

14 November 2025



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round Up**

On what has been a dreadful day weatherwise, the pupils have brightened everyone's spirits with some colourful choices of non-uniform in aid of Children in Need. Thank you everyone for the money raised so far for this wonderful cause. Today, we hosted visitors from Oman who visited Science and Geography lessons, commenting positively on the pupils' conceptual understanding and their level of focus and respectful attitudes. On Tuesday, we marked Armistice Day with an act of remembrance; the two minutes' silence was observed by pupils with the utmost respect. We also found out this week that Uprising - a community opera project which involved our pupils - won a prestigious Ivor award; participants will no doubt feel really proud to read the news. Y11s will be relieved that their mock exams come to an end after Monday; well done to the pupils for working so hard and conducting themselves so well. Finally, a reminder that the College will be closed on Wednesday 19th, allowing staff to moderate exams, undertake some training on assessment practice and complete other mandatory training.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE College Closed Wednesday 19th November**

Parents are reminded that the College will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 19th November for staff training.

### **NEW Children In Need**

Thank you for your contributions for Children in Need. The total raised so far is £1123.26. If you still wish to make a donation, you can do so via WisePay.

### **NEW Year 7 Information Evening**

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 7 are invited to attend our Year 7 Information Evening on Tuesday 18th November. This event will take place in the Henry Morris Hall, starting at 6 pm. Please see the separate letter from Mrs Wagstaff for further details. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wagstaff ([ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org](mailto:ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org)).

### **NEW Ivor award – the Best Community and Participation Composition**

In March this year pupils joined the youth chorus in a production of the new Jonathan Dove opera *Uprising* at Saffron Hall. It was a tremendous production and so we are delighted to hear that it has won an Ivor award – the Best Community and Participation Composition at the Ivors Classical Awards. Please visit our website [here](#) for further information.



ANGLIAN LEARNING

FRAMEWORK FOR  
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP  
IN EDUCATION  
PATHFINDERArtsmark  
Platinum Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council EnglandPROUD TO BE A  
MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL  
2024 - 2025

### **REMINDER Year 9 individual photographs**

Year 9 individual photographs will be taking place on Monday 17th November. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform, including sweatshirt, and that expectations regarding make-up and jewellery are adhered to. Tempest Photography will send proofs of the photographs in the coming weeks, which your child will bring home. Should you wish, orders can then be placed on the Tempest Photography website.

### **NICE TO KNOW Remembrance**

Sawston Village College observed a two-minute silence on Tuesday while members of the Senate, the Principal and a Governor laid wreaths at our memorials to local people who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars <https://sawstonvc.org/remembrance-2025/>

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Wishing you a happy weekend,

Jonathan Russell