

21 March 2025



Sawston
Village College

Dear Parents/Carers

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Anyone fortunate to have watched *Uprising*, involving 21 of our pupils, last weekend at Saffron Hall, will have left uplifted and inspired. Singing alongside the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and professional opera singers will be an experience the pupils will never forget. Congratulations to all involved. Now that it's officially spring, we have been able to open the field again to the delight of the pupils. We ask that pupils are actively encouraged to pick up their litter at school, at home and in the community; it is always a sadness when we have to close the field due to the unthinking acts of a minority. In aid of Comic Relief and as part of our Spirit Week at the end of term, we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 4th April.

NEW Parent Governor Elections

We are very pleased to have received five nominations for the vacant position of Parent Governor. We will be holding an election over the next two weeks. Parents/carers will receive communication about the process and their voting forms next week.

NEW Easter Free School Meal Vouchers

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme for the Easter holiday using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council. They are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Each eligible pupil will be issued a supermarket voucher for £30 and further information was sent out to eligible families earlier this week. Vouchers will be delivered by email or text by the end of the day on Saturday 5th April. All vouchers must be claimed by 3.00 pm on Friday 9th May 2025. Unclaimed vouchers cannot be reinstated after this date.

Please contact holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with any questions about the scheme.

Details of how to apply for income related Free School Meals can be found [here](#) – there is a simple application form which only requires a few details for an instant eligibility check.

NEW Y11 group photograph

The Y11 group photograph is now available to purchase via Tempest Photography's website. Parents and carers have received an email today which provides details of how to place an order. A free 'deliver to school' option is available for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packaging. If you need assistance or



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have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the 'contact' button on the Tempest home page htempest.co.uk.

REMINDER Parent Support Group (Neurodivergent children)

The SEND department will be hosting the next support group for parents and carers of neurodivergent children who attend the College on Wednesday 26th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please contact Mrs Horlock at shorlock@sawstonvc.org to express interest in attending.

REMINDER Easter clinics for missed vaccinations

The school vaccination team for Cambridge and Peterborough are running vaccination sessions during the Easter holiday. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) for further details.

NICE TO KNOW Arts and Spirit Weeks

The Pupil Senate are looking forward to running an Arts theme week next week followed by a school 'Spirit Week' during the last week of term. Pupils will be encouraged to engage in a range of Arts focused activities in mentor time and assemblies w/b 24th March. The aim of Spirit Week is to bring the school community together with some fun activities during mentor time in w/b 31st March. These activities will culminate with a non-Uniform day on the 4th April to raise money for Comic Relief. Parents/carers can make a suggested donation of £1 via Wisepay to support this worthy cause.

NICE TO KNOW At Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre

Come and join us for the final NT Live production of this term on Thursday 27th March. See Steve Coogan take on four roles in the world premiere stage adaption of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece Dr Strangelove. This explosively funny satire is led by the creative team of Emmy Award-winner Armando Iannucci and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley. Tickets (£10.00) are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema>.

NICE TO KNOW Assemblies - A Sense of belonging and Respect

This week, assemblies have focused on A Sense of belonging and Respect. A number of our Anti Bullying Ambassadors designed and delivered a fantastic assembly that they presented to each year group. The Ambassadors explored why we need to belong and how we can include each other and celebrate diversity. It was a positive, thoughtful and considerate message that was well received by pupils. Well done to them and thank you to all pupils for being respectful audiences.

COMMUNITY Parent Carer Hub

The Caring Together charity will be running their Parent carer hub on the fourth Thursday of every month in Great Shelford. The meetings provide an opportunity for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs to meet.

For further details, including the time and location, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

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Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Jonathan Russell