

Newsletter 14.11.25

Children In Need

Everyone looks fantastic in their spots and Pudsey inspired outfits today! Please don't forget to donate on your ParentMail account no later than Monday at 10am and we will let you know the amount raised in next week's newsletter.



Christmas Present Donations this year:

Once again, that time of year is creeping up on us. Christmas for lots of parents can be a joyous for many others the thought of the expense of food, presents etc. can be extremely worrying.

As I do every year, I would like to ask you generous lot, if you are able, to donate any good quality or new toys to school, so that we can pass these on to families who need some extra 'South View Support' this Christmas.

As we had so many donated last year to the point we were largely swamped (😊) my thought is that a group of staff select from the donations for specific families whose children we KNOW would appreciate a specific set of gifts. Anything remaining will be given to FOSV for the Christmas Fair to be sold to parents at a very low price. I hope this is ok with you all.



Thank you again in advance for your generosity and kindness. Our Crowland Community has always been good at looking out for each other in times of need.

Parking Enforcement Camera – NOW LIVE!!!



The Civil Parking Enforcement Fixed Point Camera, installed outside of our school in order to help keep our children safe, **IS NOW LIVE!**

Since 1st September, there have been **3 PCNs** issued for parking in the School Zone within the restricted times.



Raising Concerns With Staff

We would like to remind families that any concerns about a child's wellbeing or emotional needs are best discussed privately with staff. Recently, we've noticed some conversations taking place in the school foyer, sometimes in front of children, other parents and their children, which can unintentionally cause them worry or embarrassment. If you have concerns about your child's anxious feelings or emotional wellbeing, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance, who will be happy to arrange a confidential conversation and offer appropriate support. You can request this via email at enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk or by calling the school office on 01733 210361

Supporting Safeguarding Concerns

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a 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



telephone if you have a police.

Dogs On The School Grounds



Please can we reiterate, and ask that the message is passed on to whoever drops off and collects children from school, to not bring a dog onto the school site. Please note that the school site includes the 'D' area at the front of school. **Please do not also tie your dog to any of our bollards or allow the dog off its lead.** We have several children who are very frightened of dogs (especially if they bark loudly), no matter how cute and well behaved you feel your dog is. (Hiding puppies in your jacket, and surreptitiously sneaking them into the playground – also very much not allowed!) Thank you.



Year 5 and Year 6 Parents - Young Voices

It's 10 weeks to Young Voices 2026!!! The Music Room is now **OPEN!!!!!!**

You can find the playlists here:

Please go to www.youngvoices.co.uk and, using your email address, set up your child in the music room so that they can rehearse at home!

Applications for September 2026 intake open on November 17th, 2025, and close on January 15th, 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/>)

Elfridges

We are delighted to inform you that 'Elfridges Christmas Present Shop' is now open!

All items are £4.50 and this must be pre-paid via your ParentMail account **no later than 10am on Wednesday 19th November**. You will find this in 'payments' and then in the 'Shop'.

Please do not send your child into school with money.

We welcome the purchase of more than one item.

On Thursday 20th November, during the school day, each child that has paid will be walked through to the library to select from a beautiful range of gifts.



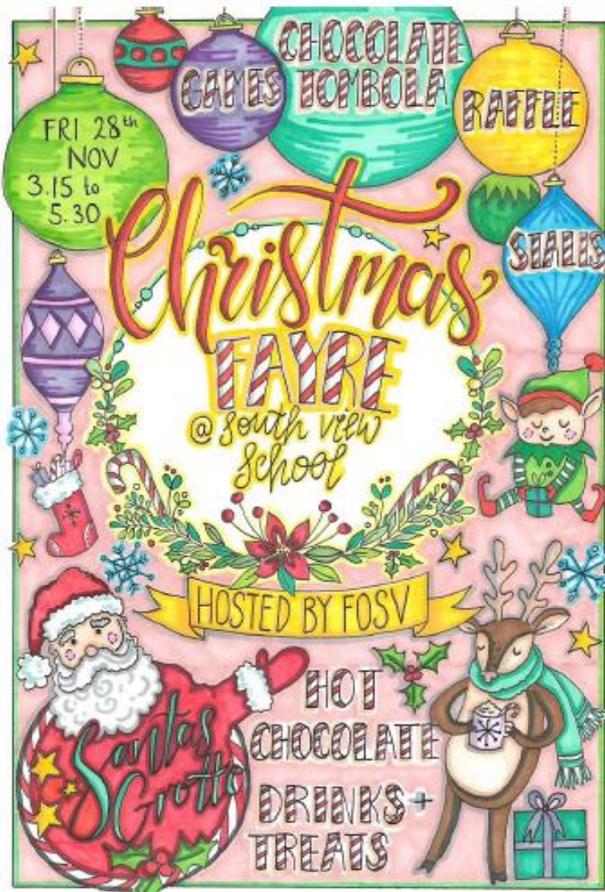
We need bottle donations!

Are you doing a pre-christmas clear out? Have you found some unopened bottles you don't want? We'd love them for our bottle tombola at the Christmas fayre! Please can these be handed into the school office by an adult before the end of the 26th November.

Thank you!

Baubles and Bottle Donations

Help decorate the big tree in the school hall by purchasing a £1 wooden bauble to decorate! Come and spot it at the Christmas fayre! All baubles will then be returned before the end of term to hang on your tree at home. Please order by 10am on 18th November on the ParentMail shop, the baubles will be delivered to class shortly after for you to decorate at home and then please return them to school by the 25th of November!



Christmas Fayre and Grotto

We are delighted that Father Christmas will be attending our Christmas Market on Friday 28th November.

Sessions for 'Santa's Grotto' are now available for you to book on your ParentMail account, in 'Payments' in the 'Shop'.

You can book one of our 15 minute slots so you can ensure your child gets a chance to see Father Christmas and his Elves, your child will also receive a little gift.

Santa's Grotto slots are strictly limited to a set number of children and are likely to sell out quickly so we advise booking early. Slots will be available to book up until 10am on Thursday 27th.

Please note that if your child attends Orchards we will not be able to take your child to the Grotto, you will need to collect and take them yourself.

Access for the Christmas Fayre and Grotto is via the KS2 gates which will open at 3.15pm to allow you to come through.

SEND Workforce Development Project

The aim of the project is to bring together FREE CPD resources and training opportunities for people in Lincolnshire who support children and young people with SEND, including parents and carers. See the attached leaflet for more information or find out more here:

<https://sendworkforcedevelopment.my.canva.site/>

If you are a parent/carer and would like to access the Induction Tier...

1. Sign up to the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>
2. Indicate in the 'Additional Information' section that you are interested in SEND Workforce Development
3. An email will be sent to you with a prompt to set up a password & log in

Head Teacher Awards



Class	Child's Name	Awarded for
Catkins	Alice A	For really developing your confidence and showing amazing progress across all areas of the curriculum. Well done Alice
Acorns	Beatrix S	For showing such effort in all her learning and trying her best - she has settled so brilliantly into school life. Well done Beatrix!
Hazel	Jack F	For his increased confidence in maths. He is now putting his hand up to answer more questions. Keep it up!
Maples	Arlen F	Arlen has shown us great focus and resilience in all lessons this half term. Persevering when he finds things tricky. Well done Arlen!
Chestnuts	Lily DH and Alola L	For fantastic contributions to our English lesson this week! You have been amazing and such a role model to the other children!!!
Willows	Harley W	For amazing contributions in all lessons this week! You have shared some amazing ideas and it's been lovely seeing you so engaged in your learning! Keep up the good work!
Aspens	Harper H	For her amazing progress in Maths this term. Harper has worked really hard in our addition and subtraction lessons, resulting in her improving her confidence which has been lovely to see. Keep it up!
Poplars	Michael W	For always working hard in everything he does. A brilliant role model, who answers questions thoughtfully, sharing his great ideas and insights. You are a super star!
Junipers	David H	David has been a superstar all week! He has led amazing discussions and had great contributions in every lesson especially in English - well done David, keep up the great work!
Laurels	Emily-Rose S	For a superb amount of engagement and interest shown in lessons this week, especially history and English. Keep it up!
Elms	Harriet G	Harriet has been well-motivated during Maths and English this week and contributed valuable thoughts and ideas in class discussions - well done Harriet, keep it up!
Oaks	Jayce P	For a remarkable improvement in attitude and work ethic - demonstrating great enthusiasm, effort, and fantastic classroom work!
Redwoods	Harry D	His amazing effort and achievement in all lessons this week, especially maths

Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Term 2

- 17th November – Application Window for Reception Class places opens.
- 18th November – Year 6 Fire Safety Workshops
- 20th November – Year 4 Assembly 9am
- 20th November – Elfridges Stall
- 24th November – Dress Down day for the Chocolate Tombola Donations – Information to follow
- 28th November – FOSV Christmas Fayre 3.15pm to 5.30pm
- 1st December – Christmas Post Boxes out- We will send out a first name class list via ParentMail the week prior
- 2nd December – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 Bedtime Story Event 5-5.45pm
- 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
- 15th December – Rocksteady Concert
- 17th December – Foundation Christmas Singing 9am – Information to Follow
- 19th December – Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner Day and Last Day of Term

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>

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 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 (2027-8 now available)

Please note, sometimes Lincolnshire Terms Dates are NOT the same as those of Peterborough or Cambridgeshire.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
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	Training Day Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September 2027 Begins Monday 6th September 2027 Ends Friday 22nd October 2027
Term 2	Begins Monday 3rd November 2025 Ends Friday 19th December 2025	Begins Monday 2nd November 2026 Ends Friday 18th December 2026	Begins Monday 1st November Ends Friday 17th December 2027
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	Training Day Tuesday 4th January 2028 Begins Wednesday 5th January 2028 Ends Friday 11th February 2028
Term 4	Begins Monday 23rd February 2026 Ends Thursday 2nd April 2026	Begins Monday 22nd February 2027 Ends Thursday 25th March 2027	Begins Monday 21st February 2028 Ends Friday 31st March
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	Training Day Tuesday 18th April 2028 Begins Wednesday 19th April 2028 Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday Ends Friday 26th May 2028
Term 6	Begins Monday 1st June 2026 Ends Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Begins Monday 7th June 2027 Ends Wednesday 21st July 2027	Begins Monday 5th June 2028 Ends Friday 21st July 2028
	Training Day - 1 day per year as twilight sessions		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.

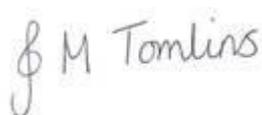
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.