prep School community.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parent Drop-In last night. Your involvement and support mean so much to us, and it is always a pleasure to have these informal discussions with you as we begin on another exciting academic year.

Over the summer, we have been busy making several improvements to the school, which we are delighted to share with you:

- Our courtyard now has new parasols, creating lovely shaded areas for the children to enjoy outdoor play and relaxation.
- After months of care and attention, our grass is looking spectacular—a green carpet for our students to play on. (Thank you Mr Macfarlane for organising this process.)
- A big thank you to Mrs Chuter for crafting a brilliant Wellie Rack, made entirely from recycled broomsticks used in our 'Step in Time' (from last year's Mary Poppins production).
- The children have been excited to discover our brand new play equipment, providing even more fun during break times.
- We are also proud to announce that our Pre-Prep Library has undergone a complete refurbishment, creating a warm and inspiring space for our younger readers to explore.
- Our Pre-School room has been transformed and is looking absolutely fabulous, offering a wonderful environment for some of our youngest learners.
- You will also notice a fresh look around the school with lots of new painting to keep the school bright and welcoming.
- And finally SGL Training has officially begun, with classes now being held in our newly upgraded gym. Please see the attached flyer. Our Upper Prep children will also be taking advantage of our new gym as they will be having Strength and Conditioning classes in their PE lessons. They had their first session today!



Learning Dispositions

In Nursery, Pre School, Year 1 and Year 2 we will be beginning to focus on our leaning dispositions. Learning dispositions play a crucial role in how students engage with their learning. Positive dispositions such as Curiosity, Concentration, Communication, Perseverance, Independence and Empathy can help children to explore new ideas, persevere through difficulties and maintain a strong interest in their learning. A letter with further information on this will come out separately to those year groups involved.

Ellie the Elephant - Concentration
Monty the Meerkat - Curiosity
Bobby the Bee - Communication
Derrick the Dinosaur - perseverance
Kitty the Cat - independence
Dotty the Dog - Empathy

We have bake sales in the calendar, please remember we are a NUT FREE school.

I have just finished saying goodbye to our 4.10pm pick up children and although it has only been two days, the children look exhausted. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning. Our character strength next week is RESILIENCE.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sarah Catchpole

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

Week 2: Character Strength for the Week - Resilience

- Monday, 9th: 13:50 Junior Duke Whole School Assembly
- Tuesday, 10th: 08:30 School Council Meeting
- Wednesday, 11th: *14:00 U11 Hockey v Fairstead House, Holmewood House and Brookes UK (h)*
14:00 U11 Rugby v Fairstead House (H)
- Thursday, 12th: 12:50 Catchpole Club Lunch
13:30 Eco Warriors Meeting
- Thursday, 12th: *08:30 Pre-School Open Cafe for Parents*
10:45 Year 7 & Year 8 Cake Sale
14:30 U9 Netball v Fairstead House, Holmewood House and St Margaret's (H)
14:30 U9 Football v Fairstead House, Holmewood House and St Margaret's (H)
17:30 PTA Family Fun Night
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Week 3: Character Strength for the Week - Nurture

- Monday, 16th: 10:30 - 11:30 Book Fair
13:30 Pupil Food Committee Meeting
14:00 Careers Whole School Assembly - Police
- Tuesday, 17th: 10:30 - 11:30 Book Fair
12:30 Pillars Lunch
- Wednesday, 18th: *14:30 U13 Rugby v Orwell Parl (A)*
14:30 U13 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (H)
14:30 U11 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (A)
14:30 U11 Rugby v Barnardiston Hall and Dame Bradbury (A)
- Thursday, 19th: Year 3 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
- Friday, 20th: *08:30 Year 7 & Year 8 Parent Coffee Morning*
10:45 Year 6 Cake Sale
12:00 Pre Prep Grandparents' Lunch
14:00 U9 Netball v Ipswich High (A)
14:00 U9 Football v Ipswich High (A)
08:30 Yr 8 Parents' Coffee Morning
14:00 U9 Netball v Ipswich High (A)
14:00 U9 Football v Ipswich High (A)
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Week 4: Character Strength for the Week - Honesty

- Monday, 23rd: *17:30 Year 5 & 6 Parents Information Evening 'The Benefits of Staying in Year 7 & 8'*
- Tuesday, 24th: Seasonal Flu Vaccination
European Day of Languages (Dressing Up)
08:40 Languages Assembly
- Wednesday, 25th: Individual Photos
14:30 U13 Rugby v Stoke College, Thetford Grammar and Brookes UK (H)
14:30 Hockey v Stoke College, Thetford Grammar and Brookes UK (H)
14:30 U11 Rugby v Orwell Park (H)
- Thursday, 26th: Year 7 & 8 trip to the Globe Theatre, London
- Friday, 27th: *08:30 South Lee Parent Macmillan Coffee Morning*
10:45 Year 5 Cake Sale
14:£0 U9 Netball v Barnardiston Hall (A)
14:£0 U9 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (A)
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Regular Font: Pupils Only

Italic Font - Parents' Invited

USEFUL REMINDERS

Pre-School Open Café for Parents

We are delighted to invite the parents of our pre-schoolers to the opening of the Pre-School Café on **Friday, 13th September 2024** from **8:30am to 10:00am**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to relax, enjoy a cup of coffee, and connect with other parents. The children are excited to welcome you!

To help us with arrangements, please **RSVP** by **Monday, 9th September 2024** to Mrs Amy Precious at a.precious@southlee.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Autumn Term Lunch Menu

We would like to inform you that our Autumn term lunch menus have been updated and are now available on our website. To view the menus, please follow this [link](#).

Breaktime Snack

Please remember to send a snack with your child for their morning break if they are in Year 1 through Year 8. Kindly ensure that the snack is nut-free, as we are a no-nut school.

Change of Date for PTA AGM

Please note that the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been rescheduled. The new date for the AGM is **Wednesday, 16th October 2024 at 5:00pm**.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in school for parents to visit and purchase books from **10.30am-11.30am on Monday 16th September & Tuesday 17th September 2024**. The Book Fair will be located in the foyer near the school office. You will be able to pay for books while you are at the Book Fair using a QR code which will be displayed or there will be a card machine available for payments and we can also accept cash or pre-paid gift vouchers.



Pupil Photograph Consent

We are currently in the process of updating our photograph consent forms. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed, please email office@southlee.co.uk to update your preferences. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PTA Family Fun Night

South Lee PTA is organising a PTA Family Fun Night on **Friday, 13th September 2024** starting at **5:30pm**. The whole school community is invited to join in the fun!

For just £5 per person, enjoy hot dogs, soft drinks, and a fun-filled game of Bingo. It will be a great evening for all to come together and socialise!



SGL TRAINING

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL

1:1 and small group Personal training sessions will also run on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays! Call to discuss

OPENING 4TH SEPTEMBER!

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| EVERY MONDAY - LEGS, BUMS & TUMS 18.30 - 19.15 £9 | EVERY THURSDAY - LEGS, BUMS & TUMS 07.45 - 08.30 £9 |
| EVERY WEDNESDAY - CIRCUITS 07.45 - 08.30 £9 | EVERY FRIDAY - CORE FUSION 07.45 - 08.30 £9 |
| EVERY WEDNESDAY - PARENT & BABY 10.30 - 11.15 £10 | EVERY FRIDAY - CIRCUITS 18.00 - 18.45 £9 |

Sign up here
<https://bookaby.me/sgltraining>

SGL TRAINING GYM, SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL, VICTORY SPORTS GROUND, BURY ST EDMUNDS, IP32 2BT
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SGL Training

We are pleased to announce that SGL Training is officially opening at South Lee Prep School on Thursday, 4th September. They will be offering specialist classes and 1:1 personal training sessions. To book, please visit <https://bookaby.me/sgltraining> or call **07765 695049** to speak with Sam.

Ethelwold Tri

Ethelwold Tri is a fun and inclusive triathlon club in Norfolk and Suffolk, offering cycle, run, and swim training for 7 to 17-year-olds. Malcolm, our very own Nurse Donna's husband, is one of the coaches in Bury St Edmunds. To find out more or to sign up, please visit ethelwoldtri.co.uk or email hello@ethelwoldtri.co.uk.

2024 AFFILIATED CLUB

ETHELWOLD TRI

LEARN TRAIN RACE
SWIM BIKE RUN

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Ethelwold Tri is a fun and inclusive triathlon club in Norfolk and Suffolk with cycle, run and swim training for 7-17 year-olds.

Find out about our training sessions with qualified coaches in Bury St Edmunds.

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PHOTO'S HIGHLIGHT

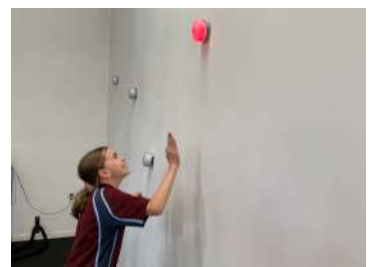


*Welcome back!
Looking forward to an exciting term ahead, full of new adventures, learning and fun...*



First School Captains Lunch!

Our School Captains enjoying a wonderful lunch with Mr and Mrs Catchpole, a great start to the new school year.



*A focused afternoon of strength and conditioning
for our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.*