

27 February 2026



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round Up**

The power cut on Thursday certainly caused us a scare. Whilst the rest of the village is fully back up and running, we are having to use a generator for all of our electricity. Engineers are investigating a fault with the external power supply and hope to have the situation rectified sometime next week. The good news is the school and Sports Centre are operating as normal. Thankfully, Y11s concert last night was off campus at the Michaelhouse in Cambridge and was a delight for all involved and those lucky enough to watch. Well done to our talented musicians. Talking of talent, we were privileged to welcome back a Y12 former pupil who is currently studying in China on a full scholarship with the Engage with China programme. Lily gave an inspiring talk about her experience, showing how far resilience, independence and determination can take you. Finally, well done to our Y11s on completing their final additional mocks in English and Maths. They also had a nice group photograph taken in the wind yesterday. With revision under way for the start of real exams in less than eight weeks, we continue to wish them all the best with their studies.

### **NEW Management Information System change**

As previously notified, we have been preparing for a change to our management information system. This is the system that underpins the day-to-day running of the school, including timetabling, pupil information, attendance, examinations and home-school communication. The new system, Bromcom, will be going live from Tuesday 3rd March. You will not notice any major changes at first, as this is mainly happening in the background for administrative purposes. However, there will be some slight changes in how communications are sent, so you may notice that emails and text messages appear to be from a new address. A new parent portal will be introduced later in the year, and we are looking to streamline things for parents as we progress with this project. We will update you on this in the summer term. A great deal of planning and testing has gone into this transition and we are confident it will strengthen how we manage information and communicate with you over time.

### **NEW Free Parent Webinar: Helping Your Child Prepare for Exams**

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on **exam preparation** on Tuesday 3rd March from 6pm to 7pm.

Elevate is a national organisation working with a number of schools, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. Our Year 11 pupils took part in an Elevate workshop earlier this year, and will have another this term to focus specifically on exam preparation. This parent webinar is part of a series of sessions designed to help parents to support their children at home.



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Sign up for the session below to learn how you can maximise your child's marks in exams by helping them to prioritise the work that really matters over the next few weeks.

Please click [here](#) to register.

### **NEW Book Week**

Next week is Book Week at SVC. With World Book Day officially happening on Thursday, the Library will be hosting a week of events celebrating all things book-related. It would be great to see as many pupils getting involved as possible; there's a real mix of longer events and 'drop in' style activities depending on pupils' other commitments!

Monday: Library treasure hunt

Tuesday: Creative stations

Wednesday: SVC Book Awards ceremony

Thursday: Library escape room

Friday: Big book quiz

There will also be a raffle running all week with lots of books waiting to be won: entries £1.

2026 is also the National Year of Reading where children, young people, and adults alike are all being encouraged to read a little bit more. We're being asked to 'Go All In' with our hobbies; if you're into it, read into it. It can feel easier said than done, but whether it's magazines, novels, audiobooks, or anything in between, consider where reading could play a bigger role in your regular routines.

If you are interested in supporting the SVC's Library, we have an Amazon wishlist that is regularly updated to reflect titles requested by pupils. The link to make a purchase can be found: [HERE](#).

### **NEW Eating Disorder Awareness Week**

This week marks Eating Disorders Awareness Week (23<sup>rd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March), a national campaign focused on raising awareness, challenging stigma and encouraging early support for people who may be struggling with their relationship with food. [BEAT](#) (The Eating Disorder Charity) has further information and signposting. For specialist support and information, The [Healthy Schools](#) service suggest [PEDS](#) (Personalised Eating Disorders Support), who provide local guidance and support for those affected by eating disorders in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Their website offers helpful information, advice and routes into support. If you have concerns about your child's relationship with food and would like to discuss this with someone in school, please contact your child's Year Lead.

### **NEW GCSE Dance Taster Session**

Interested Y8 and Y9 pupils are invited to a GCSE Dance Taster Session on Monday 16th March, in the Henry Morris Hall at lunchtime. Registration is via a Google form linked in a letter that has been sent to parents. Please note that the form has now been corrected to reflect the year groups invited.

### **[NEW](#) Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

The Local Authority is operating the Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme from 30 March to 10 April. Eligible pupils can attend a participating local holiday scheme for up to 16 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and engagement in enriching experiences is offered. On 2 March, parents will receive a voucher by email or text from hello@holidayactivities.com including a 16-digit booking code for each eligible child.

Further details: [HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf)

### **[COMMUNITY](#) BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's Make a Difference Awards 2026**

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire is searching for outstanding community heroes for the Make a Difference Awards 2026. The awards celebrate the incredible individuals, groups and animals across our community who go above and beyond to help others.

Please click [here](#) for further details, including how to nominate someone. Nominations are open until Monday 31st March.

### **[COMMUNITY](#) Easter holiday netball**

GK fit is running netball fun days in April at Swavesey VC and Netherhall. Please click [here](#) for further details.

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Jonathan Russell