

13 February 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

What an absolute delight it was to watch SYD's *We Will Rock You*, featuring pupils past and present. The cast put on a stunning show which has its closing night tomorrow. Congratulations to all involved. This week our Y10 Art pupils enjoyed a day at the National Portrait Gallery in London creating some excellent sketches. The History Berlin trip left yesterday with two coaches of excited pupils travelling overnight; let's hope they achieved some sleep as they have a packed and inspiring itinerary ahead. They have arrived safely in Berlin. This week we have begun our Y9 Options guidance meetings and pupils have impressed us with their mature reflection on their choices; it has been a privilege to listen to their hopes and dreams for the future. Finally, today, whilst pupils enjoyed a day off, our staff training focused on Oracy with some time also to consider the migration from SIMS to Bromcom. Our guest was renowned national speaker Geoff Barton, Chair of the Oracy Education Commission and Chair of the IPPR Inclusion Taskforce, who gave us a great deal of food for thought. We wish all families a well-deserved break and look forward to pupils returning on Monday 23rd February.

NEW Children's Mental Health Week

To coincide with Children's Mental Health Week, we are delighted to be launching the next phase of our Mental Health: It's Not All in the Mind webinar series. Please see [here](#) for further details.

NEW Newsletter

This half term's newsletter is now on our website. To find out what all the different departments in school have been up to this busy half term, go to <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>

NEW Y11 group photograph

The Y11 group photograph will take place on Thursday 26th February, at 2.00 pm. Pupils should be in correct full school uniform, and in keeping with the school policies on hair, make-up and piercings. Pupils not wearing the correct uniform will not be included in the photograph. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



ANGLIAN LEARNING



FRAMEWORK FOR
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
IN EDUCATION
PATHFINDER



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



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[NEW Catering Parent Survey](#)

Innovate is inviting parents to share their feedback on the school food offer by completing a short survey. Your views will help shape future improvements and ensure the offer continues to meet the needs of our school community. The survey is open until the Easter break.

Survey: <https://285qfq1abg1.typeform.com/ParentSurvey26>

[REMINDER February Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers](#)

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme for the February half term holiday. They are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Each eligible pupil will be issued a supermarket voucher for £15 and further information was sent out last week. Vouchers will be delivered by email or text by the end of the day on Saturday 14th February. All vouchers must be claimed by midday on Friday 13th March. 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.

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Wishing you a happy half-term,

Jonathan Russell