

27 March 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

As you will be able to read in the latest editions of the newsletter and the Fountain linked below, it has been a very busy half-term. Last week, ten of our pupils took part in the Powerhouse Games embracing adapted sports and celebrating the power of sport to unite us. Benjamin, Y9, has competed with a brilliant run in the cross-country nationals. On Friday we raised £862.55 for Comic Relief. This week, our sports leaders supported Bellbird's cross country and were praised by the Bellbird Headteacher for their 'politeness, forward-thinking, and commitment...thanks to their hard work, the entire event ran beautifully'. We were treated to a wonderful display of agility and prowess in the Gym and Dance Display on Wednesday - our congratulations to all for their artistry, physicality and joyous performances. Good luck to Y11s and Y10s with their revision for the forthcoming exams - Y10 exams start when we return after Easter and GCSEs will soon be upon us. College reopens as normal on Monday April 13th. We wish all families a lovely break.

NEW Newsletter

This half term's newsletter is now on our website and can be found here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>. It includes staffing news and you can find out what the different departments have been up to during this half term.

NEW The Fountain

Another bumper edition of news, articles, pupils' work and a celebration of all that has happened this term, can be found here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/the-fountain/>. Co-edited by pupils and staff, it is well worth a read.

NEW Staffing update (Year 9)

On April 27th we look forward to welcoming Miss Jackson back from her maternity leave to take on a new role as a Cover Supervisor. Miss Hunt will continue as Y9 Lead and, alongside your child's mentor, will be the key point of contact for any matters regarding Y9 pupils.

NEW Measles - letter from Cambridgeshire Public Health

Please find a letter [here](#) from the LA Director of Public Health regarding rising cases of measles in North London which is mostly affecting unvaccinated children under 10.



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NEW Contact home during the school day

A reminder that pupils' mobile phones should be switched off and in bags when on the school site between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm. If a pupil is unwell during the school day or needs to make urgent contact home, they should speak to their class teacher who can determine whether they need to be sent to reception for contact home to be made. We request that parents do not contact their children via their mobile phones during the school day. Collection arrangements that are made outside of our usual processes and without the knowledge of staff raises safeguarding issues. Please call the main reception if you need to get an urgent message to your child.

NEW Punctuality

During our week of monitoring punctuality at the school gates we saw a real improvement in the numbers of pupils arriving to school on time - and only half the number that we recorded back in November - which is a real positive. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported this. However, as we approach the holiday, the number of pupils either walking in late or being dropped off late by car is increasing again.

If you bring your child into school by car, please ensure that enough time is given for the journey in order to arrive at school by 8:25am at the latest, as this is the time that all pupils should be on the school site. If your child walks to school, please ensure that they leave home in time to be here for 8:25am. Hopefully having some time to rest over the holiday, better weather and brighter mornings will also have an impact on pupils being able to get to school on time in the new term. The Attendance Team look forward to seeing all pupils back at school on Monday 13th April at 8:25am and wish them all a lovely break.

NEW Anglian Learning's latest Arts News

Please find attached Anglian Learning's latest issue of Arts News, the termly update from Lesley Morgan, Trust Arts Development Manager for Anglian Learning. The newsletter can also be viewed online [by clicking here](#).

In this issue, we celebrate the launch of the Primary Platform 26, a new initiative to give our younger pupils a platform to showcase their artwork. Also included are Arts highlights from schools across our Trust.

We hope this newsletter helps showcase some of the fantastic opportunities available to pupils of Anglian Learning to help them express their creativity.

NEW Second-hand uniform

The College has a good supply of second-hand uniforms. Parents can request items using [this Google Form](#) which is monitored on a weekly basis by our admin team. If we have the item/s they can be collected from reception by pupils or parents. A voluntary suggested payment of £2.00 per item can be made via Wisepay. If you have second-hand uniform items to donate, please drop off clean items, in good condition, to reception.

NEW Free sanitary products for pupils

The UK government provides free sanitary products in schools and colleges in England. We have a large stock of items that are available for pupils to use, both in school and to take home. This includes disposable items such as pads and tampons, but also re-usable period pants. Please contact reception@sawstonvc.org for more information.

[NEW Free live virtual Get Into Medicine/Get Into Dentistry courses](#)

Medic Mentor are offering free live virtual Get Into Medicine/Get Into Dentistry courses, aimed at Y10 through to Sixth Form. They can offer advice on creating a stand-out personal statement, accessing work experience, understanding the application timeline, and much more.

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates: Saturday 28th March from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm and Sunday 19th April from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

https://medicmentor.org/get-into_medicine_conference_signup/

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date: Sunday 12th April from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

[REMINDER Y11 group photograph](#)

The Y11 group photograph is available to purchase from Tempest Photography. Tempest offers a free 'deliver to school' option for a limited period, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing. The link to view and order the photograph has been emailed to Y11 parents/carers. Please contact 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on htemptest.co.uk if you need any assistance with the order process.

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Wishing you a happy Easter,

Jonathan Russell