

Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE

DIARY DATES

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term
- Wednesday 4th March - Year 8 & 9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day (Dress Up)
- Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Sale
- Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)
- 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



Valentine's Day

Everyone at the College site has been writing hearts to show our friends and family how much we love them!

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PHOENIX CLASS NEWS



In Phoenix Class we have been getting to know our two teachers Reece Chalmers and Megan Garrity, they have been introducing us to some very interesting lessons around functional maths, communication and community links which are all connected to us individually, our futures, hobbies and life skills. We still enjoy our food tech and swimming sessions where we are becoming more and more independent in lots of ways. Our enterprise sessions this half term have focussed on Valentine's Day, and we have all been feeling the love while making lots of cards and gifts for everyone to purchase at the end of this week.



Some of Phoenix Class as well as Griffin Class have been experiencing going out into the community to have some work experience. Some of us have been learning about how shops work and the skills needed to serve customers, put clothing out on to rails or even sort through the merchandise. Others have been helping with webpages and promotional leaflets in businesses which could easily lead to a job after Southview.



Other students have been visiting different day centre provisions to see what is out there for our students after Southview College, and parents have been very grateful for this vital insight into how their young adults coped in another setting.



Our Southview Seal of Approval is still going on in Witham Town and some of the shops are proudly showing their stickers and certificates for all to see that their business is accessible and supportive of people with disabilities. We are hoping to invite the managers of these businesses into College to show them what it is really like to be in a wheelchair and teach them about some different ways to communicate with people who might use Makaton, symbols or an AAC device.

This week we have been practicing our communication skills by having 'mock interviews', answering questions about ourselves, our skills and what we are proud of with some unfamiliar people, a vital skill for being in the community.



Internet Safety Week

As part of internet safety week, Pluto class looked at some fun ways we can use AI, and how to do it safely. They made some great pictures!

