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Harvest Donations



Thank you so much for all of your Harvest Donations. The Crowland Food Bank have been falling low on supplies recently so they are incredibly grateful. The goods will be collected on Thursday after our Harvest Celebration so if you still have food you are happy to donate, you have until then to bring it in. Thank you!

Disco

Thank you to FOSV for organising our Discos today, the children are VERY excited! We're currently enjoying our 'dress down day' and there are some LOVELY disco outfits on show!



Huge Welcome

A HUGE welcome to Mrs Rebecca Keats, who will be joining us in January as our new Administrative Assistant.

Caythorpe



Our year 5 children had an AMAZING time at Caythorpe this week. Thank you to all the mums and dads who supported us with this trip. A HUGE thank you to the staff who took the children on the trip, we really appreciate you doing this for the children!

Attendance



As we approach the October half term, we want to thank families for supporting strong attendance this term. This time of year often brings a rise in seasonal illnesses, so it's especially important to encourage good hygiene habits like regular handwashing and covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing. While we understand that some absences are unavoidable, every day in school makes a difference to your child's learning and wellbeing.

This week's attendance award goes to the Maples class for 100%. Well done Maples!

Mrs Saunders

Parents Consultation Evenings

Parent Evenings are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The slots are 'back2back' so we ask that you look at your children's books before or after your appointment, but please ensure you are on time for your appointment. As we are full in most year groups now, there are rarely any 'spare' slots to fit in latecomers we're afraid.



Parent Code of Conduct (see attached)



As a school, we are lucky to have supportive parents who appreciate that, as a school, we are extremely busy and cannot always respond to their queries as quickly as we would like. We also occasionally are in a position where we have to deliver some difficult messages to parents. On occasions, some parents can express their frustrations in an inappropriate and unacceptable manner. Our school, like most schools, has adopted a Parental Code of Conduct which explains the manner in which we expect all parents to behave.

On the occasions where a parent's behaviour 'crosses the line' into unacceptable, we do have the ability to restrict a parent's right to attend the school, either temporarily or permanently. We also have the authority to impose what is called a 'communications strategy' which will prescribe how a parent can communicate with the school. These options are a **last resort** and are not imposed lightly. However, as a school, we must remind parents that we expect their behaviour to be **appropriate at all times**, especially around staff and other pupils.



SV Parent Code of
Conduct 2024 -26.pdf

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! friendsofsouthview@hotmail.com

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.

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.



Facebook Group

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



South View Community Primary School and Preschool

Private group · 564 members

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.

<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.

A green advertisement for South View Primary School. At the top left is the school's logo, a circular emblem with a tree and a building, surrounded by the text 'SOUTH VIEW C.P. SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL'. The main 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.' Below this is a circular photo of a young child with blue and green paint on their hand. To the right of the photo is a white box with the text: 'Drop in Sessions Wednesday 5th November 2025 10am - 11am or 1pm - 2pm'. At the bottom left is the Ofsted 'Good School' logo. At the bottom right, it says: '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/)

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.

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents - Young Voices



It's 14 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

Hazels	Jack F	For his fantastic effort in maths this term and for working independently to solve problems using the strategies he has learnt this term.
Maples	Autumn C	For excellent attendance this half term and for settling so well into Year 1! Well done Autumn we are all so proud of you!
Chestnuts	Franky-Mae S	For always doing the right thing, making the right decisions and being such a role model in Chestnuts. Keep it up!
Willows	Teddy Ray W	For always doing the right thing at the right time. Well Done!
Beeches	Finley A	For his lovely contributions in class. Always willing to share his ideas and help other children in his group, also for persevering with his writing even when classroom got a bit noisy. So proud.
Aspens	Harry J	For being an amazing mathematician this week when working on column addition and subtraction. Keep up the good work!
Poplars	Charley T	For working hard, being enthusiastic and helpful in all the time. Charley is a fabulous role model. Keep it up
Junipers	Arlo B	Arlo has really grown in confidence over this first term and is always contributing wonderful ideas to all lessons. He works extremely well every day, well done Arlo!
Laurels	All of the children in Y5	For being so amazing this week - whether you stayed in school or went to Caythorpe you have made all very proud; you were all an absolute pleasure to be with. A credit to yourself and the school. Well Done!
Elms	All of the children in Y5	For being so amazing this week - whether you stayed in school or went to Caythorpe you have made all very proud; you were all an absolute pleasure to be with. A credit to yourself and the school. Well Done!
Oaks	Isabelle A	For starting Year 6 with a positive attitude and a determination to succeed. Keep it up!
Redwoods	Jasper L	For an amazing week! Hand up in every lesson, offering brilliant and well-modelled answers and leading by example with his exemplar behaviour. Keep this up please Jasper!

Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Term 1

20th – Year 5 Bikeability

21st – Yr5/6 Girls Football

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 November - Year 4 Assembly 9am

14th November – Children in Need Day – Information to Follow

20th November – Elfridges Stall – 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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§ 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.

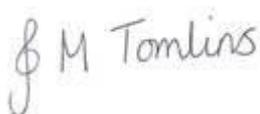
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.