

12 December 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

We hosted a music event for Icknield Primary school on Wednesday and took our pupils to the King's College Carols in Cambridge. Thank you to all who attended the Y11 Parents' Evening last night and to all pupils who are busily preparing and supporting some of the charitable work next week. The final week of the year approaches with opportunities for festive cheer and reflection culminating in the Great St Mary's Carol Service on Thursday 18th. Christmas dinner will be served to those with tickets on Wednesday 17th; pupils without tickets will have a chance to buy food through the Grab' n Go. Wednesday is also Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Jimmy's. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Pride Group will be running a Winter Market on Thursday - pupils may wish to bring some coins to spend. The Sawston Give programme will see lots of shoeboxes delivered to support homeless young people and an additional food collection for John Huntingdon's Charity. Finally, we will close at 12.20pm on Friday 19th.

NEW Punctuality

We are seeking parental support to ensure pupils arrive at school on time. We will continue in the new year to monitor lateness and to talk to late pupils about the importance of punctuality now and in their future workplace. Mentor time starts at 8.30am, pupils should arrive at the school gates at 8.25am.

NEW Police warning about e-scooters

We would like to bring to your attention police concerns regarding buying e-scooters for young people especially at this time of year. It should be noted that e-scooters are not allowed on the school site. The information can be found [here](#).

NEW Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Pride Club Winter Market

On Thursday 18th December, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Pride Club will be hosting a Winter Market at lunchtime. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to showcase their creativity and teamwork while raising funds for inclusive charities and school events that celebrate diversity and kindness.

Pupils will be able to purchase (cash only) delicious treats and beautiful handmade crafts. Every contribution helps support initiatives that make our school a welcoming and positive environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

REMINDER Flu vaccination

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. Vaccination UK has several community catch-up clinics available this weekend. Please use this link to book an appointment



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If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **can change** your consent. Please call our office on 01480 275422, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

REMINDER Sawston Give initiative

In November, we launched our annual Sawston Give initiative. This annual tradition brings pupils together in their mentor groups to create shoeboxes filled with thoughtful items for young people aged 16–24 who are living in sheltered accommodation. These boxes ensure they have something special to open on Christmas Day.

Details of our partnership with three local charities for the festive season can be found [here](#). Please note the deadlines for donations. Thank you in advance for your support for the campaign.

NICE TO KNOW Folk Group and Recorder Ensemble

On Wednesday afternoon 18 musicians, ranging from Y7 to Y10, entertained Y3 and 4 pupils from Icknield Primary school, treating them to repertoire from the Recorder Ensemble and the Folk Group. The delightful group of pupils had the opportunity to ask questions about the music and the instruments, and we even had some audience participation when three of the KS2 audience came up to add a percussion track to the folk group's final number. SVC pupils were exemplary, talking about their own musical experiences and musical journey and occasionally coping with the music blowing off the stands!

NICE TO KNOW Paper Sculpting Workshops

Our Y10 artists have enjoyed full day workshops this week, working to create large sculptures from paper and card with artist Michael Condron. Michael Condron was awarded the public art commission for Strawberry Fields, the new development in Stapleford, and, as part of his work towards completing this, he is working with different groups across the community. We have enjoyed having him in school, and pupils have benefited from learning more about his practice and seeing previous public art projects he has completed. He will be joining us again in the last week of term to help pupils finish the works they are creating.

NICE TO KNOW Debate Club

At the end of November, 24 excited Sawston Debate Club students took the C7 bus and faced the infamous Cambridge rush-hour traffic to attend a joint debate session with Parkside Community College. The motion was *This House Believes that Art is Dead and We Don't Care*. Teams were mixed, so Sawston speakers spoke with (and competed against) Parkside students: it was a wonderful opportunity for inter-school collaboration while keeping a healthy competitive edge. It was a great afternoon, and we're looking forward to welcoming Parkside to our school for the next 'friendly'!

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Wishing you a happy weekend,

Jonathan Russell