

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

For some reason this week seems to have gone by in a flash. I cannot quite believe that there are only four more weeks left until the end of the Autumn term! You will have noticed at pick up this evening that Mrs Fayers (our happy little Christmas elf) has begun the task of decorating the school. She was very happy singing away to Christmas tunes and sprinkling her Christmas cheer!



This week, we began with acknowledging Anti Bullying week. I spoke to both the Pre-Prep and Prep school about ways in which we can respect one another and also be an 'upstander' when they hear or see something that does not seem right. I also reminded them about their safety circle and that if they felt upset or worried, they could speak to someone on their safety circle.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch on Tuesday with the Year 2 parents. I have promised parents that we will be extending the parent lunches to Prep School parents next term, so please do book in for these.

On Wednesday, a group of our Prep School pupils went to The Royal Hospital School to take part in Sing Up Suffolk. A huge thank you to Mrs. Combes for organising this. The children came back full of excitement and couldn't wait to tell me all about their day.

On Thursday, we had our annual non-uniform day in exchange for a Christmas jar for the PTA Fayre. Thank you to the PTA who continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes with all of these events. The Christmas cards which have been ordered should be coming home in bags today.

Yesterday afternoon, some of our Prep School children took part in singing and poetry performances at the Bury Christmas lights switch on. I felt so proud of our wonderful group. They sang and performed beautifully. If you missed yesterday, they will be performing again at Dobbies Garden Centre Christmas event next Thursday at 4.45pm.

Thank you to all the Year 5 parents that managed to attend parent coffee morning today, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Next week is another busy one, so please check the newsletter below carefully. I know as a parent that this time of year can feel very overwhelming with so many things to remember, but if you are ever unsure about anything please let us know. We are trying to send as many reminders as possible through the parents WhatsApp groups as these are useful for 'remember tomorrow is...'

Finally, the Christmas card boxes will be going out next week, please encourage your children to write some cards to each other. The Year 3 Christmas elves then do all the postal sorting for each class on the last day of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

S Catchpole
Mrs. Catchpole



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2024

Week 12: Character Strength for the Week - Optimism

- Monday, 18th: First Round of Verse Speaking Competition (Year 4 - Year 8, In Classroom)
- Tuesday, 19th: *14:45 Martineau Lecture 'The Building Blocks of Philosophy - King's Ely'*
- Wednesday, 20th: *14:15 U13 Rugby v OBH (A)*
14:30 U11 Hockey v Fairstead House (H)
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- Thursday, 21st: *9:00 - 12:00 Reception Class 2025 Open Day*
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16:45 - 17:30 School Choir Singing at Dobbies Garden Centre (Selected pupils participating)
- Friday, 22nd: *08:30 Year 4 Parents' Coffee Morning*
10:45 Year 2 Cake Sale
14:00 U9A Netball Tournament at Ipswich School (A)
14:00 U9A Hockey Tournament at Ipswich School (A)

Week 13: Character Strength for the Week - Perseverance

- Monday, 25th: 13:50 House Meetings
- Tuesday, 26th: Year 6 - Year 8 Scholarship Pathway Afternoon
10:00 U9 and U11 Cross Country at Thetford Grammar (A)
11:00 - 12:30 Year 3 Visit to Bury Fire Station
- Wednesday, 27th: *14:30 U13 Hockey v OBH (H)*
14:30 U13 Rugby v Orwell Park (A)
14:30 U11 Rugby v Orwell Park (A)
- Thursday, 28th: 12:00 Whole School Pupil Thanksgiving Lunch
14:00 Governor's Meeting
- Friday, 29th: *09:00 Verse Speaking Final (Year 4 - Year 8)*
10:45 Year 1 Cake Sale
18:00 PTA Wreath Making Evening

NOVEMBER 2024

Week 14: Character Strength for the Week - Creativity

- Monday, 2nd: 14:00 Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal to the whole School
- Tuesday, 3rd: Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
14:00 Pre-Prep Christmas Production
- Wednesday, 4th: *10:00 Pre-Prep Christmas Production*
14:30 U13 Rugby v The Leys (A)
- Thursday, 5th: 08:40 Whole School Elf Run
10:45 Reception Cake Sale
- Friday, 6th: *14:30 Christmas Carol Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral*

Regular Font: Pupils Only

Italic Font - Parents' Invited

USEFUL REMINDERS

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](#)

The Fiver Challenge

The Year 7&8 children have begun their 'fiver challenge' and will be selling their goods at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Items on sale are as follows:

Snack Shack – selling American snacks ranging from £1 - £2 | **Fidgets** – selling fidget toys ranging from 50p -£1
Slushy Slush – selling slushies Ranging from £1 -£2 | **3D printed toys** - £3 | **Sweet bags** - £1

New Instrument Lessons Starting January

Starting in January 2025, we are introducing flute and clarinet lessons for pupils interested in expanding their musical skills. These lessons offer a great opportunity to explore a new instrument under professional guidance. For more details or to express interest, please email [Mrs Combes](#).

Pupil Bake Sale & PTA Hot Chocolate

We are pleased to announce our upcoming pupil bake sales and PTA Hot Chocolate sales. Kindly send your child in with £1 or £2 to purchase a delicious homemade treat and/or hot chocolate. Your generosity will encourage our pupils' creativity and help support our school community initiatives. Please ensure all baked goods are nut-free. Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

22nd November: Year 2 Bake Sale | **29th November: Year 1 Bake Sale** | **5th December: Reception Bake Sale**

Parent Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Coffee Mornings, offering an opportunity for informal discussion, camaraderie among parents, and a chance to connect with the wider school community. Please email the office to confirm your attendance at office@southlee.co.uk.

22nd November: Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning

Christmas Carols at Dobbies Garden Centre

Selected pupils from Years 4 to 8 will be representing South Lee Prep at the **Christmas Carols event at Dobbies Garden Centre on Thursday, 21st November 2024, starting at 4:45pm. Pupils will need to be in their full school uniform for the event.** Mrs. Combes has emailed the parents of the participating pupils with further details, and we kindly request that permission slips be returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure all arrangements are in place. Thank you for your cooperation!

Pre-Prep Christmas Production

Thank you to all parents who have already contacted the school office to reserve tickets for the Pre-Prep Christmas Production, which will take place on **3rd December 2024 at 2:30pm and 4th December at 10:00am**. If you have not yet booked, we kindly encourage you to do so soon, as seats are filling up quickly. **Each child is entitled to two tickets per show, per day.** Please email the [school office](#) to reserve your seats. This year, we are inviting donations for St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds in support of their valuable work.

South Lee Prep Elf Run 2024

Our Christmas Elf Run is on **Thursday, 5th December 2024**, with all pupils from Reception to Year 8 taking part. This festive event will raise funds for The Children's Trust, supporting children with brain injuries.

We invite you to support this cause by making a donation through our JustGiving page: [South Lee Prep School Elf Run 2024](#). For a glimpse into the difference your support makes, read [Hubert's Story](#), which highlights the impactful work of The Children's Trust.

USEFUL REMINDERS

South Lee Prep School & Nursery Christmas Carol Service

We invite parents to join us for our annual Christmas Carol Service, a highlight of our festive season, taking place at the beautiful St Edmundsbury Cathedral on **Friday, 6th December 2024, with the service beginning at 2:30pm** (*please note the change in time). This special event brings our school community together to celebrate the spirit of the season with traditional carols, readings, and reflections. We look forward to sharing this special tradition with you.

Nursery Nativity Performance

The Nursery Nativity production will take place on **Monday, 9th December, at 3:00pm** and **Tuesday, 10th December, at 10:00am**. Booking is now open.

To secure your tickets, please email Mrs. Williams at k.williams@southlee.co.uk. Each child is entitled to two tickets per day.

Reception - Year 6 Pantomime Trip

A friendly reminder for parents of Reception to Year 6 pupils: our much-anticipated Pantomime trip to Theatre Royal to see Aladdin will take place on **Wednesday, 11th December 2024**.

The cost of the trip is £18, and if you have not yet made the payment, we kindly ask that you do so at your earliest convenience to ensure your child's place. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a fun-filled outing!

South Lee Prep Christmas Fayre

The South Lee Prep Christmas Fayre, organised by the PTA, will take place on **Thursday, 12th December 2024, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm**.

The event will feature a wonderful selection of stalls from our local community, including **Absolute Crochet by Nikki, Unique Handcrafted Jewellery, Party Bags by Bev, Sea Arts and Crafts by Hayley, The Book Den, Sparkly Glass, Leonora of Suffolk Candles, Arty-Crafty-Party by Trudi Edmunds, and Jo's Cookie Jar**.

Children can also visit Santa's Grotto, and there will be delicious treats and refreshments available. Friends and family are warmly invited – the more, the merrier!



SGL Training

SGL Training offers specialist fitness classes and one-to-one personal training sessions at South Lee Prep School. These sessions focus on enhancing fitness, building strength, and boosting athletic performance, complementing our existing sports programmes.

Led by Sam Last, who specialises in child confidence and is also a health and wellbeing coach for adults, the training provides a fantastic opportunity for both pupils and adults to develop both physically and mentally.

To book, visit <https://sgltraining.simplybookit> or call **07765 695049**.

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Pupil of the Week

William W for showing zest and commitment to the South Lee Community

Artist Award of the Week

Anna C for thoughtful and careful work



Player Award of the Week

Harry R for Rugby (for being a reliable and integral member of his team) and **Michael H-A** for Swimming (for his amazing effort at the Swimming Gala held at Holmwood House last Tuesday)

Drama Award of the Week

William T for knowing where to be during the nativity and projecting his lines fantastically



Musician Award of the Week

Malakai A-W, Sophia R-C, Amalie C, Charlotte B, Lennon P, Edith A-B, Mollie P, Ruby D and Iris C for their involvement with Suffolk Sing Up!

Style Award of the Week

Emilia L for always looking smart in her uniform



Language Award of the Week

Sener W and Iris C

AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Head Awards

Pre-School: **Edward B** for always showing perseverance when given a task | *Reception:* **George W** for showing empathy towards friends (*Dotty the Dog*) | *Year 1:* **Olivia P** for being a fantastic friend and role model to all during anti-bullying week | *Year 2:* **Shonagh O'S-J** for taking responsibility for her own emotions during a frustrating moment | *Year 3:* **Alexander K** for outstanding work and focus during lessons | *Year 4:* **Albert B** for showing good resilience this week with friendships | *Year 5:* **Isaiah N** for his perseverance in his classwork | *Year 6:* **Amalie C** for amazing zest that she puts into her school life | *Year 7:* **Freddie D** for showing perseverance when working with fractions, decimals and percentages | *Year 8:* **Maisie B** for remaining calm when under pressure with regards to her future schooling



Learning Disposition Awards

Pre-School: **Theodora R** for always showing **curiosity** when learning and **Poppy O'C** for amazing **concentration** when she was given a very hard task | *Reception:* **Aiden M** for showing such **determination** in reading and **Maxim W** for showing such **perseverance** with writing | *Year 1:* **Lucas F** for using brilliant **concentration** when learning his nativity line and **Beatrice B** for showing amazing **independence** when writing sentences in English | *Year 2:* **Emilia L** for showing great **perseverance** during painting and **Jack J-W** for showing fantastic **concentration** in English

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

ROUGHAM HALL NURSERIES

A big thank you to Rougham Hall Nurseries for their generous donation of three Christmas trees to our school. They have also kindly donated an additional tree for our Christmas Fayre.

Rougham Hall Nurseries offer a wide selection of freshly cut, locally grown Christmas trees, including traditional Norway Spruce and Nordmann Fir, ranging from 4ft to 10ft, as well as pot-grown trees.

Visit them at:

- Rougham Hall Nurseries: A14, Rougham, IP30 9LZ
- RHN Plant Centre: Colethorpe Lane, Barrow, IP29 5BE

For more information, contact:

Email: rhnsales@outlook.com

Phone: 01359 270577



SNOWDASH

A Snow Dash is coming to Nowton Park, Bury St. Edmunds!

Brave Futures, a local children's charity, is hosting this brand-new event on Sunday, 1st December. This 5K event welcomes participants of all ages and abilities—whether you're walking, jogging, or sprinting through the course. Expect a winter wonderland experience with snow cannons placed around the track, along with music, festive entertainment, and surprises for the whole family.






To book, please visit <https://bravefutures.org/events/snow-dash-nowton-park/>. Use the discount code **SCHOOL10** at checkout for 10% off. It looks like a great day out for a great cause!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Technology and STEM Camp this Christmas

Next Thing Education Camps will be hosting a variety of tech filled activities at South Lee Prep School, on the **16th – 20th December from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day for children aged 5 to 11 years old.**

Our mission is simple: to inspire, engage, and empower the next generation of innovators. We aim to spark curiosity and foster creativity using cutting-edge technology. Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

-  **LEGO ENGINEERING** - Create and build frames with axles and crankshafts that allow you to explore and learn about different functions like spinning or turning back and forth.
-  **FANTASTICAL VIRTUAL REALITY** - With the magic of VR, you can explore breath-taking virtual worlds, design your own adventures, and unleash your imagination like never before.
-  **3D FESTIVE CREATIONS** - Unlock your inner Tech Artist and create mesmerising three-dimensional creations, letting your imagination soar!
-  **LASER TAG** - Step into the action-packed world of laser tag! Engage in thrilling battles and team up with friends in the ultimate test of skill and strategy.
-  **CHRISTMAS CIRCUITRY AND ELECTRONICS** - Learn about electronics with circuit cubes and test your building skills with endless projects possibilities!

Different activities each day, to find your camp specific activities please check out our website!

All staff are DBS Checked and qualified to run the greatest sessions in the safest environment. For more information check out our flyer attached and visit our website to [BOOK HERE](#).

We look forward to seeing you at camp!



Next Thing
NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS
XMAS TECH CAMP
Ages 5-11
Virtual Reality
Engineering
3D Festive Decorations
Rocking Robots
Ofsted Registered
16TH - 20TH DECEMBER 2024
£39.99 PER DAY or £175 FOR 5 DAYS
Ages 5 -11, 9 am - 4 pm daily
CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.nextthing.education

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2024
What else is on?
Light Up Cards
Magical Minecraft
Ingenious Inventions
Comet Crackers
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Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.
What to bring ...
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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Our Year 5 to 8 pupils added a bit of South Lee magic to the Bury Light Switch-On, singing carols and spreading festive cheer!

We're beyond proud of their joyful performance – a wonderful way to begin the season! Thank you to everyone who supported them! 🌟



A moment of reflection and gratitude at our Remembrance Day Assembly, honouring those who served and sacrificed. 🌸

#LestWeForget #RemembranceDay



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Year 7 and 8 are making the most of the Fiver Challenge, selling everything from snacks to toys with enthusiasm and flair. Great work, everyone! ✨



A big well done to our U9 football team for their brilliant effort and teamwork in their game against Fairstead House!



Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in Sing Up Suffolk! at Royal Hospital School. Your voices and enthusiasm made us proud.