

# SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of the penultimate week of term, I would like to reflect on what an extraordinary few days it has been. I always consider this week to be one of the busiest of the school year, and that has certainly been the case.

We began the week on Monday with a wonderful Pre-School Graduation. Our youngest pupils conducted themselves brilliantly and it was a pleasure to see how far they have progressed. This morning I attended the Nursery Sports Day, which was a great success and a real indication of how much our Early Years provision has grown. This afternoon we enjoyed the Pre-Prep Sports Day which was another wonderful event. Thank you to all the parents that supported these events. I hope you managed to enjoy a cream tea, Chef Rachael was up baking at 4.30am this morning!



One of the true highlights of the week has been the two performances of Shrek The Musical. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed the production as much as I did. I continue to be impressed by what our pupils are able to achieve at such a young age. Every single pupil gave their all to the performance and should be extremely proud of themselves. Their commitment and energy were outstanding. I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them. My thanks go to all members of staff who contributed to what was a tremendous production. Also to all the parents that supported over the two nights, and to our awesome PTA who always work tirelessly supporting the school. Thank you for doing the bar and selling drinks and snacks.

Our Year 8 pupils have started their Leavers' Week and it has been a pleasure to see them enjoying their final days at South Lee. They have taken part in self-defence sessions, ten-pin bowling, and a visit to Southlake Aqua Park. The programme continues with trips to Wimbledon and Felixstowe beach, a visit to Pleasurewood Hills, and of course, the Leavers' Dinner. My thanks to Mr C for organising such a thoughtful and well-planned programme for our pupils. They certainly have much to look forward to next week.

There is still a busy schedule ahead:

On **Monday**, we have our Moving Up Morning. Monday evening, we invite you to attend the Evening of Music and Verse. This is an informal occasion and families are welcome to bring a picnic and foldy chair to enjoy during the performances.

On **Tuesday**, we will hold our Summer Fête. Pupils should by now have finalised their stall arrangements. We are asking for a £5 contribution per pupil, which allows them to take part in all activities throughout the afternoon.

**Thursday** is our *Speech Day*, which is a formal celebration of the year. The event begins at 11.00am, with refreshments available from 10.30am. I very much look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a fitting end to a successful year.

**Friday**, our final day of term, is expected to be calmer, but no less significant. There will be a mix of emotions as we reach the end of the academic year. Please note that this will be a non-uniform day. End of Year reports will come home on Friday.

### Uniform reminders for next week

Monday - Wednesday - Sports Kit

(If your child is performing in Music and Verse, this can be in sports kit or home clothes. This is a more casual evening, not formal.)

Thursday is Speech Day, so full school uniform including blazers - Prep school will need their sports kit for Prep School sports Day. Everything will come home on Thursday, pick up.

Friday - Non uniform day, no bags, for our South Lee Celebration Day. Pick up as normal, there will be no clubs on the last day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for all you do to contribute to our school community. I hope you have a pleasant weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

With best wishes,  
**Sarah Catchpole**  
 Head

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2025

## Week 11: Character Strength of the Week - Optimism

Monday, 30th: Moving Up Morning  
Year 8 Wimbledon Tennis Trip  
*16:30 Evening of Music & Verse*

## July

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: *11:00 South Lee Speech Day*  
*14:00 Prep School Sports Day ( Years 4 - 8 )*

Friday, 4th: South Lee Prep School & Nursery Celebration Day  
**TERM ENDS**

Regular Font: Pupils Only  
*Italic Font - Parents' Invited*

### 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

Our Evening of Music and Verse will take place on **Monday, 30th June 2025 at 4:30pm**. Selected pupils will share musical and spoken word performances in a relaxed, outdoor setting on the school grounds. Families are welcome to bring a picnic, refreshments, and a blanket or foldable chairs to enjoy the event in comfort.

### 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

## Head's Award

**Pre-School:** **Robin D** for always sharing his knowledge on plains and soldiers. | **Reception:** **George W** for his excellent sharing and teamwork using his toys. | **Year 1:** **Beatrice B** for being a fantastic role model and continuously displaying our pillar values. | **Year 2:** **Aleksander R** for working hard on having a growth mindset in his English and Maths lessons. | **Year 3:** **William W** for excellent Bar Charts work in Maths | **Year 4:** **Bruce F** for outstanding teamwork and leadership during play rehearsals, ensuring everyone in Year 4 was where they needed to be. | **Year 5:** **Percy B** for supporting the South Lee community and helping with engineering set design. | **Year 7:** **Freddie D** for overcoming challenges and presenting the best version of himself in school. | **Year 8:** **Molly F** for continuing to lead from the front during an exceptionally busy time of year.

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## Learning Disposition Awards

**Pre-School:** **Niamh C** for showing fantastic perseverance when she finds things hard and **River B** for becoming a fantastic big sister. | **Reception:** **Aiden M** for his curiosity when exploring the water play in the classroom and **Anastacia B** for always looking after our classroom and her friends. | **Year 1:** **Mateo V** for showing brilliant concentration and a positive attitude when writing his story retell in English and **Oliver T** for growing independence in his computing lessons. | **Year 2:** **Luxmi P** for showing an increased level of concentration in her lessons and **Jack J-W** for having brilliant perseverance with his reading skills.

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## Pupils of the Week

**The whole of Prep** for their brilliant performances in our Prep school production of Shrek The Musical Jnr.

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## Drama Award of the Week

**Molly P** for outstanding characterisation in our Shrek production

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## Music Award of the Week

**Ivanna P** for outstanding singing in our Shrek production

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## Linguists Award of the Week

**Jack J-W** for his unbeatable skill at “memory game” during Language club

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## Artist Award of the Week

**Flynn L** for associating colours with feelings so confidently

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## Style Award of the Week

**Bruce F** for always looking smart in his uniform



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



***Congratulations to our Pre-School Class of 2024/25!***

***From tiny footsteps to big smiles, you have grown so much and are now ready for your next adventure.  
We are very proud of each and every one of you.***



***Our Year 8 celebrations began with an action-packed self-defence session. The pupils tackled each technique with energy and focus, enjoying the challenge and learning valuable skills along the way. A brilliant start to their final week at South Lee!***



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



*Our prep school pupils truly ogre-achieved in their brilliant production of Shrek. From Far Far Away to the South Lee stage, it was a swamp filled with talent, laughter and layers. A huge well done to the entire cast and crew.*



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*Our nursery children were full of energy and smiles at their Sports Day. From running races to the egg and spoon challenge, they gave it their all and cheered each other on. A wonderful morning of fun, friendship and first medals.*



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*Our Pre-Prep children gave it their all at Sports Day, showing great determination, teamwork and plenty of smiles. From sprints to vortex throwing, they gave every event their best effort. A joyful day filled with cheers, courage and celebration.*