

Newsletter 23.1.26



Another busy week at South View! We're currently at the O2 with over 100 of our amazing children for our **Young Voices concert**. We also have a huge support act with a parent crowd of 118 this year, thank you all for your support. The children have been rehearsing for months and they are absolutely pitch perfect. A huge thank you to all the staff that make this trip possible, and you, the parents for such an amazing turnout. I hope you enjoy the concert. I will be posting on Facebook throughout the day and evening, so please do take a look

Lost Property

We are again gathering a lot of lost property and quite a selection of water bottles! The lost property bins will be in the main reception area next week for you to come in and check for any lost items, after this time we will be sending all items to charity as it does become unmanageable.

Please can you label all school items, this way we can reunite the lost items to your child. We recommend Stikins Labels <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>.

If you order from them and use the school code **36182** you are also supporting the school, as they kindly send us 30% commission.

Elite Sports Academy



KS2 FEBRUARY NERF NIGHT

- Thursday 12th February
- 5pm - 6pm
- Crowland South View Primary School - Enter Via front of school
- KS2 only
- £5.00 to be paid via cash on arrival

Only 30 spaces available so book your space now by contacting
Chloe@elitesportsacademy.co.uk

FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMPS 2026

- Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th February
- Day Bookings – 8.30am - 3pm
- Extra Time Bookings - 3pm -4pm

Our ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM will help you make it even easier to Book!!

For more information and to book your space simply follow this link [Elite Camps - Elite Sports Academy](#)

If you require more information contact Joe@elitesportsacademy.co.uk

We hope to see you all there!!

Attendance

As we start to see a rise in illnesses again, please can we remind children of the importance of hygiene; regularly washing hands and throwing away any used tissues can help to stop the spread of illnesses. Just to remind parents that we are still happy to have your little ones in with a cough/cold/sore throat if there is no high temperature (over 38 degrees) alongside it. Please also remember that we can administer over the counter medication if required, so please do feel free to bring this into the main reception and we can top your little one up with it if need be.



NHS Pharmacy First service - Crowland Pharmacy



Pharmacy First allows parents/ carers to walk into Crowland Pharmacy for a clinical consultation with a Pharmacist for certain conditions, without needing to wait for a GP appointment.

For school age children, this service currently covers:

1. Earache - Children aged 1-17
2. Sore throat - Children aged 5 years and over.
3. Infected insect bites - Children aged 1 year and over
4. Impetigo - Children aged 1 year and over

We feel this is a positive opportunity to support families and improve access to care.

School Transport

Lincolnshire children starting primary school or secondary school in September 2026

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport from 2 March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below.

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

School Vacancies

We are currently advertising for two posts, please check the website for details and to access the application form, or click here [South View Vacancies](#)

Temporary teaching assistant – closing date 4th Feb

Preschool Practitioner (Bank Staff) – closing date 27th Jan

Head Teacher Awards

Catkins	Tilly O	For consistently showing effort and perseverance while developing accurate letter formation. Well done Tilly, your writing is looking amazing!
Acorns	Reu B	For consistently being an excellent role model, demonstrating positive behaviour, always striving to do the right thing and showing a great attitude to learning.
Hazel	Amber G	for trying really hard to work independently in English
Maples	Jenson K	Jenson has been working so hard in all lessons this half term especially in his maths work.
Chestnuts	Aurora C	For always doing the right thing and trying her best in everything that she does. Keep it up Aurora!
Willows	Louie J	For Settling into Willows class so well and producing some lovely ideas in his writing.
Beeches	Molly S	For her fantastic progress in reading. She has improved her AR score, reading out loud with confidence & fluency. Fantastic job. Keep it up.
Aspens	Teddy B	For his enthusiastic attitude to his reading this term and working hard to improve his AR scores - keep up the good work.
Poplars	Ralph S	For a fantastic piece of independent writing in English using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and great vocabulary choices. Keep it up
Junipers	Jessica H	Jess is always such a hard worker in every lesson! This week she has been a fantastic role model, welcoming our new student and showing our HEART values.
Laurels	Lena	To celebrate her creativity in her writing, where she always pushes herself to make great vocabulary choices.
Elms	Ayda S	Ayda has ensured that she has learned all the songs and dances ready for Young Voices and consistently performs them with enthusiasm during our practices. Well done Ayda; I hope you have a great day today!
Oaks	Max I	For shining through in everything he does. We notice how hard you are trying and the wonderful effort you are putting into your learning.
Redwoods	Harrison H	For a brilliant return to school this term, displaying amazing effort and achievement in all lessons, especially in maths.

Calendar of Events for Term 3

3rd February – Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country 9:45 – 12 (Selected children)

10th February – Year 3 and 4 Cross Country 9:45 – 12 (Selected children)

13th February – Last day of term

(Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th – CADS Pantomimes in School Hall)

Start of Term 4

23rd February – First day of term

24th and 25th February – Parents Evening

26th February – Dance Performance at the Cresset

3rd March – Class Photos

5th March – Year 5 Assembly & World Book Day

12th and 13th March - Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Stall – Information to follow

Term Dates are on our school website – please click [here](#)

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-z16tu0bjogxihihd>

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.

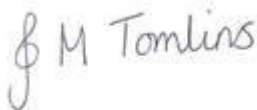
A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

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.