

Dear Parents,

It has been another incredibly busy week at South Lee, with plenty of opportunities for the children to shine, both inside and outside the classroom.

We started the week with our classroom Verse Speaking heats judged by Mrs Judith Thomas. It has been lovely to see the children embracing this opportunity to develop their confidence and public speaking skills. I look forward to hearing our finalists perform on Monday morning.

On Tuesday, we held a very successful Scholarship Pathway afternoon, providing the children with an opportunity to showcase their talents, explore their strengths and consider the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

On Wednesday, we held our Full Board of Governors meeting, which was extremely positive. I am always very grateful to our governors, who generously give their time and share their expertise, advice and guidance to support the continued development of South Lee. We also enjoyed a very successful afternoon of sporting fixtures at Culford. Well done to all the children who represented the school.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving lunch, complete with roast turkey and all the trimmings. Thank you to our catering team for looking after us so well.

Today, I had the pleasure of showing two prospective families around the school who are looking to join our Reception class in September 2027. Both spoke so positively about the wonderful things they had heard about South Lee. This is a testament to you as parents, our wonderful pupils and our dedicated staff. There is no better advertisement for a school than its happy children and supportive families.

Tonight, our PTA is hosting its annual Christmas wreath making evening. I hope everyone attending has a wonderful evening getting into the festive spirit. Thank you, as always, to our PTA for organising these lovely opportunities for our school community to come together.

I have also attached an information letter about Grand Theft Auto, which you may or may not heard about and the hidden dangers behind the scenes of this computer game.

'Lights, Sound, South Lee!'
I am delighted to launch this year's school and PTA fundraising challenge, ‘Lights, Sound, South Lee!’
This year, we are joining forces with our wonderful PTA again to raise funds for a complete technical overhaul of our lighting, sound and microphone systems. This will provide our Creative Arts Department with fantastic new equipment, enhancing performances across the whole school, from our youngest nursery children right through to Year 8. We have so many talented young performers at South Lee, and we would love to provide them with the equipment they deserve to showcase their talents.
All fundraising donations made to the school throughout this academic year, including collections at our Carol Service, Nursery and Pre Prep Christmas performances, will go directly towards this exciting project. I look forward to sharing some exciting fundraising events with you over the coming months. Together, we can make South Lee shine even brighter!

As we head into December, there is certainly plenty to look forward to.
Reminders for next week:

Monday 30th November
Verse Speaking Final at 09.00 Tea and coffee will be available for parents of finalists in Years 3 to 8 from 08.30 in the GP Room.

Wednesday 2nd December
Children from Reception to Year 8 will be heading to the pantomime during the morning. All children must wear their school uniform, including blazer.

Thursday 3rd December
Pre Prep Christmas Production at 14.30 Tea and coffee will be served from 14.00
Auditions for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will take place during the afternoon for children in Years 5 to 8.

Friday 4th December
Pre Prep Christmas Production at 10.00 Tea and coffee will be served from 09.30

Christmas Cards
This year, we are keen to revive the wonderful tradition of children writing Christmas cards to their friends. In an increasingly digital world, there is something particularly special about taking the time to write a personal message to someone. Please do encourage your children to embrace this lovely tradition at home.

End of Term Carol Service
A reminder that you, along with your family members, are warmly invited to join us for our annual Carol Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Friday 11th December at 14.00. It is always such a special occasion in our school calendar and a wonderful way to bring our school community together at the end of term. All children must be collected directly from the Cathedral at 15.00

As we enter this particularly busy time of year, I think it is important to remember that it is often the simplest things that mean the most.

“The most precious gifts we can give one another are our time, our kindness and the memories we create together.”

I wish you all a lovely and restful weekend.
Mrs Catchpole

27TH November 2026

Upcoming Dates

Character Strength: RESPONSIBILITY

Key Dates for Next Week:

Monday 30th:

09:00 Verse Speaking Final

Tuesday 1st:

08:30 PTA Meeting
Year 2 Swimming
Suffolk County Council ECO Warrior Club

Wednesday 2nd:

10:00 Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
14:30 U13 Rugby v King’s Ely (A)
14:30 U11 Hockey v Fairstead House (H)
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Thursday 3rd:

10:00 Pre-Prep Dress Rehearsal to the Whole School
14:30 Pre-Prep Production to Parents (Pre-School to Year 2)

Friday 4th:

10:00 Pre-Prep Production to Parents (Pre-School to Year 2)
14:30 U9 Mixed Hockey v Fairstead House

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Pupil Spotlight



Congratulations to our pupils on their recent singing examination successes!

Amalie Chuter achieved Grade 4 with Merit, Agnes Lane achieved Grade 3, Ethan Thomas achieved Grade 3 with Distinction, Luxmi Patel achieved Grade 1, and Saoirse Lenihan achieved Grade 1 with Merit.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and musical achievements.

Well done!

This Week:

















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Celebration Assembly Awards:

Head Awards: Maeve W, Raine H-P, Noah H, Cora M, Poppy O'C, George Wr, Oliver T, Frida F, Edward S, Lily G, Charlie L, Mollie P

Learning Dispositions Award: Avery R, Lucas W, Harriett B, Lara T, Arjun P, Anastacia B, Olivia P, Axel G, William JW, Harry S, Jenson B-S, Ella C

Musician of the Week: Raif W

Artist of the Week: Bruce F

Drama Award: Archie H, Flynn L, George Wr

Style Award: Henry W

Male Sports Award: Kieran O'SJ & William JW