

Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd January 2026

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE

DIARY DATES

- Friday 13th February - Lower School Valentine's Disco
- Friday 13th February - Upper School Valentine's Day
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Sale
- Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day
- Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 13th April - Non Pupil Day
- Friday 24th April - Hep B Vaccinations (dose 1)
- Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May - Hep B Vaccinations (dose 2)
- Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Non Pupil Day

*Greetings Southview school
we are pleased to announce it's going to
be the valentines day sale on the 12th for school and
13th for college Feb so get your chocolates
and love notes then have fun!*



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VENUS CLASS NEWS

We've had an exciting, imaginative beginning to 2026, filled with dinosaurs, colour-changing science, creative art, and a very funny story that the children have loved exploring. Here's a peek at what we've been learning.

Science – Colour-Changing Experiments

In Science we have become little explorers by finding out where did dinosaurs come from, what they ate and experimented



with changing colours by using different household materials. We started our experiment by boiling red cabbage, then used the cooled down water to test it against lemon, vinegar, water, baking soda and washing powder.

We described what we saw, we made predictions about what will happen and checked against them and we used scientific language like same different, fizzing, mixing, and changing. At the end at everyone's request we did mix our ingredients so we can have a dinosaur explosion!



Maths – Counting, Measuring & Comparing.



Dinosaurs gave us the perfect opportunity to explore maths in a hands-on way.

- We practised counting using dinosaur counters and sorted them by size, colour, and type.
- Some of us worked on addition and subtraction using dinosaur-themed numbers.
- Not related to dinosaurs but we have also worked on what we would find on a shopping list and how much certain items cost.



Art – Dinosaur Creations

Our art lessons took us back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. We created footprints using our own feet, used darker colours to create a background for our dinosaurs. Our classroom will soon look like a mini Jurassic world.



On Friday we have our Dinosaur Day and we are looking forward to creating more amazing dinosaur art and even exploring fossils.

English – Reading *The Dinosaur That Pooped a Planet*

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this hilarious story by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter.



- We talked about the characters, setting, and the silly problem the dinosaur gets into.
- We practiced using story language such as first, next, then, and finally.
- Some of us matched the characters in the story
- Some of us identified the verbs in paragraphs from the story



This book has sparked so much laughter and creativity!



SEND Careers & Job Fair

Join us for a FREE friendly and supportive careers event hosted by ACL in partnership with Young People with Disabilities social care.

- Meet inclusive employers and pathway planners
- Learn about the support available
- Explore options that are right for you



Address: ACL
Colchester, Barrack
Steet, Colchester



Date: Friday 13th
February 2026



Time: 10:00 - 16:00



Address: ACL Clacton,
St Osyth Road,
Clacton



Date: Tuesday 17th
February 2026



Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Please join us for either event, or both!