

# Newsletter 3.10.25



Another packed week at South View. We served over 270 breakfasts this week and we received lots of wonderful comments about the delicious food! A huge thank you to all the staff that make these events possible. Photos will be online shortly.

## Staff Car Park

Please can I ask that parents supervise younger children in the car park whilst waiting for the KS1 gates to open. Please hold your child's hand as you leave. Please also refrain from walking and texting/looking down at your phone...we need you to be really focussed in the car park, to ensure hazards are avoided. Please also ensure your child WAITS to get on their scooter until they are out of the car park, we've had several cars scratched this week!



## Coats in school!

As the weather is closing in, we politely ask that you make sure your child brings a coat to school. Thank you

## Parent Consultation Evening



We are pleased to let you know that bookings for our face to face Parent Consultation sessions, as detailed below, are now open. Bookings will close on Friday 17th October.

All sessions will be held in the School Hall and appointments will be for a duration of 10 minutes. Please arrive through main reception. Your child's books will be available to view in the hall, before or after your appointment.

Tuesday 21st October - 3.40pm to 7pm

Wednesday 22nd October - 3.40pm to 6pm

There are no after school clubs this week

Your appointments can be booked via your ParentMail account, on the drop down menu select 'Parents Evenings'.

Mrs Strickland, our Learning Mentor and Mrs Mitcham, our SENDCo, will be available during both sessions if you wish to have an informal chat.

## Raffle Prizes

A huge thank you to FOSV for their hard work this week and the beautiful hampers. The lucky winners were....

Wednesday - Louis G

Thursday – Maliha A

Friday – The lucky winner will be notified later today!



## SEND or something else?

Over the past few weeks, some children have shared with staff that they are worried they might have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). When we have explored this with them, it has often been because comments from outside of school have suggested this, for example: "You must have ADHD because you can't sit still" or "You might be autistic because your behaviour is difficult."



We kindly ask that families avoid labelling their child with a possible special educational need or disability before seeking professional advice, as this can sometimes cause children unnecessary worry or distress. We would like to gently remind families that if you do have any concerns about your child, the best starting point is to speak with your child's class teacher.

It's also important to remember that many different factors can influence a child's behaviour and learning, such as sleep patterns, eating habits, technology use, family circumstances, and even experiences of stress or trauma. These all need to be considered before concluding that a child may have a special educational need or disability.

We are delighted that SEND is more openly discussed in society today, but please be reassured that school staff will work with you carefully to understand your child's individual needs and provide the right support.

## Inhalers In School



As we approach the winter we tend to see an increase in Asthma related illness. It is important to us as a school to have an in-date inhaler signed in and kept in school. If you're child requires a blue Salbutamol/Ventolin inhaler and a spacer for most effective use and you have not got round to sending it in via the school office so that the appropriate paperwork can be filled in, please could this be done as soon as possible. Also, if your child no longer needs an inhaler, we would be grateful if you could let us know, again via the office. Thank you for your support with this

## School Disco

It's disco time again!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October will also be a dress down day with no PE.

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

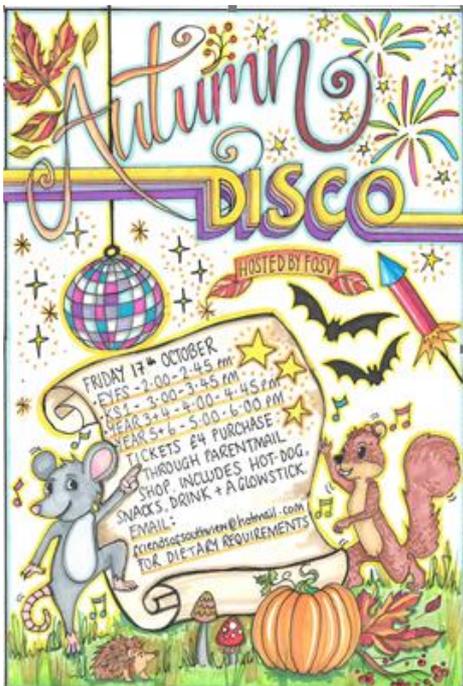
If your child attends Orchards Club, they will be collected from and escorted over to the school disco.

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 16<sup>th</sup> October and we won't accept any late cash payments this year.

Please email us at [friendsofsouthview@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofsouthview@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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October**



## Childcare Vouchers

If you have childcare vouchers and these have not yet been added to your Orchards account, please email [enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk)

## 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 parents the right to be rude to members of staff. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take note of deadlines for events, trips and payments to avoid disappointment.



## 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 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.



**Are you looking for a primary school place for September 2026?**

Why not come and visit our wonderful Early Years Provision, meet the teachers and have time exploring the setting with your child.



**Drop in Sessions**

**Wednesday 5th November 2025**

**10am - 11am  
or 1pm - 2pm**



South View Primary School is a happy, thriving school where children are encouraged to learn, grow and succeed, set in the historic town of Crowland in Lincolnshire.

(<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 16 weeks to Young Voices 2026!!!\_The Music Room is now OPEN!!!!!!**

**You can find the playlists here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSVGme7oE4k&list=PLMx385p2xi-0u8oYyZzIOXZQTWmPnT7UX>

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1zozEB1ddHRFfy45thjGu1?si=DGsFJ1hTRt-XMHYz62N2Bw>

## Head Teacher Awards

Class	Child's Name	Awarded for
Hazels	Liam W	He is settling into South View very well. He is always kind to others and tries really hard at everything we ask him to do.
Maples	Harrison L	Harrison has an excellent progress in phonics and such a lovely positive attitude to everything.
Chestnuts	Ayla W and Jacob G	For excellent partner work and participation on the carpet. You are a fantastic role model to the other children in the class.
Willows	Chimamanda A	For working so hard this week and showing some great independent working to create a lovely story. Well done
Beeches	Molly S & Eva M	for your determination to complete your narrative writing despite missing the first days so had to catch up. You worked diligently and included some lovely noun phrases, adverbs and some super openers! Wow! So proud.
Aspens	Natahlia W	For working really hard to improve her Place Value knowledge this term in Maths and for settling into the South View Family so quickly - keep up the great work!
Poplars	Kriss S	For great attitude to his learning, especially in maths. Kriss always tries his best. It is lovely to see his growing confidence when answering questions. Keep it up :)
Junipers	Bezalera B	For her continued hard work in every lesson. This week Bez wrote a fantastic piece of writing which showed how strong her English skills, creativity and imagination is!
Laurels	Zach G	For his kindness towards his friends, using his time to help others.
Elms	Gabriel L	For persevering in maths this week, taking on feedback and next steps, leading to success during the independent activity. Well Done Gabriel!
Oaks	Neorah R	For always showing our HEART values – being helpful, giving 100% effort, aiming high, showing respect, and being a great team player in Oaks.
Redwoods	Georgia C	For working amazingly in maths, challenging herself with problem solving questions in multiplication, while also demonstrating good teamworking and leadership in netball.

## Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

### Term 1

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

17<sup>th</sup> October – School Discos and Dress Down Day- There will be no PE – Please ensure your child’s outfit is suitable for school.

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

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

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

### Term 2

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Assembly – **Please note that this is a revised date**

13<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 Assembly 9am

20<sup>th</sup> November – Elfridges Stall – Information to Follow

21<sup>st</sup> November – Children in Need Day – Information to Follow

28<sup>th</sup> November – FOSV Christmas Fayre 3.15pm to 5.30pm – Information to Follow

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

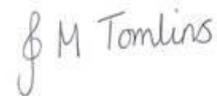
4<sup>th</sup> December - School Aged Immunisation Team in School Nasal Flu Mop-up

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

17<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Nativity 9am – Information to Follow

19<sup>th</sup> 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
<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 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.

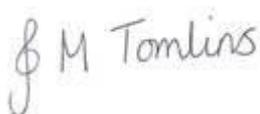
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.