

# Newsletter 5.9.25



Welcome back, we've missed you! I hope you all had a relaxing summer break with your families, but I also hope the children were eager to come back to school!

Welcome also to our new Foundation Stage families and the families who have joined us in other Year groups. We now have 427 of your lovely children!! We also say a huge welcome to **Mrs Saunders** (our new Attendance Lead), **Miss Jones** (our new Year 4 teacher), **Mr Jackson** (our new Year 5 teacher) and **Jane, Judith, Emma, Shelby, Tina, Becky, Collette, Alice, Naomi and Stef** (our new preschool staff).

## PE

We politely ask that your child attends in SCHOOL PE KIT and not non-uniform sportswear. This is:

- Plain red/green T-Shirt – Please no football tops
- Navy or black jogging bottoms or shorts
- Plain navy or black hoodie or jacket

If your child has sensory issues, please speak to our SENCO, Mrs Mitcham about alternative materials, so that they are still able to wear a PE Kit in line with our uniform policy. If school PE kit cannot be found in the softer materials and you think your child needs them, as long as the alternative is in keeping with school colours, these can be unbranded.

Please do not send children into school in branded sportswear!

Confirmed PE days for this Term are:

<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Mondays from Term 2</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Wednesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Wednesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Tuesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>

## School Photos



We are delighted that Red Wellies Photography are taking our school photos again this year. Mrs Cousins will be taking individual and siblings within school photographs on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If your child has PE on a Tuesday, please send them into school in their uniform with their PE kit in a bag.

## Our School Development Plans

This year, as well as developing our new Preschool provision, and preparing the school for a third Foundation Class in 2026, we have 3 school priorities we will be working towards:

**Priority 1:** To ensure that teachers systematically revisit the important knowledge in all subjects, helping children to remember it over the long term and use it again. Teachers use formative assessment techniques to check on progress within a lesson and to ensure key content is retained.

**Priority 2:** To improve writing outcomes for our children; using the best current practice in our school and incorporating evidence based best practice as shared in the DfE's Writing Framework.

**Priority 3:** To ensure our children gain a wider understanding of the world and their place within it; giving our children the vital background knowledge to be informed and thoughtful members of our local community who are equipped for the wider world.

## After School Clubs



STEM and French Club will start next week but Elite Clubs will not start until week commencing the 15th September.

There will be no STEM club on Friday 17th October due to the school disco.

There will be no clubs for the last week of term.

**All after school clubs finish at 4.15pm** and collection is from the front of the school near the school office, please do not park in the school zone as there are still parking restrictions at this time.

## Year 5 Caythorpe

Just a reminder that the payment for Caythorpe must be completed by 10am on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. We have a deadline in which to pay Caythorpe ourselves so would appreciate prompt payment.

## Facebook Group

If you are not already a member of our school FaceBook Group...WHAT'S KEEPING YOU?



**South View Community Primary School**

Private group · 549 members

Whilst ParentMail is our 'formal' method of communication with you, we use FaceBook for quick messages, reminders, me nagging about bad parking 😊 and sharing good news. If you would like to be part of the group, click here and ask to be a member, answer the membership questions and wait to be admitted.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/329590672311730>

## Foundation Stage 2026 – Drop-In Session

If you are looking for a foundation stage place for your child for **September 2026**, we will be holding drop-in sessions on **Wednesday 5th November from 10am-11am and 1pm-2pm**. Please email [enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk) to let us know you are coming.



## Parent Questionnaire: Building Stronger Home–School Connections for Children with SEND

If you are a parent/carer of a child with SEND, we need your voice! Please can you fill in this short questionnaire so we can get to know how best to support you through SEND events at South View: <https://forms.office.com/e/sAA0bmpahU?origin=lprLink> Thank you, Mrs Mitcham

## Medication



Please can all medication be given in at the **office** rather than through classes – this includes inhalers. Thank you.

## Defeat the Sweet and Lunchbox Reminders



Please can we remind parents NOT to send in sweets or cakes for children's birthdays. We're not banning sugary items completely, but we are doing our best to reduce the sugar intake for our children by making suitable adjustments where we can. Please can we also ask that children's lunchboxes are not full of sugary sweets, fizzy drinks and sharer bags of chocolates! This has a negative effect on their learning in the afternoons. There is a very helpful site for lunchbox ideas here <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



## Free School Meals Entitlement

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits and believe you are entitled to Free School Meals please follow the link below to apply.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

If you need any help with this, please do pop into the school office and we will do our best to help.

### **Walking Home**



We do advise that only children in Years 5 and 6 are given permission to walk home on their own. We know that our Year 5 and Year 6 children can be very responsible, and we need to prepare them for their independence at secondary school, but we also know that parking and road etiquette around the school site is not always safe. We have booked some assemblies and workshops for children in school next week to cover car safety, pedestrian safety and road safety. We ask that, should you give permission for your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home independently, that you walk the journey through with them at least once so that they are aware of any points in their journey where they need to take extra care.

### **School Communication**

Can we please remind parents that if you would like to contact a Teacher, to email the [enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk) address, this will be responded to and forwarded to the member of staff. Teachers have 48 hours to respond to a call back request. Please remember, they are busy teaching your children!



Staff wellbeing is as important as our children's wellbeing.

### **KS2 Entry to School – Reminder for Parents**



We ask that the children are either 'seen in' from the wall or walked as far as the playground gates, and that parents don't wait until Mrs Strickland and Mrs Tomlins are talking to other parents before they sneak back to run after their child for more and more goodbye hugs and kisses.

In Key Stage 2 we would like you to help support us in promoting independence with the children. If you need one more final hug, just ask....Mrs Strickland and I would be more than happy to give you a cuddle! 😊

### **Supporting Safeguarding Concerns**

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.



## KS2 – Pencil Cases

We do have resources in school for the children to use, of course, but many of our KS2 children are asking if they can bring in their own pencil cases. However, as with anything, we do have a few 'boundaries':

	Example
Any pencil case must be transparent and not bulky, there will be at least 6 in a basket on every table so bringing in a 'mini-suitcase' won't fit!	
Any pencils to write with need to be HB tips.	
The children will need at least 1 Black and 1 Purple Pen (although we will provide these also) – NOT biro	
1 x Rubber	
1 x Pencil Sharpener (preferably with a shavings bin attached)	
Glue Stick (1 large one if possible, they use glue a LOT!)	
Colouring pencils/felt tips or highlighters	
15cm ruler	
<p><b>ALL items need to be named as the chances are WHSmith don't sell 30 DIFFERENT types of each item. Maybe name them with stickers?</b></p> <p><b>If anything is lost or stolen (which we very much hope doesn't happen) we will not spend inordinate amounts of time launching full-scale investigations that would warrant their own episode of 'Line of Duty' looking for pencil sharpeners, and will simply replace with items from school.</b></p> <p><b>We will send home your child's pencil case every half term to be cleaned out and topped up if necessary.</b></p>	

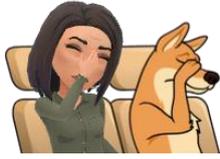
## Snacks

Please be reminded that snacks are only provided FREE for EYFS and KS1 children. Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will need to bring in a healthy snack from home.



## Playground Etiquette

Please DO NOT bring the following onto the playgrounds



- DOGS - even if they are being held, we have children who are uncomfortable around dogs.
- Scooters and Bikes - If they need to be brought onto KS1 they must be carried around the playground until you have left the school site, on the entrance to the KS2 playground we have racks where they can be dropped and collected when your child is dismissed. If you do leave your child's bike or scooter please note that they are left at your own risk, so please lock them if you can.
- Smoking and Vaping are not permitted on site (this includes the D Ring at the front of the school)
- Please dress appropriately for a primary school (i.e. men to wear tops in the summer etc).
- Please do not allow your children to walk on top of the wall at the front of the school.



## Year 5 and Year 6 Parents - Young Voices Deadline



If have not already purchased the YV Child's Coach Ticket Deposit and T-Shirt, the deadline for payment is **10am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. The trip is entirely optional so you will receive reminders but If payment is not received we will be unable to offer your child a place on the Young Voices trip.

**It's 20 weeks to Young Voices 2026!!!** The Music Room is now **OPEN!!!!!!**



If you would like your child to be able to practise the songs at home then you will need to set them up in the music room using your email account. Simply follow the link or the QR code below to set yourselves up. **HAPPY SINGING!!!**



Please don't forget to book your child their coach tickets - **Entrance for the children to take part in the concert is free, you just need to pay for their coach ticket to enable them to attend.**

The coach ticket price per child is £25. **Orders must be placed NO LATER THAN 10am on Friday 26th September 2025.**

There is also an optional T-Shirt you can purchase for £15 and family and friends can also come along. Information was sent out on 17<sup>th</sup> June so please do have a look through it.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/login>

This year we are singing:



All over the World, Disco Fever, Move Towards the Light, No Such Thing as Normal, Pop Medley, Power in Me, Shackles (Praise You), (Something inside) So Strong, Wicked Medley, You'll be in my Heart/On my Way.



### **Years 4 to 6 – TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**



This week your child should have been set up, or reminded of how, to access Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). We are having a really big push on all our KS2 children knowing their times tables confidently.

Your child should be able to show you how TTRS works.

How can you help?

Encourage your child to play the games daily – 3 or 4 minutes a day is much more effective than 30 minutes once a week.

Give your children quick fire questions when you are out and about. Look at the numbers on a car licence plate – can they multiply the first digit by the second digit?



### **Curriculum coverage**

Please find attached the curriculum coverage sheets for all year groups for this term.

### **Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term (These may be added to)**

#### **Term 1**

9<sup>th</sup> September – School Photos (Individual and siblings within school) If your child has PE please can they wear their uniform and bring PE kit in a bag - Wear Red OR Green uniform!

16<sup>th</sup> September – Foundation Curriculum Evening at 6pm – Information to follow

25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Caythorpe Evening 5 – 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Multiplication Event 2:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> October – Grandparents Breakfast – Information to follow

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Grandparents Breakfast – Information to follow

3<sup>rd</sup> October - Grandparents Breakfast – Information to follow

3<sup>rd</sup> October – FOSV Quiz night – Information to follow

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 Caythorpe Trip – If your child is not attending the residential they would need to attend school as normal

16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Assembly 9am

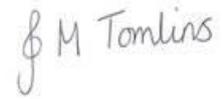
17<sup>th</sup> October – School Discos – Information to follow

21<sup>st</sup> October – Parent Consultations 3.40pm to 7pm - Information to follow

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parent Consultations 3.40pm to 6pm - Information to follow

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 5 present the Harvest Festival at 9am and last day of term

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Tomlins". The signature is written in a cursive style, with a large, stylized initial "M" and a flourish at the end.

## Mental Health Padlet



**Children:** If you are worried about your child's mental health, and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Stanojevic has created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/zoestanojevic/f9n5vfk8qytx6c3b>

**Adults:** Likewise, if you are struggling with your own mental health or are just looking for someone to talk to, please see our new Mental Health for Parents/Carers padlet which has a wealth of local and national charities that you can tap into for support:

<https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/mentalhealthparents>

## SEN Padlet

If you are worried about your child's additional needs and would like information or signposting to help, Mrs Mitcham and Mrs Henderson have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/SouthViewSENDCO>

## Safeguarding Padlet



If you are worried about your safeguarding and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Turner and Miss Creasey have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful.

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.

<https://padlet.com/nikitacreasey/safeguarding-guide-for-parents-carers-z16tu0bjogxihihd>

## Term Dates

**Please note, sometimes Lincolnshire Terms Dates are NOT the same as those of Peterborough or Cambridgeshire.**

	2025-2026	2026-2027
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Training Day Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025</b> Begins Thursday 4th September 2025 Ends Thursday 23rd October 2025	<b>Training Day Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2026</b> Begins Thursday 3rd September 2026 Ends Friday 23rd October 2026
<b>Term 2</b>	Begins Monday 3rd November 2025 Ends Friday 19th December 2025	Begins Monday 2nd November 2026 Ends Friday 18th December 2026
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Training Day Monday 5th January 2026</b> Begins Tuesday 6th January 2026 Ends Friday 13th February 2026	<b>Training Day Monday 4th January 2027</b> Begins Tuesday 5th January 2027 Ends Friday 12 February 2027
<b>Term 4</b>	Begins Monday 23rd February 2026 Ends Thursday 2nd April 2026	Begins Monday 22nd February 2027 Ends Thursday 25th March 2027
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Training Day Monday 20th April 2026</b> Begins Tuesday 21st April 2026 <b>4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday</b> Ends Friday 22nd May 2026	<b>Training Day Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April 2027</b> Begins Wednesday 14th April 2027 <b>Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday</b> Ends Friday 28th May 2027
<b>Term 6</b>	Begins Monday 1st June 2026 Ends Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Begins Monday 7th June 2027 Ends Wednesday 21st July 2027
	Training Day - 1 day per year as twilight sessions	

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## School Absence Requests

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child (ren) from School, then you must apply either by;

- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail.

Or you can apply:

- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence.

You should only then remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the School.

If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is **not** deemed to be exceptional circumstances and/or has not been approved by the School, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence and a Penalty Notice may be issued for the period of absence. We are unable to authorise holidays during school terms. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in further legal action being taken against you.

We would like to remind all families of the legal framework surrounding term-time holidays and the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absences, in conjunction with advice from the Local Authority.

Please be aware that **there is no right of appeal** against a penalty notice once it has been issued. The decision to authorise or unauthorise an absence rests solely with the school. It is important to remember you should discuss any concerns you have with the school **before** a leave of absence is considered.

We understand that some employers may restrict when holidays can be taken, and that travel costs can vary significantly throughout the year. However, **neither of these factors constitutes an exceptional circumstance**, according to guidance from the Department for Education, [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) and [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#) and therefore cannot be considered, as a valid reason for authorising term-time leave.

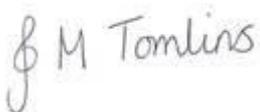
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children at their school under the following legislation:

Please note: A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
- In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a penalty of either £160 **per parent, per child** if paid within 28 days or reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Tomlins  
Head Teacher

# School Attendance and Absences



## 5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

## 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:  
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

An unauthorised absence threshold can be reached with any mix of missed sessions over 10 school weeks, even if those weeks span different terms or school years. These absences don't need to be consecutive and can include late arrivals after the register closes. A school week counts as long as there's at least one school session.

## How do I request an absence?

To request an absence:

- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail.

Or you can apply:

- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence. **We are unable to authorise holidays during term time.**

## What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution.

## First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)
- Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

## Second Offence

### (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days) There is no reduction in the amount.

## Third Offence or Any Further Offences

### (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for an unauthorised absence a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Lincolnshire County Council for consideration of prosecution in a Magistrate Court for prosecution which may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

Families are reminded that term-time holidays are subject to strict legal rules, and unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices with no right of appeal. Only the school can decide whether an absence is authorised, and factors like travel costs or employer restrictions do not qualify as exceptional circumstances. Please speak with the school before requesting leave, and thank you for prioritising your child's education.

Lincolnshire county Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

If you have registered your child as unwell and we are later presented with evidence which casts reasonable doubt over the reason given for your child's absence, and they were in fact taken on holiday, the absence marks will be retrospectively be altered to 'unauthorised' in the register. If this absence meets the national framework, this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council.

## Who is a "Parent"?

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.