

Newsletter 10.10.25



Another week over! Our next few weeks are jam packed with events. Year 5 are off to Caythorpe on their residential, Year 3 and 4 Girls footballers are out on Tuesday, we'll be interviewing for Mrs Tobin's replacement in the office next week, we'll be collecting in Harvest items ready for our celebration the following week and FOSV will be running our discos on Friday! After school clubs will run as normal next week but will not run on Friday due to the disco.

Hold on to your hats, it's going to be a busy one!

Attendance



Thank you for such a warm welcome from all of the pupils so far! My name is Mrs Saunders and I am the new attendance officer at South View. My role in school is to ensure that all your lovely children are attaining the highest attendance possible and helping you to ensure that you have all the help you may need to make sure your children are attending school as much as they can. It's been a fantastic start to the year so far and I can already see our attendance is on the up which I thank all of you for. Just a reminder to parents/carers that if your child/dren are poorly with any of the common mild winter illnesses, please still bring them in with any required pain relief ie. Calpol. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be at home for 48 hours from the last episode. If you need to tell us that your child has a contagious or infectious illness (such as chicken pox or impetigo) PLEASE DO NOT bring them into the school building to tell us! This will only potentially spread infection to others. We ask that you simply give us a call or drop us an email.

This weeks highest class attendance award goes to Junipers, Willows and Beeches Classes all with 99% attendance!

Harvest Festival Donations

If you would like to donate to our local foodbank, please send your child in with donations on Thursday 16th October. Please don't send anything in before as we won't be able to store this easily. Please ensure donations are in date.

The foodbank has asked for the following items to be donated:

- Tins of soup (popular ones are tomato, chicken, vegetable)*
- Pasta*
- Tinned Vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn, mixed veg)*
- Tinned Spaghetti*
- Hot Dogs*
- Tinned Meatballs*
- Tinned Fruit*
- Tinned Rice Pudding*
- Tinned Custard*
- Noodle Packets*
- Tinned Tomatoes*
- Tomato Puree*
- Tinned Meat – ham/corned beef*

Thank you



Christmas Fayre



Have you got a business you'd like to showcase at our Christmas fayre by having a stall or donating a raffle prize? Please get in touch to find out more! friendsouthview@hotmail.com

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.

SEND update

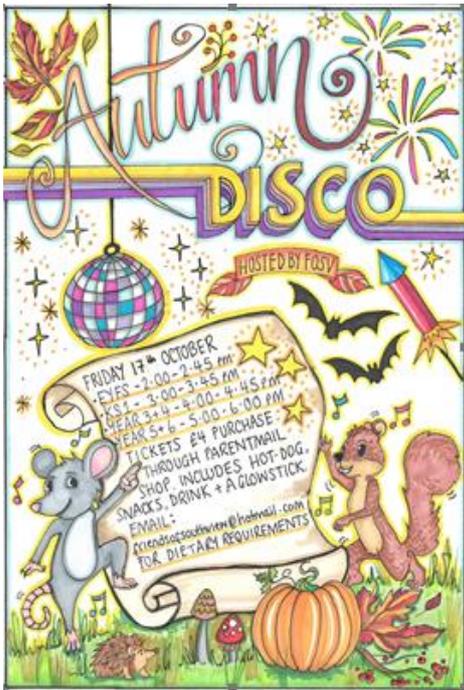
Please see attached the latest workshops for families – currently this is with Dyslexia Outreach and The Working Together Team (supporting children with Autism and social and communication needs). These dates are for the whole of 2025-2026 so there is something available for everyone!



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 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 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 24th September

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.



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

Spooky Cups

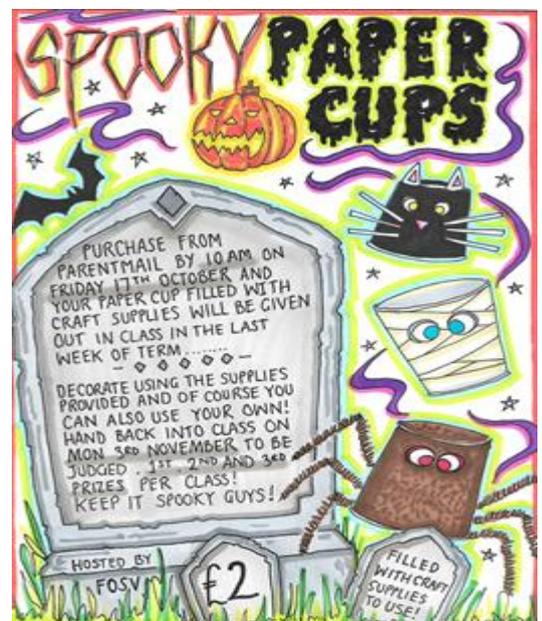
We know our South View children (and parents) love a crafty competition so this Halloween, Friends of South View PTA want to see your spookily scary or spookily cute paper cup monsters!

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



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.

The advertisement features a green background with a circular inset image of a young girl with blue paint on her hand. In the top left corner is the school's logo, and in the bottom left is the Ofsted 'Good School' logo. The text reads: '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.' A white box on the right contains the session details: 'Drop in Sessions Wednesday 5th November 2025 10am - 11am or 1pm - 2pm'. At the bottom, it states: '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.'

[\(https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/SchoolAdmissions/\)](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 15 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	Poppy B	For always being a fantastic role model and always sharing her ideas on the carpet.
Maples	Oriana K	For a super attitude to her learning this week in all areas! Well done Oriana! Keep it up.
Chestnuts	Thomas F	For being an all-round superstar in Chestnuts, especially in his maths. Keep it up!!
Willows	Isla S	For her excellent work in Maths. Following all instructions carefully and having a go at a challenge. Great work Isla.
	Tilly-Rose M	Tilly has really impressed us this week with her enthusiasm and contributions in RE and English! Super work Tilly!
Beeches	Leo R	For being a superstar in French this term. He wowed me with his pronunciation in our speaking assessment and recall of some tricky words. Awesome job Leo. Keep up the good work
Aspens	Ellara G	For being a superstar in French this term. She has made great progress in her French reading and speaking this term. Keep up the great work.
Poplars	Neveah N	For her enthusiasm and participation in our science experiments. Also, showing encouragement and kindness to the other children in the class.
Junipers	Ella H	For her continued hard work in all lessons and her fantastic engagement all week especially in English and Maths. You are doing amazing Ella, keep up all your hard work!

Laurels	Evelyn J	For an inspirational speech containing the most amazing vocabulary and emotion.
Elms	Laura W	For her great suggestion in science to separate different materials, which we used within the class demonstration successfully. Well done Laura!
Oaks	Nathaniel M	For being so engaged in his learning and working really hard to achieve his best. Your enthusiasm and positive attitude are a fantastic example to others — well done!
Redwoods	Danno M	For his excellent effort throughout this week, especially in maths, where he picks up the input and teaching really well despite missing the beginning of lessons. And also for his improved behaviour.

Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Term 1

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

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

22nd October – Parent Consultations 3.40pm to 6pm

23rd October – Year 5 present the Harvest Festival at 9am 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)

6th November – Year 6 Assembly at 9am – **Please note that this is a revised date**

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/SouthViewSENDSCO>



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.

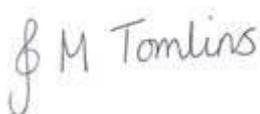
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.