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Well, I hope you had a lovely bank holiday weekend filled with sun and barbeques! This is a short term, and we only have 2 weeks of it left before we break up for a week off. After that, we have a very hectic final term filled with trips, reports, Sports Day, Father's Day shenanigans, Assemblies, Transition Days, Productions and we will get to meet the new 84 EYFS children joining us in September!

When I took over as Head Teacher at South View 9 years ago, we had around 370 children.... with our bulge year and preschoolers, next year we're going to be nearing 500! What a difference!

Year 6 SATS

Our wonderful year 6 children will be sitting their SATs in school next week. We know that for some children this can make them feel a little anxious, so we always just ask that they do their best...we can't ask for any more than that. Please help our children by ensuring they get a good night's sleep (not on their phones) and they arrive with us for 8am if they would like to have breakfast with their friends before each day. If, for any reason your child is unable to be in school (significant illness, broken bones....oh yes, it's happened before!) then please let us know as soon as you can, it may be that they can sit the missed test the following day.

Toddlers on the Playgrounds

If you bring your toddler to school when collecting other children, PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THEM AT ALL TIMES. If they have brought a small bike or scooter, we ask that they leave them at the gate. I have purchased a metal scooter rack today, to be installed next week so that the little ones can park up their scooters and walk into the playground from now on. We have had lots of near misses and a few 'collisions' recently where toddlers have sped into someone on their bike. In addition, please do not allow your child to play with any of the school equipment (especially in KS1 playground) or climb on the climbing frame or fitness equipment. The KS2 equipment is designed for larger children, not infants, and they could get hurt. Thank you



Behaviour outside of school whilst in school uniform (and therefore representative of our school!)



I have been disappointed to hear of a few incidents from concerned parents this week, reporting the behaviour of some of our children (whilst with their parents) when leaving school at the end of the day.

It has been reported that there are quite often a few children who play around the Ros Knight Memorial Garden, near school, often running through it. Children have been witnessed ripping branches from shrubs/little trees and chasing others around. If this sounds like your child, PLEASE STOP THEM. We do our best to teach our children about respect in school; this is a **MEMORIAL GARDEN**.

It has also been reported that a small number of children are misbehaving whilst walking through Cluttons Close ('The Cut'), opening garage doors, pushing each other into bushes, pulling branches of shrubs in gardens. If this sounds like your child. PLEASE STOP THEM. We do our best to teach our children about respect in school; this is a **SOMEONE'S PROPERTY**.

School Meals

A reminder that meals need to be booked on Arbor a week in advance, next weeks options are now closed and will appear as "Deadline closed" You can order still for the last week of term, and the whole of next term is loaded on there for you to book right up until the end of the school year.

Menu change – Friday 12th June and Monday 15th June – all booked meals will be swapped for a packed lunch alternative due to Sports Day

Year 6 Parents - Leavers Photos



We would like to begin collecting two photographs of your Year 6 children. One as a baby/toddler, and a more recent one. These will be used for our Leavers Presentation at the end of the school year. We ask that you please send in a scanned/digital photo of your child as a baby/toddler, no unclothed/partially clothed/bath shots etc - for obvious reasons these won't be used, and a second more recent photo of them looking 'all grown up'. Please send the photos to the enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk email box, clearly labelled *name1* and *name2* with the subject line 'Leavers Photos'. **Please can these be sent before 22nd May.**

Please decide on which photos you submit with your child, or they may be suitably mortified resulting in you getting an early glimpse of the 'teenager' they are soon to become!

Sun and Heat Procedures

Please can I remind everyone to 'sun lotion the children up' before they come to school in the morning if the weather forecast says it will be sunny. Please send them in with a full water bottle and a sun hat! As I'm sure you can appreciate, especially with the younger children, it is completely impossible for staff to apply sun lotion every few hours to 30 children, so please try to find and apply long lasting sun creams where possible. Please be assured, we DO encourage the children to sit under the trees and canopies when they are outside and feeling hot, and to drink lots of water. Thank you.



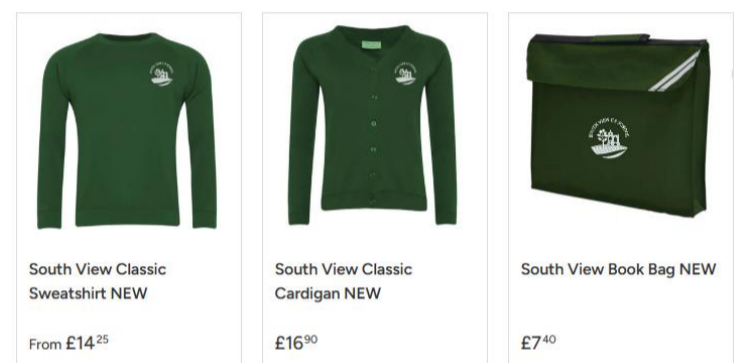
Brief Reminder

Just a brief reminder that the school gates open at 8:40am and the children should be in their classes by 8:45am. Please have your child ready to enter the gates at 8:40am.

Uniform

It's lovely to see so many children transitioning to our new 'South View Green' prior to September. Our new green uniform is available to order from Total Clothing. Here is the link.

<https://www.totalclothing.co.uk/collections/south-view-community-primary-school>



Donations



We are looking for any donations of wrapping paper suitable for birthday and Christmas gifts. Any donations would be gratefully received via the school office. Also, if you have any good quality books we would be very grateful for donations. Please do not donate Phonics Reading Books as we have a scheme that they contradict, so can't use them in school. KS2 Fiction books (especially high ability) are something we are looking to replenish in particular, but whatever you have we will be happy to take off your hands.



Specific Books for years 5 and 6

We are currently looking for some more challenging books for our year 5 and 6 readers. If you have any of the following books/book series you are able to donate, or would be kind enough to buy to donate to our library, we would be incredibly grateful!

Individual Books	Book Sets
https://tinyurl.com/ydcyp8u3 (£4.99)	https://tinyurl.com/6np8dz46 (£16.14)
https://tinyurl.com/4bnc38ur (£6.71)	https://tinyurl.com/ay8chcb3 (£16.99)
https://tinyurl.com/ye2ynbc4 (£7.59)	https://tinyurl.com/mrmw2mtw (£17.90)
https://tinyurl.com/yc58fykd (£7.35)	https://tinyurl.com/5xjjpbwp (£18.99)
https://tinyurl.com/4kxxcsdt (£7.35)	https://tinyurl.com/6v5nn557 (£19.99)
https://tinyurl.com/mrhe2fnh (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/ytup8t89 (£22.95)
https://tinyurl.com/3sbdj7bu (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/mrea8yj8 (£24.99)
https://tinyurl.com/2mxyx5nn (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/yfmf5rb6 (£25.17)
https://tinyurl.com/yf4da88d (£12.25)	https://tinyurl.com/yeynayab (£32.99)
https://tinyurl.com/4jh5vy2k (£12.25)	



Charges from September 2026



Due to the increase in staffing costs, resources and ingredients etc. the following price increases will come into effect from September 2026

- Orchards Breakfast Club Childcare - £4.50
- Orchards After school Childcare - £12.50
- School Meals - £2.70
- After School Clubs - £1.25

Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents – Wednesday 20th May 18:00-19:30

Learn about apps, games, social media and online risks – plus practical ways to keep your child safe.
Register via the link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048>

Calendar of Events for Term 4

11 th – 14 th May	SATs (year 6's)
11 th May	Last day to order leavers hoodies (Year 6)
20 th May	Preschool out at Alpaca Farm
22 nd May	Dental Survey EYFS and KS1
22 nd May	End of Term
1 st June	Children back to school
2 nd June	Year 2 Trip to Hammerton Zoo
2 nd June	Year 3 Life in Roman Britain (History Day in school)
3 rd June	Preschool Photos
4 th June	EYFS Trip to Johnsons of Old Hurst
12 th June	Sports Day (KS2 AM, KS1 PM)
15 th June	Back -up Sports Day
17 th June	Preschool Photos
18 th - 19 th June	Father's Day Breakfasts
19 th June	Father's Day Stall
23 rd June	New Intake Evening for EYFS intake 2026
23 rd June	Year 1 trip to Burghley House
24 th June	Preschool 'Mud Day'
25 th June	EYFS Assembly to Parents
26 th June	Year 4 Sleepover (info to follow)
1 st July	'Jump Up Day' (the day when your children meet their new teachers and support staff for next year)
2 nd July	Year 6 out at Wicksteed Park
3 rd July	Reports out to Parents
4 th July	Year 6 Prom
9 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production
15 th July	Caythorpe final payment due (Year 4)
20 th July	Rock Steady Final Concert 1.30pm
22 nd July	Last Day of Term
(Saturday 25 th July – 'Going Forward Festival')	

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>

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 email.
- 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: Changes in Law



From 19th August 2024

<p><u>5 days of unauthorised absence</u> 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.</p> <p><u>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period</u> Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks</p> <p>A school day has 2 sessions: 1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day</p> <p>A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).</p>	<p><u>First Offence</u> The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days) • Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
<p><u>What is a Penalty Notice?</u> 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, from August 2024, only 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.</p> <p>The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold met – in each individual case, the school must consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate.</p>	<p><u>Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)</u> The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days) There is no reduction in the amount.
<p><u>Who is a "Parent"?</u> 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.</p>	<p><u>Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)</u> 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.</p> <p>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.’</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Unchanged</u> Penalty Notice fines are issued Per Parent, Per child. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.</p>

