

Weekly Newsletter Friday 19th December 2025

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE

DIARY DATES

Monday 5th January 2026 - Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6th January - Back to School

The pool have asked, for the new year, if we could ensure that all swimwear and towels are clearly named, to avoid items going missing.

Thank you.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

A reminder for you of the SEND Forward Transition Event which is being held by Mid and North Essex Special Schools and Colleges.

Wednesday 21st January 2026 10 am - 4 pm
Marks Tey Parish Hall (CO 6 1EJ)

Information event aimed at students transitioning to further education, employment, supported living or social care provisions.

- Tea and coffee will be available, served by students from Colchester Institute.
- Pizza will be served from approx 12:30 pm.

SEND FORWARD 

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GALAXY CLASS NEWS

Hello everyone, over the past few weeks in Galaxy we have been enjoying getting ready for Christmas time! We have decorated the room and put our tree up, and the learners and staff have worked on our Christmas door display.

We've had Christmas stories and tac-pac sessions, baked Christmas fruit cake, made cards and decorations to go home, had a trip to see the displays at Perrywood's garden centre and rocked out to a lot of Christmas songs!

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!



Some students from the school went on a trip to the local ice skating rink. Clearly, a lot of icy fun was had!



A mix of students from school and college went to see the Aladdin panto at the Chelmsford TheatreOh yes they did!!





Christmas Door Competition



Classes over both sites decorated their class doors for Christmas. Two students from college judged the school doors and two students from the school judged the college doors. The winners were.....

Phoenix & Sunshine!



Well done to all the classes. These are a selection of our festive doors.



The Jigsaw Centre (Autism Anglia)

227 Gosbecks Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 9JT

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When visiting The Jigsaw Centre in Colchester the overwhelming feeling of calm and order hits you as you enter the building. The staff offer personalised approaches that provide the individuals who use this service with the skills and strategies to enable them to realise their own strengths and abilities. The centre provides a range of person-centred activities for autistic adults over the age of 18, (although taster sessions could be arranged for age 17 prior to attending the centre).

These activities can include:

Social and Creative Studies – learning crafts and skills toward employment in a clear and spacious area.

Art and Textiles – learning and developing art and textiles skills using a wide range of assorted media.

Life Skills – well equipped room where abilities such as basic literacy, numeracy, money handling and everyday domestic skills essential to support independence are taught.

Horticulture – two allotments with a greenhouse and sheds to work in and around, working from seed to harvest with different activities to suit everyone.

Music, Movement & Wellbeing – Incorporating exercising (indoors, outdoors and off-site), music (from accompaniment to production), drama, sensory focussed activities and multi-media skills and much more.

Everyone who attends any of the activities receives support and guidance at a maximum ratio of two people to each instructor. The centre runs on two floors (without a lift), so this centre would not suit wheelchair users.

The centre accept direct referrals, or support can be privately funded or funded through the local authority through direct payment/personal budget. A referral for this will need to be made to social care, who will complete financial and care assessments prior to approving funding. A morning session with 2:1 instruction and support is £77.04 (same for afternoon session).

Whole day with 2:1 instruction and support: £140.04 (with 1-1 instruction and support: £280.08).

For further information or to make a referral you can call: 01206-561877.

This truly was a lovely centre to be in where everyone seemed happy to be in their own space around people they were very comfortable with doing activities they had chosen to do in a way which suited them.

Definitely worth a visit!

Lisa Ranfield



SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

January 2026

To book your place, please email us @ penny.meadow@achievetogether.co.uk at your earliest convenience as places are limited. ONLY people booked onto the activity BEFORE THE CUT OFF DATE will be able to attend these days.

THE LAST DAY TO BOOK ONTO THESE ACTIVITIES IS.....

Monday 22nd December 2025

Saturday 17th January – Bugsy Malone @ Palace Theatre Southend

We are off to Southend Theatre to watch an all-time classic performance of Bugsy Malone! There will be fun, laughter and probably a lot of mess with foam spraying guns! Brunch will be provided at Penny Meadow before we set off to Southend. The timings of this day will be different from normal due to the showing times.



Saturday 31st January – Colchester Zoo

We don't visit this place very much but after many requests from the Meadowers we are going to beat those winter blues and spend a day with the hundreds of animals at Colchester Zoo. Once we have spent the morning seeing some of the animals, we will warm ourselves up in the onsite café with hot drinks and a warm lunch, before enjoying the rest of what the zoo has to offer.

