



Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first week back we have had at South Lee. The children have returned so positively and it has been lovely to see them settling back into school life so quickly.

One of the highlights for me has been hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about all the changes they have noticed over the summer. There has certainly been plenty for them to spot, including the new playground, our new and much bigger sandpit, new toilets in Pre Prep, new tennis nets and netball posts, the newly fenced football area, the new school hall floor and lots of new playground equipment too.

We began the week with our Welcome Back Assembly, and it was wonderful to see so many parents joining us on Monday afternoon for our parent drop in. Thank you to everyone who came along.

On Tuesday, we celebrated International Literacy Day. On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Holmwood House for our first home fixture of the term. Thursday brought my first Captain's Lunch with our Year 8 captains, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and on Friday morning we held our first Celebration Assembly of the year. It was wonderful to see the hall looking so full and to celebrate the achievements of so many of our pupils.

The children all seem very happy to be back. I always say that the school simply does not feel the same over the summer without the sound of South Lee pupils laughing and chatting in the corridors, or the smiles and waves I get as they pass my office. It has been lovely to have that energy back in school this week.

From Monday, we will also begin our collection for the local foodbank. If you are able to donate any non perishable food items, please do send them into school. Our Swans to Year 2 Harvest Festival takes place on Thursday 8th October, so there is still plenty of time to contribute.

We also have our first Open Morning of the term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you are able to share our social media posts with friends and family, it would be very much appreciated. Word of mouth continues to be one of the best ways for new families to hear about South Lee Prep School. You may well spot a few signs around town too!

Thank you once again for all your support, particularly at the start of what is always a very busy term. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Warmest wishes,  
Sarah Catchpole  
Head

## 11th September 2026

### Upcoming Dates

Character Strength: Responsibility



### Key Dates for Next Week:

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup>:

Junior Duke - Whole School Assembly

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>:

08:30 PTA Meeting

08:30-08:50 Year 8 Buddy Time

12:50 Year 7 & 8 Catchpole Club Lunch

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>:

08:30 School Council Meeting

14:30 U12 Hockey v Orwell Park (A)

14:30 U13 Rugby v Orwell Park (A)

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>:

12:10 Reception Parent Lunch

13:30 Eco Warriors Meeting

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:

National Resepect Day

09:00 Pre School Cafe Open for Parents

13:00 Full Board Governors Strategy Meeting

14:30 U9 Mixed Netball v Holmwood House (A)

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