

Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st May 2026

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE



DIARY DATES

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term
Monday 1st June - Non Pupil Day
Thursday 18th June - School site Father's Day Sale
Friday 19th June - College site Father's Day Sale
Friday 3rd July - Non Pupil Day

We are currently updating our Relationships and Sex Education policy. We would welcome any feedback or questions related to our curriculum. Please find a copy of the draft on the school website [RSE Policy](#) or a printed copy can be made available to you. Please refer any feedback around our policy to AssistantHead@southview.essex.sch.uk.

Thank you,
Shane

SNAP organises a unique and diverse calendar of Specialist Talks, Courses, Webinars, and Coffee Mornings for parents and professionals.

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Please email info@snapcharity.org to book or register your interest for our Spring Term talks.

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VENUS CLASS NEWS

Hello everyone! Venus class has had a brilliant few weeks.

We have been extremely busy getting the front of our class ready for the summer, we have worked hard in maths – counting to 20 and backwards and loved our English lessons. We had a fantastic time in English this term and their enjoyment really shines through! They love story time and are happy to choose books, chat about the characters, and retell events in order. Their reading is growing daily as they use phonics to decode new words.



Counting games are a real hit in Venus class and we all love getting involved in counting to 20, backwards from 20, counting in 2s and 3s. Matching activities are also something all learners enjoy taking part in – from matching number to number to pairing numerals with sets and spotting the same amount in dominoes or different objects.

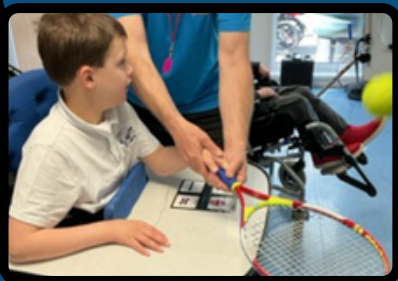
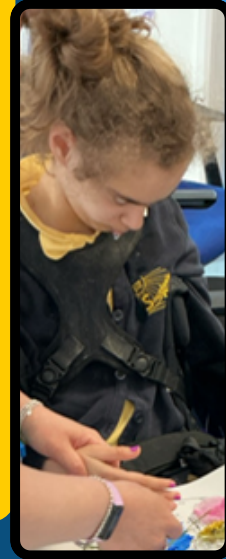


Some learners have also worked on their time tables, division and negative numbers.

We are all so excited about science lessons in Venus Class! All learners are wonderfully curious and love to explore, observe, and talk about what they notice. They listen well during investigations and are keen to share ideas, which brings lots of happy buzz and giggles during discussions! And most of all they all love it when something goes wrong.

On the 21st of March we celebrated Earth Day by creating our own Earth decorated with resources that we found in the garden.

With the weather improving greatly and summer around the corner we have also spent time outside playing alongside our friends from different classes from upper school. This is proving to be a popular activity that has been requested and enjoyed by everyone.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the lovely learners and parents that I have worked with for the past 17 years. It has been a great privilege to get to know you all and I am sure we will see each other soon in some capacity.

HOLIDAY FAMILY SWIMMING

Our holiday 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.

We have the following sessions available:

July:

27th - 13.00 - 14.30

29th - 10.00 - 11.30

31st - 13.00 - 14.30

August:

3rd - 10.00 - 11.30

5th - 13.00 - 14.30

7th - 10.00 - 11.30

10th - 10.00 - 11.30

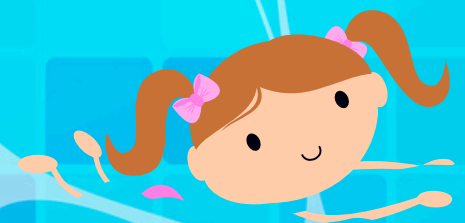
12th - 13.00 - 14.30

14th - 10.00 - 11.30

If you are interested in booking a session, please email Emma on emmap@southview.essex.sch.uk.

In your email please state 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.



We have been enjoying the sunshine at The View this week and everyone is settling in well. All the students are getting on well and are enjoying staying at The View.

This week, the students enjoyed making their own pizzas and playing with the outdoor games.

Hope everyone has a great Bank holiday weekend and hopefully my beloved Ipswich Town make a comeback to the Premier League this weekend!

Best wishes,
George



Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in Reception (4-5 years) and Year 6 (10-11 years). The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around 20 minutes and can be completed online (or on paper, if preferred – see below). It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a prize draw to win one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

For more details, [visit our website.](#)

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk.

Thank you for supporting this important research,
The SHINE Study Team



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