

Newsletter 26.9.25



What a week we've had at South View! This week we held Maths Workshops for parents of Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children. These were really well attended and we hope you found them very useful. Miss Bell has uploaded the resources from the sessions to our website and they can be found within the maths section of our Curriculum Tab. Thank you to everyone who attended. Selected Year 3 and Year 4 boys were taken to a football tournament by Mrs Strickland on Tuesday and they did really well. Mrs Strickland was really pleased with how the boys conducted themselves and said they were a credit to our school! Singing assemblies have fallen back to me since the departure of Miss Reeves, and I didn't realise how much I'd missed them! It's not every day, at almost 50 years old, you can go home and tell your family that the highlight of your day was playing 'Rubber Chicken' with 430 kids!

Deadlines

We do understand that life happens and sometimes deadlines are missed, however, when you miss a deadline it does not then become the schools responsibility to fix, nor does it give you the right to be rude to members of staff. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take note of deadlines for events, trips and payments to avoid disappointment.



Sad News and Happy News



At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to our Office Manager, Mrs Salerno. Mrs Salerno has decided now's the time to take life by the horns, and explore everything it has to offer! I fully expect her to be emailing me to tell us she's passed her scuba diving qualification or has been on safari with lions...although I expect it'll be more shopping and enjoying leisurely lunches!!! We wish Mrs Salerno all the best in her adventures, even if they aren't with us!

Our happy news is that Mrs Tobin is now stepping into Mrs Salerno's shoes (usually quite nice heels I have to say) and will be taking on the role of Office Manager from January. In the meantime, Mrs Salerno will be training Mrs Tobin in phrases such as 'We informed you of that in a ParentMail AND the newsletter', 'I'm sorry you missed the deadline, but you were reminded several times' and 'I'm sorry, but we are unable to do anything about the parking, please report this to the local authority'!...I'm sure she'll pick it up!



We are now advertising for Mrs Tobin's replacement:

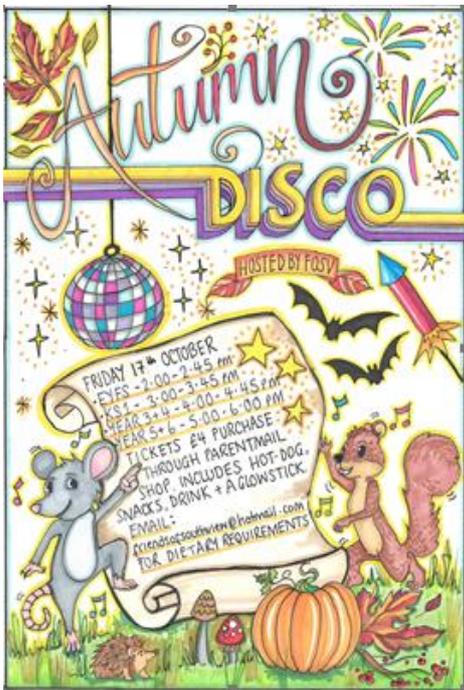
Administration Assistant Vacancy

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 by 9th October to enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk.

MORE GOOD NEWS



In OTHER happy news, I am delighted to inform you that our lovely EYFS Teacher, Mrs Johnson is HAVING A BABY! We wish Mr and Mrs Johnson a very happy pregnancy and we can't wait for cuddles (with the baby, of course). Mrs Johnson will begin her maternity leave in March.



School Disco

It's disco time again!

Friday 17th October will also be a dress down day with no PE.

Please ensure that your child's outfit is suitable for school.

If your child attends Orchards Club, they will be collected from and escorted over to the school disco.

You can book your disco tickets now! Tickets are £4 and will include a hot dog, snacks, drinks and a glow stick!

Orders will close at 10am on Thursday 16th October and we won't accept any late cash payments this year.

Please email us at friends@southview@hotmail.com to notify us of any dietary requirements and we will do our very best to help.

Please see full information on the ParentMail sent on 24th September

Spooky Cups

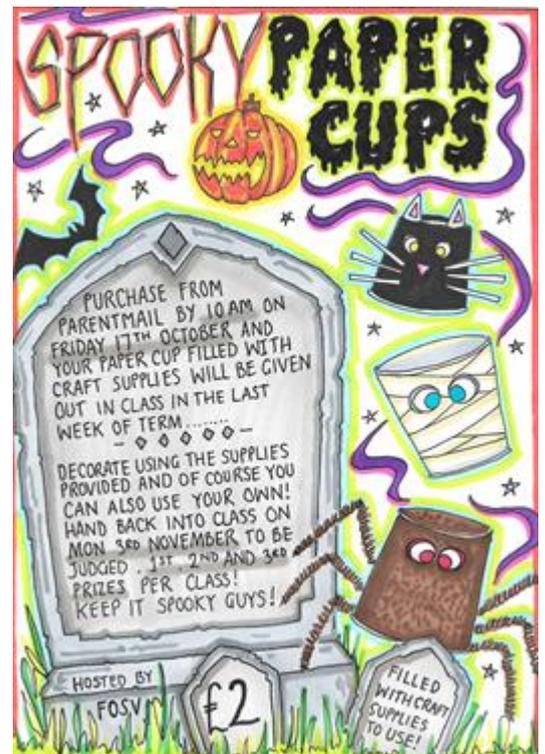
We know our South View children (and parents) love a crafty competition so this Halloween, Friends of South View PTA want to see your spookily scary or spookily cute paper cup monsters!

We'll provide you with the paper cup and some craft pieces to get you started, these will be handed out in the last week of term, but feel free to add extras!

Make them as colourful and fun as you like!

Order your kids via the ParentMail shop, there will be prizes for the top 3 in each class!

Please purchase no later than 10am on Friday 17th October



Chess Club

If your child attended Chess Club last year there are some upcoming team battles if you would like to take part. You would be able to log in with their lichess logins.

26/09 (5+3) - <https://lichess.org/tournament/x4mSFA3Z>

10/10 (5+3) - <https://lichess.org/tournament/9aUeaMYu>

24/10 (3+2) - <https://lichess.org/tournament/ZfcF8QZX>

For More Information:
newenglandjuniorchess@gmail.com



NEW ENGLAND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

These sessions will be ideal for any children who already know the basic rules of chess, or who have attended our previous sessions. Each week we will spend some time covering a particular theme (either a rule, tactic, or endgame) as well as playing games. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

WEDNESDAYS, 18:15 TO 19:15 FROM 01/10/2025

@ CITY OF PETERBOROUGH SPORTS CLUB

£17.50 FOR 11 WEEKS

SIGN UP HERE!
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FIMQ>



FOSV Quiz Night – Tickets Are Still Available to Purchase!



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 10am on Friday 3rd October 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>

Preschool Updates

A flyer for South View Preschool. It features a circular photo of a teacher and a child playing with wooden blocks. The text 'We warmly welcome you to SOUTH VIEW PRESCHOOL' is prominent. Below this, under 'About us...', are four bullet points with checkmarks: 'Strong partnerships with our families', 'Celebrating your unique child', 'Promoting curiosity & challenge', and 'A nurturing environment'. A white box contains contact information: '15 & 30 funded hours', 'Monday - Friday 9-3', 'Breakfast club from 8.30am', 'After school club from 3pm-3.30 pm', 'contact us by', 'Phone Number: 01733 210361', and 'email: Preschool@southview.lincs.sch.uk'. The Ofsted logo is in the bottom left corner.

On Saturday, we held a drop-in session at our new preschool. It was lovely to meet so many interested parents and children who came along to see what we're all about.

Don't worry if you missed this and have a child, or preschool age, and you are considering registering them with us. Just give our preschool a call (school number 01733 210361 press 2 for the preschool) and Emma, Jane or Judith will organise for you to pop in for a peek!

Foundation Stage 2026 – Drop-In Sessions

To apply for a reception place in Lincolnshire, visit the Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions page to use the online SLO citizen portal.

Applications for September 2026 intake open on November 17, 2025, and close on January 15, 2026. You'll need to create an account, add your child's details, and select up to three preferred schools by the closing date. Evidence of your child's birth and your address will be required for the application.

(<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/SchoolAdmissions/>)

Free workshops for parents with LPCF

Juggling the Joys of Parenting – Thursday 9th October at 11am (**parents only**)

An interactive Zoom session exploring the ups and downs of parenting children with SEND, with tips and strategies to support family life.

 [More info & booking](#)

Promoting Positive Behaviour – Thursday 16th October at 7pm (**parents and professionals**)

A free workshop with behavioural specialist Chris from Aspens, looking at behaviours of concern, why they happen, and practical strategies to reduce stress and encourage positive behaviours.

 [More info & booking](#)

Both sessions are free to LPCF members (parents of children with SEND and professionals can join free via our [membership sign-up page](#)).

Lincolnshire County Council's Young Carers Survey

As part of Lincolnshire County Council's Young Carers service, we're inviting Young Carers and their families to share their thoughts and experiences with us. Their feedback will help us better understand what life is like for Young Carers and their families. It will also help us shape and improve the support we offer in the future.

The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete, and we would like to thank everybody who takes the time to complete it. If there are two or more young carers within the family, both are welcome to complete the survey.

Parent/s/guardians survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/mhL2eCSAGX>

Young Carers survey (under 19):

<https://forms.office.com/e/3Fx2RDUsdU>

Closing date for both surveys is Friday 24 October 2025.

Thank you for your time and for helping us continue to support Young Carers in Lincolnshire.

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.

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents - Young Voices



It's 17 weeks to Young Voices 2026!!! The Music Room is now **OPEN!!!!!!**

Head Teacher Awards

Class	Child's Name	Awarded for
Hazels	Freya H	Freya has really impressed me with how she is using her phonics knowledge in her independent writing this week.
Maples	Arlia G	Arlia has completed some excellent independent writing in English this week. Writing instructions for how to grow a beautiful flower.
Chestnuts	Ebba O	For showing so much more focus on the carpet and working with increased independence at her table. Keep it up Ebba!
Willows	Hughie	For taking such care and pride in his work by using beautiful handwriting and presentation.
Beeches	Louis G	For settling well into our South View family. He is a delight and a fabulous role model, sharing his ideas in English and completely wowing me in Maths. Keep up the amazing work.
Aspens	Alicja P	For always being the perfect role model in class and for always putting 100% into her work.
Poplars	Ben W	For always working hard in everything he does - answering questions, showing enthusiasm and sharing his ideas. Ben is a great role model. A fabulous Year 4 attitude in everything he does. You are a star
Junipers	Andrew W	Andrew is such a wonderful role model in the classroom! His positivity and enthusiasm shine through in every lesson. He always gives his best, encourages those around him, and brings energy and excitement to learning.
Laurels	Krisiya D	For being an excellent role model and a superb narrative this week.
Elms	Harper B	Harper has made a great start to Year 5. I have been very impressed with her mature attitude towards her learning. She always strives to do her very best and her work is always well-presented. Well done Harper - keep up the great work!
Oaks	Ashton B	For being such a fantastic role model in the classroom. Ashton is always ready to learn, shows great motivation, and sets a wonderful example for others.
Redwoods	Jaquelline S	For being a kind and helpful member of the class, supporting and standing up for members of the cohort.

Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Term 1

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

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 and Dress Down Day- There will be no PE – Please ensure your child's outfit is suitable for school.

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

Term 2

5th November – New Intake 2026 Drop in Sessions 10-11am or 1-2pm

6th November – School Aged Immunisation Team in School Nasal Flu (Information was sent on 17th September)

13th September - Year 4 Assembly 9am

20th November – Elfridges Stall – Information to Follow

21st November – Children in Need Day – Information to Follow

28th November – FOSV Christmas Fayre 3.15pm to 5.30pm – Information to Follow

2nd December – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 Bedtime Story Event 5-5.45pm – Information to Follow

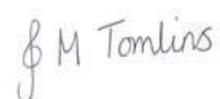
4th December - School Aged Immunisation Team in School Nasal Flu Mop-up

9th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Productions 1.45pm and 5.30pm – Information to Follow

17th December – Foundation Nativity 9am – Information to Follow

19th December – Christmas Jumper Day 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-z16tu0bjogxihihd>

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.

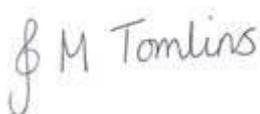
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.