

Newsletter 12.9.25

School Photos



Your child should have come home from school on Tuesday with information on how to order their school photo.

If you would like to request an extra copy of the information on how to order, please contact the school office on enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk

You can scan the QR code on the information sent home to pre-register and the gallery will email you when the images are ready to view.

PE and Uniform:

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

- Plain red/green T-Shirt
- 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. If school PE kit cannot be found in the softer materials you think your child needs then, 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.

Please also take the time to label uniform clearly, we already have a full bin of lost property clothes including jumpers, coats and PE jackets, not to mention lunch box containers and drink bottles

Playground Etiquette



- DOGS are not allowed on the school site- 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 child to walk on top of the wall at the front of the school.

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-](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals)

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 01522 782030 or contact your child's school

Fiddle Tools in School

We have seen a rise across school in children asking for and bringing in sensory tools for the classroom. Fidget and sensory tools are tactile objects that are small enough to be discreetly kept in pockets or hands. They are designed to aid focus, concentration and help prevent distracting behaviour.

In school we are finding that for children who do not need them, these objects are causing distraction and disruption to themselves and others.

When looking online there are now lots of different sensory objects being marketed and they are not what we would use in school as they are essentially a toy and do not aid learning.

We aim to use small, discreet objects that do not provide any distraction but meet a sensory need for that child.

If your child's class teacher feels that your child needs a sensory aid in the classroom to help them focus, then this will be discussed with myself so that the most appropriate aid can be given to support them. This will be to ensure the least possible disruption to them and other children.



Therefore, please do not send in fiddle tools from home – if your child requires a fiddle tool or sensory object, this will be provided by the school.

Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Mitcham

SENDCO

FOSV Quiz Night



FOSV are delighted to invite you to attend a Quiz Night, held at South View School on Friday 3rd October 6.30pm till 9pm.

Tickets are £5 per team (maximum of 6 per team) and can be purchased via your ParentMail account no later than 25th September or by emailing friendsofsouthview.acc@hotmail.com. You can find this under 'Payments' and then in the 'Shop'.

All ages are welcome.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

If you have any questions, please email friendsofsouthview.acc@hotmail.com

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**. Please email enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk to let us know you are coming.

This is an information session for parents only. A 'Stay and Play' session will be arranged for later in the year.

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 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 19 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

Class	Child's Name	Awarded for
Maples	Lily P	Lily has made a terrific start to Year One. Growing in confidence daily!
Chestnuts	Scarlett S	For a great start to Year 2, and the fantastic attitude that she is showing to her learning.
Willows	Tommy H	Tommy has made a great start to Year 2, coming in beautifully in the mornings and always trying his best.
Beeches	Dennis N & William C	What a fantastic start to year 3. You showed kindness, respect and patience teaching skills to your partner in PE. All week you have helped & shared knowledge with working partners. So proud of you.
Aspens	Ava G	For making an amazing start to Year 3 - trying really hard to push herself that extra mile, especially in her writing this week. Keep up the great work Ava!
Poplars	Esomchi C	A fabulous start to Year 4 - sharing super sentences in English and answering questions, giving examples to help the other children. You are a star. Keep it up:)
Junipers	Isabelle B	For making a fantastic start to year 4! Isabelle is constantly trying so hard in every subject, always wanting to help out and is already pushing herself to improve on TTRS.
Laurels	Morgan T	For his helpful contributions to class and pushing himself in work to continuously improve on what he has built on.
Elms	Isaac O	For your knowledge and use of scientific vocabulary when answering questions during our class discussion. A great start to Year 5, well done Isaac!
Oaks	Steven M	For being an absolute joy to teach — always ready to learn, showing kindness, and treating everyone with respect.
Redwoods	Leo S	For a great attitude towards learning, displaying great effort and achievement, especially shown through his additional Art 3D photomontage Leo completed at home - it is fantastic!

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

Term 1

16th September – Foundation Parents - Curriculum Evening at 6pm

22nd September – Foundation Parents Maths Workshop 2pm - Information to follow

23rd September – Year 1 Parents Maths Workshop 2pm - Information to follow

24th September – Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop 2pm - Information to follow

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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♫ M Tomlins

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.

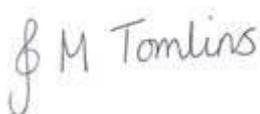
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.