

6 March 2026



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round Up**

Lovely smells have been emanating from the kitchens this week as Y11 GCSE Food pupils have been completing their practical coursework. Next stop, Masterchef. Many staff dressed up for World Book Day with characters from children's favourite books: pupils were taught by Little Miss Bossy and her friends, a Hunger Games star, Lucius Malfoy, a flamingo and Darwin to name a few. No doubt a bizarre experience for pupils! Our super Librarian presented inspiring assemblies all week to encourage everyone to get involved with the National Year of Reading. This weekend would be a great opportunity to encourage pupils to pick up a book. Thank you to Y8 parents for joining staff at last night's annual consultation on-line meeting; your support is really appreciated. Finally, just a reminder that all Y9 Options forms should be submitted on-line by the end of the day on Monday 9th March. It has been a real privilege to hear about the pupils' ambitions during the guidance interviews these past weeks.

### **NEW Site Update**

The side panels of the new building are nearly installed in half of the building. It is on track to be opened in January 2027 and we are continuing our plans on the decant and set up, which is going to require some school closure either side of the Christmas holidays. Once finalised, we will be able to update you. The Sports Centre refurbishment continues apace: the old changing rooms and internal corridor have been demolished; foundations for the new changing room will start soon. We have created some additional on-site parking on the compound car park, work which should be finalised by the end of next week.

### **NEW Toilets and Field opening**

Now that Spring is here, the field will open for social times from Monday. We will therefore close the MPH and HMH at lunch time as we need to move supervision from the halls to the field. To support punctuality, behaviour and positive relationships, we will be closing all toilets except the HMH toilet for pupils during lessons. Pupils with toilet passes will be able to access toilets as normal during lessons. Designated toilets are open at break and lunchtime for all pupils.

### **NEW Book Week at SVC**

Lunchtime today saw the end of our Book Week celebrations, with a predictably lively book quiz. The Library is a consistently busy, energetic, and inspiring place to be, but never more so than during Book Week. From calm community puzzling, to frantic escape room code-



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breaking, this has been another very successful week of all things books, libraries, and reading. Thank you very much to all the pupils who have thrown themselves into the various events throughout the week and to any parents or carers who made purchases from our Amazon wish list.

### **[REMINDER Y9 Options - Reminder](#)**

Thank you to everyone who has supported Y9s as they reach decisions over which option subjects to apply for at key stage 4 (Y 10 and 11). The deadline for final option form submissions is this Monday, 9 March. For ease, pupils were re-sent the link to the final form, via their school email account, yesterday.

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

The Local Authority is operating the Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme from 30 March to 10th 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 2nd March, parents will receive a voucher by email or text from [hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto: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)

### **[NICE TO KNOW Primary Platform 26 - Art Exhibition](#)**

Over the weekend (7th/8th March) the Marven Centre will be open 10.00 am-3.00 pm for the first joint art exhibition involving all 14 of Anglian Learning's primary schools. The schools have created artworks on the theme of belonging, allowing children to explore creatively how they feel included, valued and connected within their school and wider communities. The schools have produced some stunning artworks and so a visit to the exhibition is highly recommended.

### **[NICE TO KNOW Exhibition on Screen: Turner & Constable 12th March at 7.00 pm.](#)**

Sawston Cinema at the Marven Centre is showing the Exhibition on Screen production of Turner & Constable. Two of Britain's greatest painters, J.M.W. Turner and John Constable were also the greatest of rivals. Born within a year of each other, both used landscape painting to reflect the changing world around them. Tate Britain is currently featuring Turner & Constable in a groundbreaking exhibition, which runs until April 2026, and Exhibition on Screen once again has exclusive and privileged access to bring their extraordinary art and remarkable stories to the big screen. Discover unexpected sides to both artists with intimate views of sketchbooks and personal items and insights from leading experts. Tickets £10.00 from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema>.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell