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Is it me, or have we seen a glimpse of summer this week?? As the weather is clearly warming up, just a gentle reminder to make sure your children are smothered in sun cream before they arrive at school please and arrive with the usual sun hats and lots of water please!

Don't forget also that this weekend is a long one, so don't forget and bring your child to school on Monday as WE WON'T BE HERE! I hope you all have a lovely, sunny bank holiday weekend filled with Barbeques and family time!

Meals in School

To ensure every child enjoys a fresh, nutritious meal at lunchtime, we would like to kindly remind all families of our meal booking procedures.

Please be aware that school lunches must be ordered in advance through your Arbor Parent Portal. Our kitchen staff prepare meals based strictly on the booking reports generated by this system.

Please note:

- **No Automatic Provision:** The school is unable to automatically provide a hot meal for children who have not been booked into the system.
- **Deadlines:** Please ensure all selections are made at least a week in advance.

While we would never see a child go without a meal, we do not keep surplus stock to cover un-booked meals. If a meal has not been pre-ordered, we will have to contact you to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

No swapping!

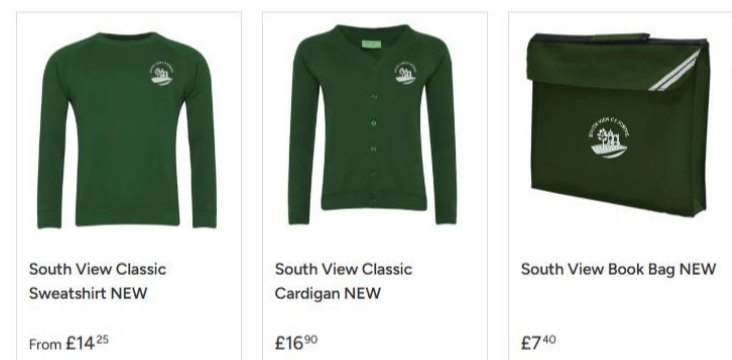


Our lunch staff have recently noticed a number of children SWAPPING items from their packed lunch with their friends, and on one occasion one child swapped his packed lunch for another child's hot lunch! I have spoken to ALL children to explain that, for allergy reasons, this is not safe. Please can you raise this with your children at school also, just to emphasise the message. Thank you.

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>



Lincolnshire Music Lessons

South View is pleased to be able to offer instrumental lessons in school through our partnership with Lincolnshire Music Service. We currently have spaces for violin and piano lessons to start in September. For violin, individual or small group lessons are available and school have several violins that can be hired to pupils. Lessons are suitable for children in Year 2 and above. There is also the possibility of offering brass and woodwind lessons (Year 3 and above), subject to enough demand. If you register for brass or woodwind you will be placed on the waiting list until enough pupils have registered and a teacher can be assigned to school. For further information and to sign up to lessons, please see the families section of the LMS website – www.lincsmusicservice.org

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)	



Mobile Smart Phones



If your child is dropped off and picked up from school by a parent, PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM IN WITH THEIR PHONE – THEY WILL NOT NEED IT!

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils bringing phones to school must ensure that phones are appropriately labelled and are stored securely when not in use in an area designated by their teacher. Please consider whether or not your child needs to bring a phone to school.

Pupils must secure their phones as much as possible, including using passwords or pin codes to protect access to the phone's functions.

The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are lost, damaged or stolen on school premises or transport, during school visits or trips, or while pupils are travelling to and from school.

Any found phones should be returned to the school office. The school will then attempt to contact the owner.

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!

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

Crowland Community Hub

Our Library Ambassadors introduced a FREE CHESS club to our children in assembly today. This takes place at the Hub on alternative Tuesdays. Why not pop along!

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>

Head Teacher Awards

Class	Childs Name	Awarded Reason
Catkins	Maeva S	Maeva's confidence has really grown since returning to school this term, she always tries her best in lessons and has shown great determination to complete tasks set.
	Cayde S	This term Cayde has been trying really hard with his writing in phonics. He has engaged really well with this, we are very proud of him.
Acorns	Jacob P	For being a fantastic role model in Acorns class and a wonderful friend.
Hazels	David A	For working really hard to improve his handwriting this term. Keep up the hard work.
Maples	Fearne F	Fearne has created some fantastic independent writing this week. She has been retelling the story The Secret of Black Rock.
Chestnuts	Archie W	Putting so much effort into his learning this week. It was great to see Archie, please keep it up!
Willows	Charlie S	For working really hard in his Maths this week and making sure he is getting onto the challenges! Well done Charlie!
Beeches	Arthur B	For working incredilby hard on his phonics which he has completed and his reading has improved with his growing confidence. Keep it up. Beeches are all proud of you. * :) *
Aspens	Mia L	For creating and sharing wonderful sentences in English this week, using brilliant personification and exciting vocabulary choices - keep it up!
	Carter D	For creating and sharing wonderful sentences in English this week, using brilliant personification and exciting vocabulary choices - keep it up!
Poplars	Connie B	For being kind, encouraging and supporting her classmates. A fabulous attitude and a great role model. You are a star***
Laurels	Harry E	For a really positive attitude recently, he has been incredibly engaged.
Elms	Eva L	Eva has developed a very mature attitude towards her learning. She is listening well and contributing to lessons with increasing confidence. Well done Eva - keep it up! :-)
Oaks	Bella M	For showing remarkable perseverance and commitment in your learning. You should be very proud of yourself — we certainly are. :)
Redwoods	Arthur-Thomas S	For being an excellent school parliament role model in stepping in to help solve conflicts amonst friends, while also displaying excellent effort and achievement in his work.

Calendar of Events for Term 4

4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
7 th May	Year 3 Assembly to parents
8 th May	FOSV Quiz Night (7pm)
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

9th July Year 6 Leaver's Production
15th July Caythorpe final payment due (Year 4)
20th July Rock Steady Final Concert 1.30pm
22nd July Last Day of Term
(Saturday 25th 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

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

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).

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.'

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.

Unchanged

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.

