

7 November 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

It was a pleasure to take ex-Bellbird pupils to the public unveiling of the new art work at the South Cambridge Science Centre on Dale Manor Business Park. Together with two creative Y9 pupils, who designed the benches, the now Y7 pupils had participated in a workshop at their primary school with the sculptor Harry Gray who designed 'The Seed'. Hopefully, the trip will have inspired future artists, scientists and construction workers and the pupils will return again as adults to see their legacy. You too have an opportunity to see some of our pupils' artwork at the Anglian Learning Platform 25 art exhibition in Cambridge, open from Tuesday at the Michaelhouse Cafe. It's always worth a visit. Mock exams continue next week for Y11- we wish them well with their revision. We will have a non-uniform day for Children in Need next Friday.

NEW Christmas Holiday Activities and Food Programme

We have sent out a letter to all eligible families on behalf of the Local Authority regarding the Cambridgeshire Holiday and Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. Eligible pupils, in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating local holiday scheme for up to 16 hours, free of charge. This Christmas, family experiences are included. An eligibility voucher with a booking code will be sent on 10th November, the date on which bookings open. If you have any questions, please contact The Cambridgeshire HAF Team: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

NEW Flu vaccination

The School Immunisation Team have completed their visits to the school to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive their vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via this link:

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

Current clinics are available in Cambridge and Huntingdon, more clinics will be added during November and December. Booking is essential to be able to attend the clinics.

NEW Children In Need

The Ethos Forum is again looking to support the BBC Children in Need appeal this year. They are running a number of events in school on Friday 17th November. They are organising a non-uniform day to help raise money for this charity. For a £1 donation towards the appeal pupils will be allowed to wear their own clothes for the day. The donation can be made through the Wisepay from Monday 10th November.



ANGLIAN LEARNING



FRAMEWORK FOR
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
IN EDUCATION
PATHFINDER



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



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NEW Site Update

The old Health and Social Care/DI Hub Mobile has been demolished. Given the weather, we have also been able to reseed the field rather than wait for spring. Work has begun in the Sports Hall and Gymnasium but only investigatory work as exams are taking place in an adjacent hall. We are being very careful to minimise any disruption. Foundation works have started in the main compound. Unfortunately, the kiosk has yet to be moved but plans are still to achieve this later this half-term. Finally, we hope to move into the temporary PE rooms once building control has been fully signed off this month. Another polite reminder that there can be no parking on the bus bays between 7.30-9am and 2.30-3.30pm. This area is also out of bounds to pupils (except for access to buses) and they should not use the Arts/Sport Centre gate entrance or exit.

REMINDER Platform 25 - Art Exhibition

Anglian Learning is looking forward to the launch of its annual art exhibition featuring works from across the Trust's secondaries and sixth form. The exhibition is held in the Michaelhouse Centre, in Trinity Street in the centre of Cambridge. The Private View takes place on Monday, 10th November from 6pm to 8pm, and the exhibition is then up for two weeks. Michaelhouse Centre runs as a cafe during the day so if you are in the centre of Cambridge, please do drop in to see the work. We are very proud of the Sawston pupils whose work has been chosen for this prestigious exhibition and look forward to seeing their work in this lovely venue.

NICE TO KNOW Remembrance

We will hold a two minute silence on Tuesday 11th November. You may be interested in the [slides](#) we shared with pupils in assemblies this week.

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Wishing you a fruitful weekend,

Jonathan Russell