

SOUTH LEE PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and productive week. The children appear to all be in good spirits. We have had our Pre School Café this morning. The Pre School children really enjoyed serving their parents an iced coffee and a pastry. It was wonderful to see so many parents at this event and for them to be able to see our new Pre School room.

Our celebration assembly on a Friday is always a lovely way to round off the week. We celebrate and share everyone's successes. It is really important that the children feel recognised and are rewarded for their efforts.

Mrs Carter launched our Junior Duke on Monday, and the children will receive their challenge books soon. We also had our first Catchpole Club lunch of the year, this is where Years 7 & 8 enjoy a more civilised lunch with both myself, and Mr C, in the Old Library and we also enjoy a fizzy drink and a sweet treat dessert.

Next week, we have the Book Fair in school. This will be open from 10.30am – 11.30am, on Monday and Tuesday, but feel free to pop in on either morning at drop off if you would like to choose a book with your child. Alternatively, they can purchase their own book. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the book fair.

I am also looking forward to welcoming our lovely grandparents to our Reception- Yr2 lunch and also seeing our Year 7 and 8 parents for coffee morning next Friday.

Thank you to the PTA for organising another family event; I am very much looking forward to seeing you all this evening for our Family Bingo Night.

Our character strength next week is Nurture.

Have a wonderful weekend!



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Mrs. Catchpole

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2024

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)

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 14:00 U9 Netball v Barnardiston Hall (A) 14:00 U9 Hockey v Barnardiston Hall (A)

Week 5: Character Strength for the Week - Empathy

Monday, 30th:	Dyslexia Awareness Week 13:30 Pupil Academic Group Meeting
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Tuesday, 1st:	Black History Month Year 6 - Year 8 Scholarship Pathway Afternoon
Wednesday, 2nd:	14:30 U13 Rugby v Thetford Grammar, Ipswich High and Brookes UK (H) 14:30 U13 Hockey v Thetford Grammar, Ipswich High and Brookes UK (H) 14:30 U11 Rugby v Ipswich High (H) 14:30 U11 Hockey v Ipswich High (H)
Thursday, 3rd:	National Poetry Day Verse Speaking Competition Launched (Year 4 - Year 8) 09:00 Pre-Prep Harvest Festival (Pre-School - Year 3) 10:15 Pre-Prep Parent Classroom Drop-In (Pre-School - Year 3)
Friday, 27th:	08:30 PTA Meeting 10:45 Year 4 Cake Sale 14:00 U9 Netball Tournament at Framlingham (A) (A) 14:00 U9 Hockey Tournament at Framlingham (A)

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USEFUL REMINDERS

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open in school for parents and pupils 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.

Year 3 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

An art trip has been arranged for Year 3 pupils on **Thursday, 19th September 2024**, to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. The children will depart from school at 9:00am and are expected to return by 1:30pm. Please ensure your child wears their school uniform and brings their usual morning snack along with a water bottle. A packed lunch will be provided by the school, unless otherwise indicated.

Pupil Bake Sale

We are pleased to announce our upcoming pupil bake sales. Kindly send your child in with £1 to purchase a delicious homemade treat. 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.

13th September: Year 7 & 8 Bake Sale

20th September: Year 6 Bake Sale

27th September: Year 5 Bake Sale

4th October: Year 4 Bake Sale

15th November: Year 3 Bake Sale

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.

20th September: Year 7 & 8 Parent Coffee Morning

8th November: Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning

15th November: Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning

22nd November: Year 4 Parent Coffee Morning

Pre Prep Grandparents' Lunch

Our Pre-Prep Grandparents' Lunch will take place on **Friday, 20th September 2024**. There are a maximum of 30 spaces available, so if a grandparent would like to attend, please email the office at office@southlee.co.uk. Each family may invite up to two grandparents.

Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening - 'The Benefits of Staying in Year 7 & 8'

We will be organising a Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening on Monday, 23rd September 2024, at 5:30pm to discuss the benefits of staying in Years 7 & 8. Parents of pupils in Years 5 & 6 are warmly invited to attend. Please email the office to confirm your attendance at office@southlee.co.uk.

Seasonal Flu Vaccination (Reception - Year 8 Pupils)

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Tuesday, 24th September 2024**. Parents can consent to either the Flu nasal spray or the non-gelatine IM Flu vaccine. Please complete the consent form by clicking the [link](#) as soon as possible. The portal will close 48 hours before the Flu session.

Beyond the Books

Beyond the Books, our peripatetic programme, featuring a variety of extracurricular clubs such as music, drama, and sports, is now available for parents to view and book. To explore the full range of activities and secure a place for your child, please click this [link](#).

USEFUL REMINDERS

European Day of Languages (Dressing Up)

We are excited to celebrate European Day of Languages on **Tuesday, 24th September 2024**. This will be a non-uniform day, and children are encouraged to dress up in outfits that represent different countries and cultures across Europe.

It's a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore and appreciate the diversity of languages and traditions. We look forward to seeing the creativity and enthusiasm the children will bring to this special day.

Individual Photos

We will be taking individual photos of pupils on **Wednesday, 25th September 2024**. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in full uniform, as these photos will be used for school records and optional photo orders. **Parents are welcome to take photos with their children between 8:15am and 8:45am**. If you have any questions about the photo day, please feel free to contact the school office.

Year 7 & 8 Trip to the Globe Theatre, London

On **Thursday, 26th September 2024**, our Year 7 and 8 students will have the exciting opportunity to visit the Globe Theatre in London. They will experience the atmosphere of an Elizabethan theatre and take part in a workshop to deepen their understanding of one of Shakespeare's plays.

South Lee Parent Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are pleased to invite you to our Parent Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday, 27th September 2024**, at 8:30am. This year, we're excited to share that the cakes will be baked by our staff for the first time.

It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy delicious homemade treats, catch up with other parents, and support the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. We encourage you to come along, enjoy a coffee, and contribute to this great cause.

PTA - Bags2School Collection

We are organising a Bags 2 School collection on **Monday, 21st October 2024** as part of our fundraising efforts. The school receives money based on the weight of the items collected. This is a great opportunity to clear out your wardrobes, with the company collecting bags of clothes from the school, weighing them, and donating funds based on the total collected. For more information, you can visit their website at bags2school.com.

They accept belts, socks, jewellery, clothes, shoes, bags, hats, bras, and scarves/ties. **However, they will not take duvets/blankets, pillows/cushions, carpets/rugs, soiled or ripped clothes, school uniform (with or without logos), or corporate/work clothing.**

If you have any bags of clothes to donate, please bring them to the school office before Monday, 21st October 2024.



AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Pupil of the Week

Molly F for fully embracing her leadership roles and responsibilities

Artist Award of the Week

David O'S-J for showing true talent in his art lesson



Player Award of the Week

Thomas W for Rugby and **Ruby D** for Hockey

Drama Award of the Week

Amalie C for taking on the task of directing her peers with enthusiasm and kindness



Musician Award of the Week

Ruby D for her beautiful singing in Choir

Style Award of the Week

Tavin W for always looking smart in his uniform



AWARDS OF THE WEEK



Head Awards

Pre-School: **Freddie T** for amazing listening skills in Tennis | **Reception:** **Anastacia B** for showing kindness to all her friends | **Year 1:** **Shanmukha S** for showing resilience and bravery | **Year 2:** **Akira P** for being a great listener and helping people tidy away their things | **Year 3:** **Hubert B** for outstanding effort throughout the week | **Year 4:** **Samantha L** for embracing life at South Lee with zest and resilience | **Year 5:** **James C** for an excellent learning attitude and focus in English | **Year 6:** **Freddie C** for organising himself so well and putting lots of effort into his lessons | **Year 7:** **Alton R** for embracing the extra curricular programme with enthusiasm | **Year 8:** **Maisie B** for displaying a growth mindset toward her learning



Apple Awards

Pre-School: **Thea H** for persevering while eating lunch and **Fiachra L** for fantastic counting in Maths | **Reception:** **Aiden M** for showing such resilience and making new friends | **Year 1:** **Oliver T** for being helpful and kind and **Beatrice B** for her resilience in the morning | **Year 2:** **Axel G** for successfully identifying common and proper nouns and **Emilia L** for having confidence when recognising map symbols | **Year 3:** **Saoirse L** for a lovely recount of your summer holiday and **Mariah B** for excellent knowledge about the Romans

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MR. MACFARLANE

We extend our congratulations to Mr Macfarlane and his father, Dr Macfarlane, for their remarkable achievement in completing the Vitruvian Triathlon in Rutland. Driven by Mrs Macfarlane, they arrived at Rutland Water, set up camp for the night, and began their race preparations at 4:45am the next day.

Both Mr and Dr Macfarlane dedicated themselves to rigorous training for this challenging half Ironman event. Their hard work paid off as they finished in under 5 and a half hours – a testament to their perseverance and athleticism.

Well done to both on this impressive accomplishment!



PARENT SPOTLIGHT

MR. ADALBERT AND MR. TUFFS

We are pleased to share that Mr. Adalbert and Mr. Tuffs are currently taking part in Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club's 50th Anniversary Memorial Cycle Ride, running from 10th to 15th September 2024. This significant event commemorates those who were lost in the 1974 air disaster and supports the invaluable work of St Nicholas Hospice Care.

The journey is a remarkable 354-mile ride, beginning in Ermenonville Forest, France, and finishing in Bury St Edmunds, UK. Mr. Adalbert and Mr. Tuffs have committed themselves to this gruelling challenge, and their dedication and perseverance are truly commendable.

As they pedal through this demanding route, let's all join in celebrating their efforts and supporting their cause. Their participation in this event not only honours a poignant moment in history but also contributes to a worthy charitable cause.

We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing all about their journey!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PTA Halloween Party

Join us for the Halloween Party on **Wednesday, 23rd October 2024**. The schedule is as follows: 5:00pm – 5:30pm for pre-school only, and 5:30pm – 7:00pm for Reception to Year 8.

Children in pre-school to Year 2 must be accompanied by a parent. Tickets are £5 each, payable in advance to the PTA account or by cash/card at the door.

PTA Account Details:

- Account Number: 60838624
- Sort Code: 20-16-12

Snacks, drinks, and sweets will be available for purchase, so please bring some pocket money!



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

SGL Training

We're pleased to announce that SGL Training is now available at South Lee Prep School. They offer specialist classes and one-to-one personal training sessions.

SGL Training will enhance fitness, build strength, and boost athletic performance, complementing our existing sports programmes. Sam Last, who specialises in child confidence and is also a health and wellbeing coach for adults, will lead the sessions.

Book online at <https://bookaby.me/sgltraining> or call 07765 695049.

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.

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

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Or drop us a line:
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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Year 3 started their Junior Duke assignments this term with a delicious task – making wholemeal buns! From mixing to baking, our young chefs had a blast creating their tasty treats.



First Match of the Term!

Our Year 5's Boys' Rugby and Girls' Hockey teams played brilliantly...



Pre-school children welcomed parents to their first Pre-School Café today. The children served pastries and drinks, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for parents and children to enjoy together.