

Weekly Newsletter Friday 17th July 2026

SOUTHVIEW SCHOOL & COLLEGE



DIARY DATES

Monday 20th July - End of term BBQ

Tues 21st July - Mon 31st August - Summer Holidays

Monday 24th August - Dom's Day

Tues 1st & Weds 2nd September - Non Pupil Days

Thursday 3rd September - Back to School

Monday 28th September - SEND Roadshow



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello
Summer!

It really doesn't seem like a year since I've last sent this message!
As always, it has been a privilege and a pleasure working with your wonderful children. As the year draws to a close, I wanted to wish you all a happy, and relaxing, summer break.

We will look forward to what September and the new year brings. We've lots of exciting new plans coming on line and we're particularly looking forward to our new Physiotherapist, Freya, and therapy team coming on board. I'm very confident this will make a very positive impact on what we can offer your children - exciting times ahead!

With best wishes,
Julian

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

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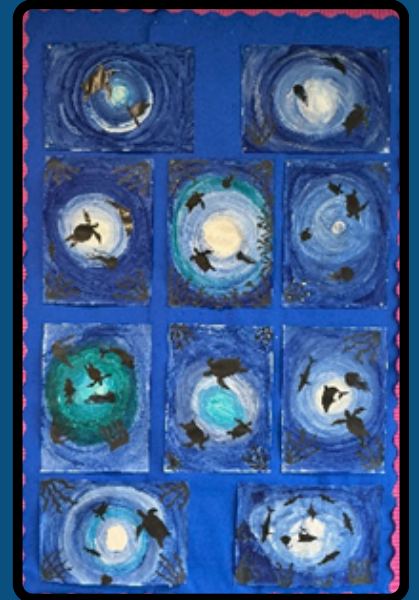
GRIFFIN CLASS NEWS



It has been a very busy term in Griffin class where we have been studying ecosystems, we have learned all about food chains, biodiversity and the World around us. We have found where continents and oceans are and as part of World Ocean day we have created art pieces and researched which creatures live in which oceans, how climate change has affected them and the adaptations they make to survive.

We really enjoyed a visit from a local beekeeper, Karen Butler, who told us all about the lives of bees and how to look after them. We were able to try on her beekeeping equipment and sample some of her honey. They are very hard working and incredibly clever creatures and it was a fascinating experience.

We have also enjoyed following the World Cup and have had our own class sweepstake, we each researched our chosen country and located it on the world map, we have been keeping score as we went along and used the results to practise our maths skills.



EXAMS



A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Alfie B, Laila-Rose, and Carly from Phoenix Class, as well as Riley G, and Lewis from Griffin Class for undertaking their Functional Skills and Entry Level exams this term.

They've worked so hard, have done incredibly well, and should be very proud - I know we, at Southview, are!

Dom's Day



Join us for a round of golf and a meal,
raising money for
Southview Special Needs School

Date: Monday 24th August

Time: 8 AM to register

9 AM Tee-Off

Location:

Benton Hall Golf Club, Witham

Dom is leaving Southview this year and wants to leave behind something for all the students to use to help keep them healthy. He wants to raise enough money to buy a golf simulator, like the one he saw during work experience at Golf Dynamica, Witham. Please help Dom achieve this.



Cost: £75 for 18 holes and a meal
£35 for Benton Hall members

To book:

Call Golf Dynamica of 01376 337473

or

visit The Grove Centre, Witham, CM8 2YT
golfdynamica.co.uk

Everyone is welcome to come along, support this wonderful cause, have a drink and some lunch, and take part in the raffle.

If you would like to sponsor one of the
holes for £100 or you are able to donate
to the raffle please contact
Golf Dynamica





Southview SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Parents and carers of children attending Southview and Chatten Free school are invited to a SEND Local Offer Roadshow. We would also welcome SENCOs from our local schools.

The roadshow is a chance to meet services from education, social care and support organisations all in one place. We hope it will be an opportunity to share information and ask questions, in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

We look forward to welcoming you.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book.
Children are welcome!



Drop in anytime between 9.30am and 12.30pm



Monday 28 September 2026



Southview College, Conrad Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 2SD



Scan the QR code or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-send-local-offer-roadshows>

Fun for everyone!

Mersea Island Festival

A great escape on the Essex coast!



new challenges



new thrills



new experiences

Inclusive Summer Activities



friends made

*Camp prices include activities,
meals and accommodation*



friends reunited

Sponsored places available
See website for details

Day places from
£44.50 per person

Week Camp
Sunday 23rd to
Friday 28th August 2026

Prices from £329.00 per person

Weekend Camp
Friday 28th to
Monday 31st August 2026

Archery • Zipwire • Circus Skills
Climbing • Paddle Boarding
Music Workshops • Swimming
Speedboat • Fishing • Art Tent
Kayaking • Pedal Karts
Band Workshop • Live Music
Discos • And much more!



For further information or to book

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What is it?

Running for over 40 years on the Essex coast, Festival brings together those with or without a disability to try out new and challenging activities, develop their independence, make new friends ~ and all while having loads of fun!!!

Over 300 people come from all over the UK to the week-long camp, the weekend camp, a day visit, or the whole Festival! The Festival is ideal for Phab and Gateway clubs, youth groups and families with young people with a disability.



What's on offer?

A wide variety of exciting activities and workshops that are fun but also challenge and stimulate, helping to build self-confidence and develop self-esteem in participants. Take a look at our website for some examples and more details.

Activities and workshops take place during the day, and in the evening there is live music, discos, themed nights or our legendary Camp Concert!



Accommodation and food

Accommodation is mostly under canvas, with some beds in cabins for those who find it impossible to sleep in a tent. Meals are provided by our catering team and all dietary requirements are catered for. Snack and drinks are available during the entertainment each evening, as well as a licensed bar.

Accessibility and support

The whole site is on one level and all facilities are wheelchair accessible. First Aid cover is provided. Our team of volunteers are on hand to make sure that everyone can have a fun and great experience, whatever their ability. Unfortunately they are not able to provide individual support and those who receive regular assistance should come along with a friend, supporter or as part of a group. **Please contact us to discuss any individual needs to make sure you get the most from your stay.**

