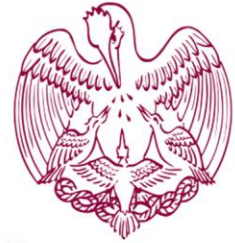


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8 May 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Y10 pupils took part in a Speak Out Challenge this week, an event designed to develop oracy and communication skills. Their presentations were full of enthusiasm and passion. This weekend sees the 40th running of the Sawston Fun Run and Walk, originally started at the College and now run with great pride by the Rotarians. Good luck to all those participating in the Fun Run and Walk on Sunday with over 1700 already signed up.

NEW Fidget toys in school

We would like to ask for your support with the types of fidget toys that pupils bring into school. Unfortunately, we have recently had a few incidents where liquid-filled fidget cubes have burst, causing damage to electronic equipment and school uniform.

We completely understand that some young people benefit from using fidgets to help with focus and concentration, and we are very happy for pupils with agreed arrangements to continue using them in lessons. We would simply ask that any fidgets brought into school are silent, non-distracting and not filled with liquid or gel.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support.

NEW Head lice

This week, we have received some parental contact regarding head lice. The NHS advises that children attend school as usual if they have head lice, which can be treated without seeing a GP. Further information, including recommendations for treatment, can be found [here](#).

REMINDER Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or heard at any point during the school day from 8am to 3.30pm. They must be turned off and placed in a pupil's school bag and not in any pockets. Phones that are seen or heard will be confiscated and returned either to the pupil at the end of the day or to a parent if a recurring problem. If a parent needs to contact a pupil during school hours, please phone reception. With government policy changing and due to some pupils abusing the current approach, we will explore all options available to create a phone-free environment, free of distraction and conflict arising from misuse.



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REMINDER Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Local Authority is operating the summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme from 21st to 28th August. Eligible pupils can attend a participating local holiday scheme for up to 64 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and engagement in enriching experiences is offered. On 8th June, 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 or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

NICE TO KNOW Year 10 workshop

We had the pleasure of welcoming the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge team, who spent the day working with 25 of our Y10 pupils. The training focused on empowering our young people to become confident communicators and effective public speakers, helping to build the confidence and resilience needed for the ever-changing world of work. To conclude the day, every pupil delivered a speech to a panel, showcasing the skills and confidence they had developed throughout the training. Eight pupils have now been selected to compete for a finalist place to represent the school at regional level.

All pupils showed incredible dedication, and it was fantastic to hear such thoughtful and inspiring speeches. We really do have amazing young people who will go on to achieve great things.

COMMUNITY 2026 Sawston Fun Run & Walk

The 2026 Sawston Fun Run will be held on Sunday 10th May 2026. It's a great day out for all the family. Further information and to enter, please visit www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk

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Wishing you a glorious weekend,

Jonathan Russell