

Newsletter 19.9.25



Grandparents' Breakfasts

Just a reminder, please book no later than 10am on Tuesday 23rd September. Please remember to book for all attending and please let us know of any dietary requirements when you book by emailing enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk

Nut Free School Reminder and Healthy Lunch Boxes

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. We have children and staff with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that if you send your child into school with a packed lunch that it does not contain nuts, Nutella, certain chocolate spreads, battenburg cake, some cereal bars, to name a few items.

Please can we also remind you not to send your child into school with sharer bags of crisps and chocolate.

Please find ideas below for healthy lunchbox ideas.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Parking

Please can I again remind parents and visitors to park respectfully and responsibly. We have a few local residents who have not been able to leave their property or return to it, as cars have been left across their driveways (Clout Drove in particular). If there was an emergency and they needed to leave the house, this could be serious.



I also ask again for parents and visitor to refrain from parking across the chained off end of the KS2 entrance of the D-Ring. This restricts the view for children crossing, blocks the walkway between the two paths for pedestrians, and is just plain selfish! Imagine if all of our 416 children's parents did that! It's not one rule for one, one for everyone else I'm afraid!

AND (whilst I'm on my soap box, which admittedly I've not needed to stand on for a while) PLEASE remember, it isn't only NO PARKING along the street from 8:30 to 9:30 and 2:30 to 4:30, but NO STOPPING is also in place (this includes those of you who think no one's looking and quickly shove your child out of the passenger side and speed off! Not safe!)

Administration Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an Administration Assistant. If you are Interested, the advert, job description and application form can be found on our website <https://www.southviewprimary.co.uk/> . Please return the completed application form to enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please do apply, you only need to do this once and the system will continue to check if you become eligible in the future

Free School Meals



You may be entitled to claim extra funding for your child's school and Free School Meals for your children if you are:

Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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 State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you are 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)

For more details visit:

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

 01522 782030 or contact your child's school

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Facebook Group

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

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.



South View Community Primary School

Private group · 549 members

<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.**

School Communication

Can we please remind parents that if you would like to contact a Teacher, to email the 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.

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.

Snacks

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



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 on Thursday 26th September**. The trip is 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 18 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 17th June so please do have a look through it.

Head Teacher Awards

Hazels	Darcy S	Darcy has made a great start to Year 1 and has really impressed me with her phonics!
Maples	Herbert – George	For such a positive start to year 1. Herbert- George always has such a big smile on his face and tries his best in everything!
Chestnuts	Joseph	For his excellent participation during class discussions. Keep it up!
Willows	Hope	For always trying her best in her learning and sharing lots of great ideas enthusiastically with the class.
Beeches	Isla	For always trying her best in all areas of her learning, never giving up and sharing her ideas with the class. Great rooe model. So proud. *:)*
Aspens	Ronnie	For impressing us this week with his vocabulary choices in his English work and showing a mature attitude to his learning - keep it up, Ronnie!
Poplars	Jessica	For an amazing start to Year 4. She is a great role model, always trying her best and sharing ideas in class. Jess is also kind, helpful and smiley. Keep it up :)
Junipers	Llanan	Llanan has impressed us all week with her fantastic attitude to learning and hard work. She has impressed us so much with her dedication and contribution to our English lessons this week. Well Done Llanan!
Laurels	Leo	For his calm and collected approach to doing his work and valuable contributions to discussions.
Elms	Sophie	For making a fantastic start to Year 5. Sophie is developing confidence and is happy to share her thoughts and ideas during whole class discussions. Great work Sophie, keep it up! :-)
Oaks	Freddie	Freddie is such a delightful, hardworking, and conscientious member of the class who always gives 100% effort.
Redwoods	Emily	For displaying superb effort in all lessons, while setting a perfect example in terms of behaviour and attitude to learning.

Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Term 1

22nd September – Foundation Parents Maths Workshop 2pm

23rd September – Year 1 Parents Maths Workshop 2pm

24th September – Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop 2pm

25th September – Year 5 Caythorpe Evening 5 – 6pm

29th September – Year 4 Multiplication Event 2:30pm – Information to follow

1st October – Grandparents Breakfast

2nd October – Grandparents Breakfast

3rd October - Grandparents Breakfast

3rd October – FOSV Quiz night

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

16th October – Year 6 Assembly 9am

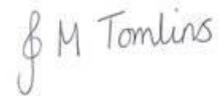
17th October – School Discos – Information to follow

21st October – Parent Consultations 3.40pm to 7pm – Information to follow

22nd October – Parent Consultations 3.40pm to 6pm – Information to follow

23rd October – Year 5 present the Harvest Festival and last day of term

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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-z16tu0bjogxihhd>

Term Dates

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

	2025-2026	2026-2027
Term 1	Training Day Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Begins Thursday 4th September 2025 Ends Thursday 23rd October 2025	Training Day Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 Begins Thursday 3rd September 2026 Ends Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Begins Monday 3rd November 2025 Ends Friday 19th December 2025	Begins Monday 2nd November 2026 Ends Friday 18th December 2026
Term 3	Training Day Monday 5th January 2026 Begins Tuesday 6th January 2026 Ends Friday 13th February 2026	Training Day Monday 4th January 2027 Begins Tuesday 5th January 2027 Ends Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Begins Monday 23rd February 2026 Ends Thursday 2nd April 2026	Begins Monday 22nd February 2027 Ends Thursday 25th March 2027
Term 5	Training Day Monday 20th April 2026 Begins Tuesday 21st April 2026 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday Ends Friday 22nd May 2026	Training Day Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April 2027 Begins Wednesday 14th April 2027 Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday Ends Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	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 Leave of Absence Requests

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from school i.e. for a holiday, 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.

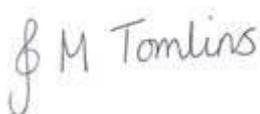
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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. Please see attached additional information regarding Penalty Notices.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher
Mrs Tomlins

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, please provide a minimum of 4 weeks notice, 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. **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.