

Weekly Newsletter Friday 19th September 2025

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 23rd September - Flu Vaccinations
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - Half Term
Monday 17th November - School Photos
Friday 19th December - Last day before Christmas
Monday 5th January 2026 - Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6th January - Back to School



TUCK TROLLEY



At the School Site, the tuck trolley will be running again on Thursdays and Fridays. If your child would like something, please send cash in with them on the day.

Prices are between 40p - 60p.



If you haven't already done so, please send back any completed data sheets to the office as soon as possible.



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STARS CLASS NEWS



It's been a good start to the new academic year. Stars Class have moved into a new bigger classroom and have spent the first couple of weeks getting used to their new friends and the adults who help them. We've worked on our physical targets through standing, walking and swimming and enjoyed sharing some sensory stories and play together. Our theme for this term is "Going to the Shops" and we are reading the book *Supertato* this half term. Each week we are looking at a different colour and some food from the story. This week we have had fun exploring frozen peas and doing some painting using green broccoli and cucumber!



REQUEST FROM THE VIEW

if anyone has a large toy box they no longer need, or a fish tank with pump then please could you consider donating them to The View. It would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

SATURDAY FAMILY SWIMMING

Our Saturday swims are a lovely opportunity for our learners to use our wonderful hydrotherapy pool with their parents or carers. We have trained staff on site to run the sessions and changing areas for the adults to use as well as the children.

Sessions will be available on the following dates:

20th September

4th & 18th October

15th & 29th November

13th December

(Sessions are from 10am-12pm)

If you are interested in booking a session, please text Sophie on 07563028458.

In your message please leave your name, your child's name and which session you would be interested in.

Please note that children must have at least a 1:1 ratio in the pool but an adult can also sit on the side.



Southview College

is hosting



When - Friday 26th September 2025

At Southview business room

From – 10-12

R.S.V.P – Phoenix class in College

Poster design by Clayton Freeman

Please come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning in our brand new business room!

There will be a raffle on the day of an amazing cake made by the lovely Sam in Pluto Class.



If you can make it, please let us know by either sending a note in, for Phoenix Class or emailing Cobi on cobia@southview.essex.sch.uk and she will let us know numbers.



Hope lots of you can come and support this amazing cause!



Bright Lives is a day centre situated in Greenstead Colchester and it is actually split across two buildings. The first building is the 'day centre' area which is wheelchair accessible and has a lift to the first floor if needed, with disabled toilet facilities/bench and hoist. In this building they are facilitating people from the age of 16 upwards with different crafts, arts, sensory room, adapted kitchen, chill out zones and activities for all abilities. People from this building also go out into the community at least twice a week.

The second building is nearer to The Hythe in Colchester, again it is accessible for wheelchairs, has disabled toilet facilities/bench and hoist, adapted kitchen and eating area, classroom and chill out areas. This building is called the Independent Living Resource Centre (ILRC), here people are supported to cook for themselves, order taxis, go on a bus, go into town and find facilities they need etc. This area is more geared up for moving on into the community either in supported care or independent living. Bright Lives have their own transport and will pick up and deliver home, their students totally free. They will have people in to visit but prefer not to just have one 'taster day', they think that having one day a week, for a month or so, is a better indication of whether a person is suited to this centre and this can be arranged at a reduced price or free of charge.

Bright Lives is open most of the year, preferring not to close as it can stress some of their students who like a routine. They are open all through school holidays for our students who are still at Southview and would like to use these centres. The centre has just purchased 'The Boat House' building on Walton sea front, which they hope to turn into a business that the students can run for the public.

Please see next page for pricing.

Bright Lives provision pricing: 1st April 2025

FREE transport (three days or more) throughout North Essex where available

- **Basic rate £92.28 (none challenging, no personal care)**
- **Basic rate including personal care £126.85.**
- **Enhanced rate to include challenging behaviour and personal care, enhanced support, non-dedicated key worker £144.05.**
- **Dedicated high needs, dedicated one2one rates including all personal care £186.00.**
- **Hot lunch available to all. (We ask that £2.50 contribution per day is paid towards this opportunity to help towards costs)**
- **Transport costs for less than three days a week to contribute towards the costs for Clacton, Harwich also Witham £35.00 per day.**
 - o **Local journeys less than 10miles will be charged at £25.00 per day.**

Current service offerings:

- **Where possible students will be encouraged to cook their own meal or participate in batch cooking of meals.**
- **Bright Lives specialises in person centred life skills development, leading to greater independence, and where possible towards employability and volunteering.**
- **Mixed ability centre person centred to develop their full potential.**
- **Independent Living and resource centre (ILRC) for more able students to develop self-confidence and awareness of their skills and abilities, focused on access to volunteering in the community as well as helping the student to reach their potential.**
- **Next steps development centre: Advanced Asdan centre held offsite at the Colbea Business centre.**

To develop the student further into employment or identify other work opportunities (volunteering) formal ASDAN Employability training.
- **Access to the underdog film and music studios.**
- **Work programme and volunteering opportunities at our new Walton-on-the-Naze site.**