

The Fountain

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Above: Year 8 south band pupils in Barcelona during Activities Week, enjoying one of the many visits they had in their busy schedule while they were there.

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Year 11 Ball 2026

Our Year 11 leavers had a great time at their Ball. Below, we share a few photographs from the event.



To add to the occasion, Oliver and James (above) performed at the Ball.



Mr Russell

Welcome from Mr Russell, Principal



Welcome to our bumper summer edition of The Fountain – a celebration of creativity, achievement and the remarkable potential that exists within every young person in our community.

Schools are extraordinary places. Every day, young people arrive with ideas, ambitions, questions and talents that continue to surprise and inspire us. Whether in classrooms, on sports fields, in rehearsal spaces, workshops or labs, on work experience or the snow fields of Iceland, pupils demonstrate resilience, imagination and determination in countless ways. This magazine captures just a small glimpse of that journey, highlighting the many successes, experiences and creative expressions that make SVC such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

At the heart of everything we do is the belief that taking part matters. It is the C in our CARE values. Success is not measured solely by outcomes or accolades, but by the willingness to try something new, contribute to a team, share an idea or step outside a comfort zone. Every performance, competition, project, piece of artwork and act of service begins with the courage to participate.

Through these pages, we celebrate not only achievements, but also the enthusiasm, commitment and sense of belonging that come from being involved. And the joy that comes from this is plain to see when they all dance together at the end of five years to celebrate each other at the Ball.

What makes our school truly special, however, is the people. We are continually inspired by the everyday interactions between staff and pupils: the encouraging conversation before a presentation, the thoughtful question that sparks a new idea, the shared laughter in a lesson, or the quiet support offered during a challenging moment. These small acts of connection build a culture of respect, kindness and mutual learning. Staff guide and encourage, but they are equally inspired by the curiosity, energy and perspective that young people bring each day.

As you read through these pages, we hope you enjoy the stories, achievements and creativity it contains. Above all, we hope it reflects the spirit of a community that believes in the limitless possibilities of its young people and finds joy in helping them flourish.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, *‘Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of being.’*

Mr Russell, Principal

A Word from our new Senate Ambassadors

Hi, we are your Senate Ambassadors 2026-27! Our role is to produce the Fountain magazine, which is a mammoth task, but we’re excited to get stuck in and are ready to do our best to make our three issues the best we possibly can! We’re looking forward to helping produce articles that document the wide range of activities we are lucky enough to have in our school. We hope to produce new and exciting publications that all of the school can enjoy, with lots of creative contributions to inspire. We’ll be covering all the upcoming and recent events, and there’ll be something in there for everybody! The previous Senate Ambassadors and team did an amazing job, and though we have a lot to live up to, we’re determined to make these issues the best we can! This term, we’ve had many events that have taken place in all aspects of the College, including a very busy two weeks for the music and drama departments! So enjoy, and we hope you find something in here that interests, informs, and inspires you!

Ellie, Anusha and Lada, Senate Ambassadors



Above (from left): Anusha, Lada and Ellie

the senate newly appointed for 2026-27

Congratulations to those pupils appointed to the Senate 2026-27. We look forward to seeing what you achieve.

Heads of Senate	Sia Nair	Eli Caroe		
Deputy Heads of Senate	Rijoy Goswami	Harriet McFarlane		
Senate Ambassador	Ellie Lovewell	Anusha Hodkinson	Lada Gosteva	
International Co-Chairs	Kate Lee	Tom Lui-Child	Arianna Ward	
Equality and diversity Co-Chairs	Isabelle Arthur	Harry Smith		
Eco/Animal Co-Chairs	Ayela Jepps	Amelie Mack	Sophie Lungley	
Wellbeing Co-Chairs	Harriet Sale	Steeva Sajan		
Ethos Co-Chairs	Nicola Ward	Wilf Wilkinson	Reuben Dewey-Cerda	
Arts Co-Chairs	George Young	Alyssa Bruce	Anjali Sreeju	
Sports Captains	Freya Larkin	Matthew Russell	Charlotte George	Torin Jones

Meet the new Senate 2026-2027



Updates from the new Senate Heads & Deputies and the Forum Co-Chairs

Hello all! We are the new Heads and Deputy Heads of the Senate. We can't wait to get involved with each forum over the course of this coming year.

We have some exciting new ideas which we would love to share and achieve across the school, along with collaborating with external organisations to raise money and complete projects that support our local communities outside school.

We have some ideas which we are going to work with the forums to implement, including fundraising for the Year 11 Ball.

We are really excited to take these ideas forward.

However, we know we can't undertake projects without support, and so we will also be looking forward to pupils from across all year groups joining us to get involved. Thank you.

Sia, Eli, Rijoy and Harriet, Heads and Deputy Heads of Senate



Introducing the new Forum Co-Chairs



Hi! We are delighted to be the new co-chairs of the Arts Forum. Through our forum meetings, we hope to understand other pupils' perspective on the arts and culture offer at Sawston Village College. We will further aim to research the arts around the world and create slides in the bulletin on what we have learned. We want to champion the arts in school and hope to increase pupil participation in the plethora of amazing arts clubs here.

George, Alyssa and Anjali



Hello! We are the Animal and Eco Forum co-chairs and this year we hope to encourage our school to stay sustainable, promote biodiversity and allow wildlife to thrive in our school with the new building development. We hope to do this by raising money through bake and plant sales. This raised money will go to wildlife charities and to making our school greener. Do join us for our forum meetings to help support us and contribute your ideas! We look forward to seeing you next year. **Amelie, Ayela and Sophie.**



Hello everyone, we are the co-chairs of the Ethos Forum, and we are looking forward to working with you this year. We would like to plan a non-school uniform day to fundraise for the air ambulance in Cambridge, and hopefully also hold many more fundraisers throughout the year. We are delighted to be the new co-chairs. We believe that, as a community, we can make a difference. We hope you will join us in our forum meetings and help us make the school an even better place.

Wilf, Reuben and Nicola

More Forum Co-Chair Introductions



equality & diversity forum

Hello, we are **Izzie and Harry** and we are the co-chairs of the Equality and Diversity Forum! We are looking forward to spreading awareness surrounding minority groups within our school community, particularly during Black History Month and Pride Month. We are also hoping to reintroduce the Feminist Society club in order to create a safe space in which people can freely discuss issues related to gender equality. We hope to create a positive change to our school environment.



inter forum

Hello, we are the co chairs of the International Forum. We were delighted to become part of this forum and to have the opportunity to help organise this year's Taiwanese visit to our school.

We look forward to taking ideas from all over the world contributing to the community of Sawston Village College. We hope we can help develop the school's potential to its fullest.

Arianna, Kate and Tom.



sports forum

Hello! We are the Sports Forum and our names are **Freya, Torin, Matthew and Charlotte**. As co-chairs our main goals this year are to create more inter school sporting events, such as trying to get a Year 10 and 11 Olympic Day and inter school tournaments. We also want to implement more fixtures for sports teams at all levels. Finally, we want to continue raising money for new sports equipment through more pay-to-watch staff vs pupil matches. We hope to make sports inclusive and the best for everyone.



wellbeing forum

We are your new Wellbeing Forum co-chairs and are delighted to have been given this role. This year, we are planning to work towards raising awareness for mental health and topics related to this. We aim to achieve this through fundraisers, campaigns and mentor time activities. We sincerely hope that we can have a positive impact on any pupils who may be struggling in any way with life inside or out of school, and we hope you will join our forum and work with us.

Harriet and Steeva

CARE Ambassadors - CARE Fair

On 30 April, the Care Ambassadors held a Care fair. This event included music, games, a raffle, jewellery, baked treats and prizes. It was a huge success, and helped present the new Care Ambassadors to the school. (The Care Ambassadors were formerly members of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors club.) The Care Ambassadors will now extend their focus to cover pupils' mental health and wellbeing, as well as the bullying that is not addressed within the school. They have done an amazing job so far!

Ellie Lovewell, Year 10

Year 9 Cambridge Literary Festival Trip

The English department organised a trip to the Cambridge Union Debating Chamber at the University of Cambridge for Year 9 pupils to join in the activities in the Cambridge Literary Festival.



REFRESH GARDEN Update



Artwork Update

The artwork in the Refresh Garden has now been installed in three layers, and the ceramics created by SVC pupils are currently being attached. This will provide an area of year-round interest, as well as an enhanced sensory experience for pupils. Pupils from across all year groups have been involved in painting the mural and designing, painting, and glazing the ceramic pieces, with support from Dr De Sainte Cluque (Head of Art) and Ms Ghiggini (Ceramics Teacher).

We are extremely grateful for the funding and support provided by the Arts Society South Cambs, which made this project possible.



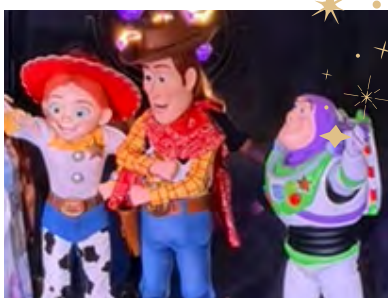
and in other News

The garden has had a successful year, with additional aquatic plants being introduced to the pond and more drought-resistant species planted by members of the Gardening Club. Existing planting areas have been regularly weeded and tidied by pupils, helping to keep the garden well maintained. Pupils have also sown a wide variety of seeds, and many of the successful plants have since been transplanted into the garden beds, contributing to the continued development and improvement of the garden.

Mrs Bär, Science Technician and Garden Lead



Cinema Club at the Into Film Awards



Cinema Club has had a very successful year.

We began the year by working with a professional filmmaker as our prize in the Into Film Magic of Cinema competition, and we are very pleased with the film produced as a result of this. We then completed our major film projects in time for the Into Film Awards deadline and were delighted to have our Year 7 & 8 club film, *Fairy Fails*, shortlisted in the Best Film 12-15 category. This meant a trip to the glittering Awards Ceremony at the Odeon Luxe in Leicester Square in June where, even though we didn't win, everyone left inspired and determined to make more films.

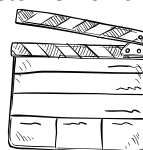
Above: Pupils in the Odeon Luxe in Leicester Square for the Into Film Awards 2026.

Since then, pupils in the Year 7 & 8 club have been working on VFX projects, while pupils in our senior club have been working on their own independent productions.

The final event of the year is the Cinema Showcase when club members invite their families and friends to come and see their work in a special premiere screening, complete with red carpet.

After the premiere, films will be posted and available to view on the Sawston Cinema website here:

<https://sawstoncinema.org/>



Year 11 Pupils deliver excellent scripted performances

This April, we Year 11 drama pupils completed our final practical exam, in which we had to perform a published text, to an audience. There was a vast variety of genres and playwrights over the two nights, from Shakespearean comedy to complex melodramas. Whilst all of us had performed to an audience at least once, thanks to our previous experiences with performing our own devised pieces, the experience of learning an established text was new for some of us and certainly pushed us out of our comfort zones, forcing us to interpret the text ourselves and characterise based on what we inferred about our characters. However, thanks to dedication to rehearsal and lots of last minute focus, we were all able to pull through and produce excellent

pieces of drama. The audience seemed to agree and were absolutely wonderful, engaging in the pieces and cheering at the appropriate points. I'm so very proud of everything we have accomplished as a group and am impressed with myself for taking on drama as an option, something that eleven year old me would never have dreamt of. Whilst I'm sad to see my time studying drama at SVC end, I'll never forget the memories I've made in the drama studio and will cherish the experiences I've had over the past 5 years in that classroom far into the future.

Rhys King, Year 11



Aurora borealis over the town of Hveragerði

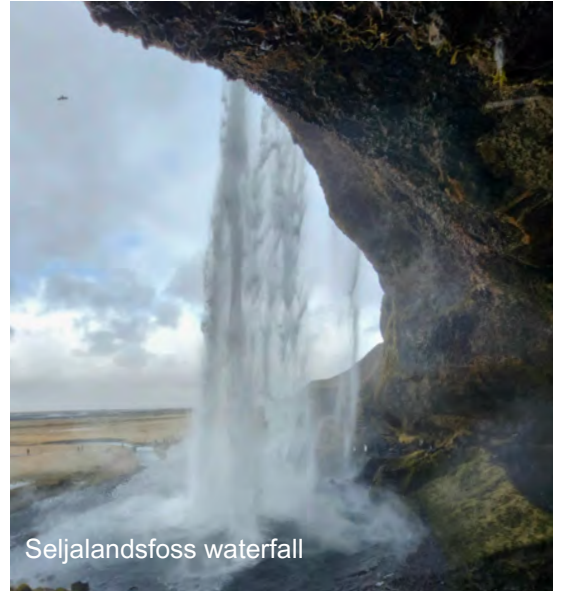


Thingvellir National Park looking across Lake Thingvallavatn

Pupils visit Iceland

In April, some of our Year 11 Geographers travelled to Iceland - the land of fire and ice! The itinerary was jam packed, with visits to some of the famous waterfalls and volcanoes. A highlight was the glacier walk on Sólheimajökull, with pupils donning crampons and helmets and swimming in the geothermal pools. Pupils took some amazing photographs during the trip and hopefully have some amazing memories!

Miss Evans, Head of Geography



Seljalandsfoss waterfall



Sólheimajökull glacier walk



All photos by Samuel Wong, Year 11

Geography fieldwork in London



Year 10 had a brilliant time in London looking at urban change in Spitalfields and urban regeneration in Stratford. We went on a walking tour along Brick Lane and saw some breathtaking views from Horizon 22. On Saturday, we took a boat along the River Thames and then walked around the Olympic Park. It was an absolute pleasure to take such a fab bunch of young people. They were all a credit to themselves and great ambassadors of SVC. Well done year 10. Ms Folan.



Geography fieldwork in Epping Forest



I love that I can have that evidence of the different geology layers; sort of like I am taking a bit of Epping Forest home.

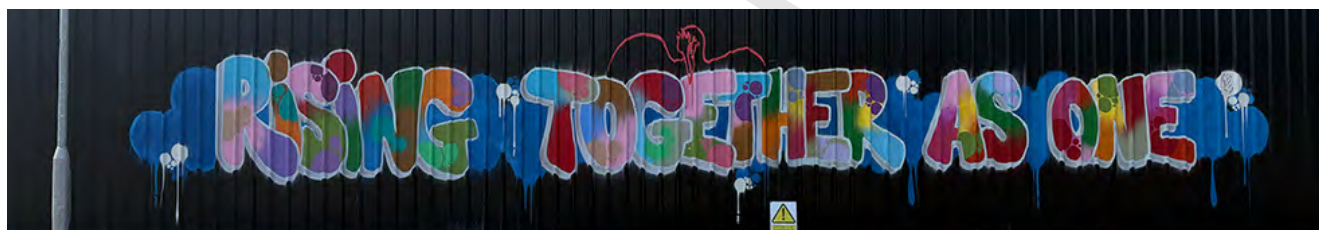
It was much better than sitting in a classroom all day as we got involved in lots of activities which was a really good way to learn. I will definitely recommend this trip !

I really enjoyed the trip, and I feel like I got a lot out of it. I am sure it will help me in my geography lessons!

Year 7 rose the challenge of undertaking rivers fieldwork in Epping Forest and despite the heat, they really threw themselves into it. The teachers saw lots of enthusiastic Geographers getting stuck in! Thanks to 7B1 for writing the quotes about the day.



Year 10 pupils work with graffiti artist to paint wall



On Duty at Trooping the Colour

My day had a ridiculously early start. I had to get up at 4 am just to get the train. I had to be dressed in my smartest uniform and as I was operational, no rank slides. I arrived at Whittlesford Parkway 10 minutes before the train arrived at 5:27am. Changing at Tottenham Hale onto the Victoria Line, I finally arrived at Charing Cross and made my way to The Mall - where I would meet the team. As I was the only St John Ambulance cadet from Cambridgeshire, I had to join another group from Westminster and they helped me find the correct treatment centre. However, before we could go into the Mall, we had to go through security.

Now, as Trooping the Colour is one of the most prestigious events of the year, the security check felt like going through the airport security. The police looked stressed and pulled over people's bags for such minor things as inhalers. Even all the bins had their openings taped over. Once through, we had our briefing which was the usual radio call signs and what to expect. Setting up the gazebo was less of a challenge than it usually is and we managed to do it in less time than usual. Then it was wiping down surfaces, and signing into the EPRFs (Electronic Patient Report Forms) which is always time-consuming.



People had started arriving at 7.00 am in the morning and as I had an early start, I felt as though it was 11.00am. We watched as the bands paraded and soldiers marched down the Mall and security held onto the fence to stop it falling over. Seeing so many trombones moving their slides in unison was so satisfying to watch.

Now on a first aid event, you would expect that the patients we received would be people. Now this was correct until we received the second patient of the day. It was a bird. A concerned member of the public walked up to us with the bird and said "what can you do with this?". "It was attacked by ducks and I rescued it and put it in a bush, then it was attacked by crows and I brought it here. What can you do?" We couldn't do anything so we called the Royal Parks people and waited for them to pick it up. No one came so unsurprisingly 5 hours later, the bird died.

I went on several foot patrols around the site, the most memorable being on the Mall when the flypast went by. Under all those helicopters and planes was amazing. We received the final stand down at 2:30 pm right on time after a not very busy day, and I was free to enjoy the rest of the day in London. This was a very tiring day as there was the 4.00 am start. However, this is something I am not likely to forget as I was the only St John's Ambulance cadet in Cambridgeshire to represent Cambridgeshire at Trooping the Colour this year.

Tom Liu-Child, Year 10

Year 10 Work Experience



Working in Law

Year 10s had a great time during work experience. Here are some reflections.



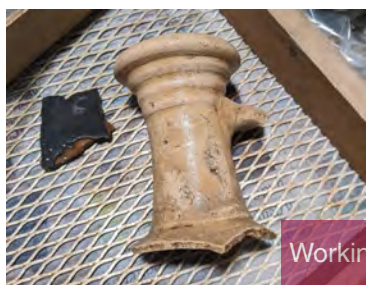
Working at Bowmer + Kirkland



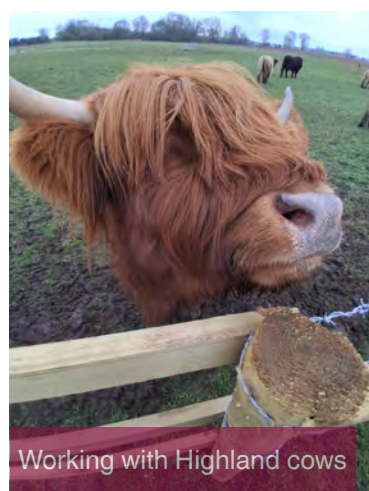
Working at Oxford Archaeology

I went to Oxford Archaeology's Cambridge office from 15 - 26 June for my work experience. The time went by so fast due to all the staff being so kind and willing to explain all the different activities I was able to do. These activities included a lot of finds washing (which is exactly what it sounds like - washing finds brought in from archaeological sites), excavating human cremations from the Roman period, and floatations (washing mud to find ecofacts and smaller artifacts). It was such a fun and amazing two weeks, and I am really thankful to all the teachers and OA staff for their support in helping make the placement such an enjoyable experience. It has definitely solidified my love of archaeology and supported my desire to be an archaeologist in the future.

Harriet McFarlane, Year 10



Working at Oxford Archaeology



Working with Highland cows



Working with Highland cows

For work experience I was working at the Highland Cow Cottage, which meant that I would feed the animals every morning, would water the menage every day, help collect the hay bales, and was able to see and understand what happens when the vet comes along with the process it takes. In addition to this, I was able to help get a new pen ready for the new bull that arrived while I was working there, meaning that there were 11 different Highland cows there while I was working there.

Jessica Husky, Year 10

For work experience, I spent two weeks at Gravity Engineering in Toronto, Canada. I came across this placement through family connections in Toronto. It was great fun. I'm very grateful to the school for providing me this opportunity. It has not just taught me about the world of work but it has helped me develop my independence.

Freddy Townsend, Year 10



Working with Highland cows

SYD JUNIORS PERFORM SHREK

I was recently in a performance of Shrek the Musical junior with Sawston Youth Drama Juniors. I have met so many amazing friends through SYD; I was so sad to have to finish our weekly rehearsals. Performing was so exciting, and I have had lots of friends and family say that the show was really good. I played in lots of the ensemble songs, where we sing and dance. I was also Storyteller 1 and Knight 1, which meant I had a couple of lines to say. We had so much fun performing and going to all the rehearsals. I am very excited for what we are doing next year!

Lucy McFarlane, Year 8



Year 10 Speak Out Challenge



For the ARU Cambridge Speak Out Challenge, Seb Smyth and I performed a couple of songs in the Mumford Theatre at ARU where the competition final took place. This was to provide some entertainment between speeches and also whilst the winner was being decided. It was such a great opportunity, and it was lovely to be able to listen to the speeches as they were all very inspiring. I especially enjoyed listening to my contemporaries Sia Nair and Tom Liu-Child's speeches.

It was lots of fun and a great atmosphere backstage, with all the speakers congratulating and cheering each other on.

Ellie Stephenson, Year 10



Oliver!

This year, our school production was the musical *Oliver!* based on *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Since the Autumn Term, we have been rehearsing to make this show come to life by the end of the year. Mr Bell and many other members of staff have directed and guided the cast to make this the best possible show. Over the months, I have met so many enthusiastic fellow cast members that I would never have otherwise interacted with, and this has brought us together and created many new friendships.

The day of our first performance brought a mixture of excitement and nerves but these were soon forgotten the moment we entered the stage. Performing on stage as a character from a story allowed me to fully immerse myself into a different world and gave me the opportunity to impersonate someone else. When we are on stage, this gives us our moment to express ourselves like we have never done before and that is what I personally love about performing.

Each of us always brought to the stage something different for each show and that is what made it remarkably special since a live show can never be replicated the same way as a film on TV. All of us thoroughly enjoyed *Oliver!* and we have made very fond memories that we will all treasure forever. If you weren't a part of the production this year, I hope that you will join next year's production and create some more amazing memories!

Sia Nair, Year 10



Staff in the Spotlight:

Ms Morgan, Arts Development Manager



Vaibhav Ramesh in Year 9 writes:

For almost 20 years, Ms Morgan has been our kind, supportive Arts Development Manager. She has overseen the progression of Bronze, Silver, and Gold Arts Awards, and always been available to provide any assistance required. She has run Cinema Club since it started in 2008 and provided pupils with resources, equipment, and lots of help for them to make their dreams come true through film. This year, as she is retiring, she kindly agreed to let me interview her about her time at SVC.

Question: What are your favourite memories at SVC?

One of Ms Morgan's favourite memories at Sawston Village College was her first big project - getting a grant of £25,000 to fund research into the history of cinema in Sawston, which focused on the Marven Centre, which was built originally as a cinema. She remembers one man describing how he watched the cinema being built and how he used to try to watch films through the circular windows at the entrance as he had no money to go to the screenings. This also started her interest in film at Sawston. She has also said that one of her fondest memories was running Cinema Club.

Question: How has your job changed over time?

Ms Morgan has said that her job has changed considerably over time. When she joined at first, in 2006, she was spending half of her time at SVC and half at Linton Village College, working at both schools. However, Linton Village College was unable to continue with the post a few years later, and so, in 2013, she became a full-time Arts Development Manager here. 8-9 years ago, her role changed again, in that she started working one day a week for Anglian Learning, and 4 days for Sawston Village College. It has remained that way to this day.

Question: What does your job require?

Mrs Morgan has said that her job requires flexibility. She has said that it is not like a typical working day with fixed hours. She often has to be available to stay in at school for longer, in order to run cinema screenings, or finish work. She also has to come in at weekends at times for events such as film shooting.

Question: What is the most fun part of your career?

Mrs Morgan has said that she enjoys her career because she gets to work with young people and see their limitless creativity and ideas. She talked about seeing this in areas such as ideas for films in Cinema Club and in Arts Award work.

Year 10 artists exhibit work at Strawberry Fields

Year 10 pupils enjoyed working with professional artist Michael Condron to create sculptural artworks for exhibition at the Strawberry Fields development.



Friday 24th – Saturday 25th April, 12 – 6pm

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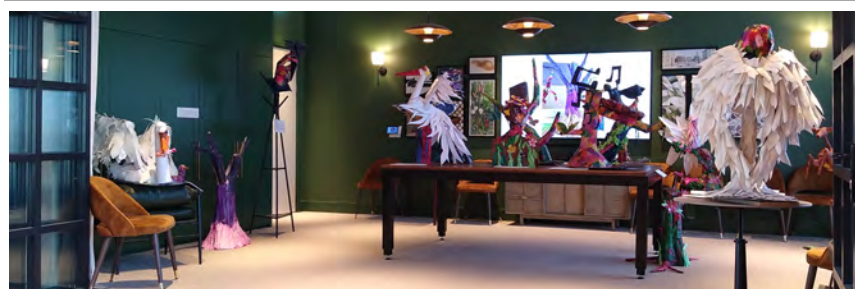
Art Exhibition

WITH MICHAEL CONDRO



Artist, Michael Condron, has recently been commissioned to create a permanent sculpture for Strawberry Fields. As part of this process, he has been collaborating with local communities through workshops, discussions, and research sessions.

This exhibition will showcase work created by students at Sawston Village College, Stapleford Primary School and owners at Strawberry Fields, where the theme 'Countryside Stile' has been explored - resulting in a diverse collection of imaginative interpretations, from wildlife to rockets.



Library -----

News -----



**SUMMER
2026**

An update from Ms Fincham-Allen:

What's Been Happening in the Library?

- YOTO Carnegie Book Awards
- Library films screening
- Y9 / end of year celebrations
- Summer Reading Challenge

Things to Look Forward To

- Huge new book order incoming!
- Inter-department projects
- The National Year of Reading continues...

YOTO Carnegie Book Awards

Throughout the summer term, Book Club shadows the Carnegie Book Awards. In previous years, we've been lucky enough to win tickets to the awards show in London. We didn't have such luck this year, but we still managed to watch the live stream of the ceremony and have our own celebration in the library - fuelled by ice lollies as it fell in the first heatwave we've had recently!

On the whole, we were all pleased with the winner - *Wolf Siren* by Beth O'Brien - but we had to admit that we were a little disappointed that Josh Silver's *Traumaland* didn't make the final shortlist!



**Medal for
Writing**



SVC Book Club's Winner

Library Films Screening

Monday 13th July saw us celebrating the end of our Library films project. Throughout this academic year, Book Club have been working alongside Cambridgeshire public libraries to produce a series of short films promoting all things libraries and reading. Pupils conducted themselves with such maturity, and their eloquence, enthusiasm, and passion oozed through the big screen as we watched the final films.

It felt very special to celebrate all the hard work that's gone into this project with pupils, their families, and members of the wider community. Watch this space to see how much further we can get them circulated!



End of Year Celebrations

The last couple of weeks have seen lots of book / reading themed celebrations in the Library as each class from Y7 - Y9 has gradually had their last library lesson of the year. Each class has discovered how many books they've collectively borrowed over this academic year, how many books the most active borrower in their class has been enjoying, and which book has been the most popular within their class.

Particularly well done to the following classes for being so active in their engagement with the library. The top borrowing class from each year group is:-

7N2 - 565 issues

8B1 - 275 issues

9S3 - 245 issues

10E1 - 62 issues

Y9s have seen a particular fuss made of them as they won't be returning to library lessons in Y10. Every Y9 pupil is going home with a gift bag of treats to try and make continuing their positive reading habits as easy as possible. Notably, a book, and a personalised bookmark with three bespoke book recommendations should keep pupils occupied for the time being!

Do keep visiting me next year, Y9, but I look forward to hearing what *everyone* has been reading over the summer.

Summer Reading Challenge

2026 is the National Year of Reading. It's 'Go All In' campaign encourages us to deeper into our hobbies and interests by reading books about them too. A lot of their messaging is promoting things that already happen in our busy Library, but we are launching a new scheme for over the summer holidays to tie in to it. SVC's Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to be celebrated for all the fabulous reasing that I'm sure you're already doing!

Aim to read 6 books over the summer, write a short review for each, and hand these in to the Library in September. Celebrations and prizes to follow in the new school year!

**Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.**

**GO
ALL
IN.**

***Happy
Reading!***

MUSIC

Outdoor Gig



The first group to preform was the Friday band; a group of wind instrumentalists grade 3 and above. We played three different songs and the audience loved them all! I think the specific favourite was "A Sailor's Holiday", which is a version of "what will we do with the drunken sailor?", so everyone knew it and loved it! Another group that played was the samba band. They are all percussion players so they were very loud! They walked from one side of the Fountain Court to the other so it was a nice break from watching one area the whole time

Folk group played two songs - a combination of "Carl Fants" and "Drowsy Maggie" mixed with "Crazy Flautist". With the second song we sped up rapidly, to a point where there was a point we were moving faster than we could read the music!

One of the most impressive groups to play was jazz band, a group of trumpet, trombone and saxophone players. There were two incredible improvisations making the audience amazed by both musicians' talents.

There were two mainly voice-led performances - the chamber orchestra and junior choir, we sung a very upbeat song from "Zootropolis" with a verse in Spanish! We did amazingly, and I think the audience thought so too. The chamber choir also sang wonderfully. With effective harmonies and use of the varying vocal ranges of the group, they sounded fantastic! The audience was even more stunned by them because they were singing A Capella!

One of the other groups performing was the senior band, who were awesome! They have a lovely sound because of their shared talent since they were all grade four and above! Another incredible group that played was a trio of pupils singing and playing guitars. They played "Wonderwall", which the audience loved. They used the layering of their voices and the mix of acoustic and electric guitars to make an amazing sound. Finally, the concert was ended by the junior steel pans playing two separate songs. The both sounded amazing, both because of the wonderful choice of songs and their shared talent. The final song they played was "Happy", and it was incredible. The steel pans were the perfect instrument to use, and I think the audience loved it too!

Ida Owen, Year 7

Over the last few weeks, we have participated in multiple samba gigs and parades including performing at the Shelford Feast and Stapleford Village Fair. Both gigs were really fun even though the heat stopped us from playing for longer periods of time. It was also fun to perform in front of an audience as well after learning new pieces with some more complex rhythms.

Harriet McFarlane



Samba

Lower School Concert

Congratulations to all Lower School Concert performers and a special well done to all the soloists.

On Monday, 13 July we held our annual Lower School Concert in the Henry Morris Hall. I played in four ensembles; Friday Band, Flute Choir, Junior Choir and Lower School Orchestra. I also performed a flute solo. My favourite ensemble that I played in was either Junior Choir where we sang *Zoo* from Zootropolis and *Bring it All Back* by S Club 7 or Lower School Orchestra because I loved playing The Jurassic World Theme. I liked listening to Guitars and Ukuleles because they played and sang *Iris* by the Goo Goo Dolls. I also liked listening to other Year 9 soloists as well! Overall, it was a wonderful performance by everyone and was an amazing evening!

Amelia Frost, Year 9



1. Friday Band	
2. Soloists	
Kwok Yee Lee (piano)	
Adagio Cantabile, Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor	Beethoven
James Chinda (oboe)	
Air and Hornpipe	Purcell
3. Recorder Ensemble	
4. Soloists	
Chris Graham-Leigh (piano)	
Mazurka Op. 68 No. 2	Chopin
Felix Mann (cello)	
Minuet 1 & 2, Cello Suite No. 1	J. S. Bach
5. Flute Choir	
6. Junior Choir	
* * * INTERVAL * * *	
7. Lower School Orchestra	
8. Soloists	
George Jackson (piano and vocals)	
Half The World Away	Oasis
Amelia Frost (flute)	
Hornpipe	Cecilia McDowall
9. Junior Steel Pans	
10. Duet	
Oliver Leves (Alto Saxophone) & James Chinda (Tenor Saxophone)	
Just the Two of Us	Withers, McDonald & Salter
11. Folk Group	
12. Guitars and Ukuleles	

Singing Recital

On 1 July, I was part of a singers' concert for pupils who take singing lessons in years 11 and 10. We had been working on a song to sing for the concert for weeks, and it was amazing to perform what I had worked so hard on, and to see my fellow singers perform as well. All different kinds of songs were performed, including classical songs, musical theatre songs, and pop songs, so it was really interesting what we had all chosen to sing! The teachers were also really supportive. It was an incredible thing to be part of, and I can't wait to do it again next year!

Ellie Lovewell, Year 10

Year 10 GCSE Devised Drama Performances

In May we all completed our devising drama performances which contribute to our overall mark for GCSE drama. To help us start the devising process we had a devising workshop where we chose our stimulus, created mind maps and completed activities to help us create initial ideas and storylines for our piece. This gave us a strong foundation to start lots of rehearsals to develop our pieces and create an artistic intention, explaining the purpose and message behind our piece. It was lots of fun performing our pieces in front of our fellow peers who we got the chance to work with and develop strong friendships with during the challenging process of creating a story from scratch! It was also a great opportunity to perform in front of family members and members of the public. We have since been completing our portfolios, which allow us to evaluate and reflect on our rehearsal process and performance.

Ellie Stephenson, Year 10

BUSY PUPILS in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 7



Year 7 pupils had a busy time in Activities Week, learning about trees and birds, litter picking, completing an eco project and orienteering.

They also went off on a bushcraft residential trip, where they learned how to make fires and how to build shelters among many other activities. Meanwhile, there was also a trip to Milton Country Park where pupils used maps to navigate their way around and where working together effectively as a team was important.

All in all it was a very enjoyable week, with pupils responding positively to all the experiences.



BUSHCRAFT & MILTON COUNTRY PARK in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 7

Year 7 pupils honed their bushcraft skills in Activities Week and enjoyed a trip to Milton Country Park.



Milton Country Park



ART, DRAMA & MUSIC in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 8



Activities Week for Year 8s had an arts focus, with those in school opting to join groups focused on Drama, Music or Art and all working towards a performance at the end of the week. The artists worked on props and the stage set, as well as having ceramics workshops, while the musicians created their own compositions for the production. Meanwhile the drama group split into two groups, with each group forming a cast ready to take on part of their play.



Year 8s see Karate Kid



On 17 June, during Activities Week, we went to see Karate Kid the Musical in Milton Keynes theatre.

I think it was a really good piece of theatre because I think it was really cool to see this iconic film being performed through music and live actors.

It also gave us inspiration in our A Midsummer Night's Dream production as the people who were changing the sets helped inspire us when moving around.

I think it was one of the highlights of this incredibly fun activities week and I really enjoyed seeing it.

Rosabelle Bruce, Year 8



A Midsummer Night's Dream in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 8

On the Friday afternoon of Activities Week, the doors of the Marven Centre were opened to family and friends, and the Year 8 pupils gave a stunning public performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with live musical accompaniment. Well done to all!

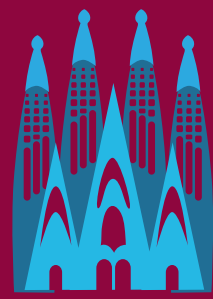


Year 8s in France



Year 8 North band pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Paris during Activities Week. The trip to France began with a guided visit of the football stadium “Le Stade de France”. On Tuesday, pupils explored Montmartre and visited the Sacré Coeur and enjoyed an evening of bowling. On Wednesday, after exploring the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Elysées, and the Tuileries, pupils went up the Eiffel Tower and went on a boat cruise on a “bateau mouche”. On Thursday, pupils spent the whole day in Disneyland and enjoyed the rides. On Friday, pupils stopped at a Snail Farm (and had the opportunity to taste them!) on their way back to Dover.

Year 8s in Spain



In Activities Week some Year 8 South band pupils flew to Barcelona. On Tuesday, we had a packed programme with the science museum, CosmoCaixa, the famous “Las Ramblas” street and its indoor market “La Boqueria” and the magnificent Park Güell. On Wednesday, after spending time in the gothic quarter, pupils admired the Sagrada Familia cathedral and learnt about its amazing history in a guided tour. On Thursday, pupils enjoyed a whole day trip to PortAventura, a theme park with very impressive rollercoasters. Before our journey home, we relaxed on the beach and did a last bit of shopping in the shopping centre.



BUSY PUPILS in ACTIVITIES WEEK



YEAR 9

Gliding to success



As part of Year 9 Activities Week pupils spent time in DT, with one of the challenges being to make a glider able to be competitive across different categories. Below, you can see some of the models made, while below are the results.



Longest Glider Flight

1st	Gesh	17m
2nd	Kieran	16m
3rd	Air 15	15m

Best Design

To be confirmed

Longest Yeet

1st	Can't Fry	40m
2nd	Lenny	20m
3rd	Coby	17m



BUSY PUPILS in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 9

Cooking up a storm

Pupils also spent time in the Food Department during Activities Week, creating delicious treats.

Year 9

Lemon Cheesecake and Lemonade

Well done Year 9!

Year 9

Tasty treats from Year 9
PIZZA PINWHEELS

Some pupils had the opportunity to enjoy a fun and creative science activity, making and experimenting with giant bubbles. It was a fantastic way to combine teamwork, practical learning and plenty of laughter, and the pupils embraced every challenge with enthusiasm.



Year 9 pupils who were in school during Activities Week got involved in designing and building a prototype hand-washing device to avoid the transmission of communicable diseases. There were some outstanding designs.

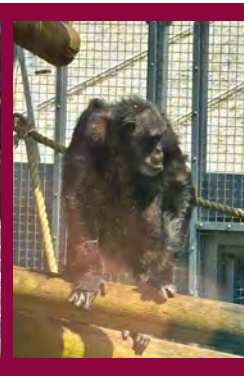
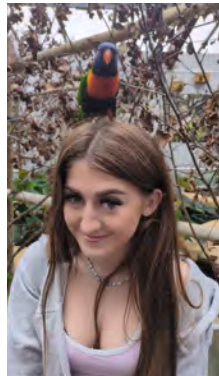
Stop the Spread!



TRIPS in ACTIVITIES WEEK

YEAR 9

COLCHESTER ZOO



These photos were taken by Jamie Price.

Year 9 pupils enjoyed a trip to Colchester Zoo in Activities Week.

THORPE PARK



During Activities Week some Year 9 pupils were very fortunate to be able to go to Thorpe Park for the day.

Thorpe Park has lots of exciting rides and attractions.

Hyperia is the tallest and fastest rollercoaster in the UK. Some other highlights were Colossus and Nemesis Inferno.

Overall it was a very enjoyable day out.

Year 9s in Ardèche



Year 9 pupils embarked on an exciting 18-hour coach journey to the South of France for a week-long watersports adventure at PGL Domaine de Ségries.

Throughout the week, pupils embraced a wide variety of outdoor activities, including canyoning at Besorgues canyon, high ropes challenges, swimming, and battle archery. They also had the chance to immerse themselves in the local culture with a visit to the stunning medieval town of Aigues-Mortes and enjoyed some well-earned relaxation time on the sandy shores of Grau du Roi beach.



The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the epic 32 km canoe descent through the breathtaking Gorges de l'Ardèche. Pupils navigated exhilarating rapids before spending the night camping under the stars on a truly memorable bivouac.

It was a week filled with adventure, friendship, and unforgettable experiences - memories that will stay with our pupils for years to come.



and on the non-residential water sports week



Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge took place on Thursday, 1 May. Sixty pupils in Years 7 and 8 took part in this one-hour mathematical challenge designed to test the pupils' reasoning skills and problem-solving skills. The pupils at Sawston do traditionally do well in these challenges, and this year was no exception. This year, a number of pupils qualified for the follow-on Kangaroo and Olympiad rounds, plus a large number of the participants also scored so well that they obtained Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates. We look forward to the Autumn term when pupils in older year groups can take part in both senior and intermediate challenges and test their reasoning and mathematical problem-solving skills.

NATURE'S SENSE

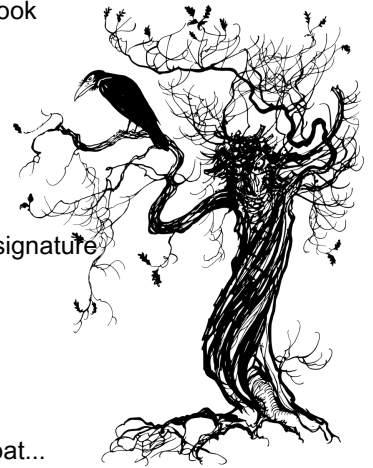
This poem was written by Tiger Lee in Year 7 during Activities Week.

The rain pitter-patters on the grass,
As the wind on my ear hurtles past.
And the bird song's chorus continued still,
Through the rustles of leaves started to fill,
My ears so much,
As the grass and my fingers begin to touch.
The gentle spikes are a peculiar sensation,
Such as eating the flowers, a specific temptation.
Slightly damp is the ground,
And the bird poo, brown and profound.
Lastly, the smells, rich and deep,
The grassy aromas could put me to sleep
And the crops in the farmland ready to reap.
So this is our field, surprisingly full
Of sounds and smells and nature's pull.

TITUBA'S STORY

Hang her, hang the witch
Hang her, hang the witch
Hang me, hang this witch
The evil character I have embodied
These people to which I will never say my sorry
This evil who has signed this book
Hang her, hang the witch
Hang me, hang this witch
You can steal this heartbeat
You can steal this last breath
But you can't steal this dream
Because you gave it to me
In that book
The devil's book with my devil signature
Hang me, Hang me
Do it now
As the air leaves my lungs
The blood down my neck runs
And all I see is a book
A book with my signature in it
Held by a tall man in a black coat...

Ida Owen, Year 7



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice Expedition



16 pupils from Year 10 braved torrential showers on Cannock Chase recently to hone their campcraft and navigation skills. Having completed their Bronze expedition sections on the flatlands around Cambridgeshire, pupils were required to carry heavily laden bags in this beautiful, but hilly, region. All passed with flying colours and the short, sharp showers did nothing to dampen their spirits. Their next adventure takes place in September in the Peak District where they will complete their qualifying expedition. Congratulations to all.

Mr Slade, Maths Teacher and
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Co-ordinator

Anglian Learning Chess Academy

This has been another excellent year for the Academy, both as a friendly but competitive chess club, and through team and individual performances by the players. Numbers have risen steadily with over 50 registrations this season, and the standard of play has increased dramatically in the three years since the Academy was formed.

The Academy combines coaching and play at its Friday evening meetings. We run two groups; Ravenclaw (advanced) and Gryffindor (intermediate) with championships each term. Guy Parsons (autumn), and Thomas Sha (winter and spring) won the Ravenclaw championships, with Matthew Guo (autumn), Ziyu Ong (winter) and Jesse Prince/Juncheng Lin (spring, shared) taking the Ravenclaw honours.

The Academy once again entered two teams in the Cambridgeshire Schools League, which we won last year. This season new rules on eligibility weakened our teams and we narrowly lost a close battle against the Perse School, which was galling as several of their leading players are Academy members!

An Academy team was entered in the East Anglian Team Championships. Playing in the Under 7000 tournament the Lions came second. More significantly the Lions also played in division 2 of the local adult chess league, winning it with eleven wins, two draws and one defeat. Congratulations to our squad of Thomas Sha, Antonio Di Fruscia, Lee Kanchi, Kayal Vijay and Neel Mishra.

The inaugural East Anglian Junior County Championships were held over 20 boards in October. The Cambridgeshire team included 9 Academy players and ran out comfortable winners. Thomas Sha is now a regular (adult) County first-team player and Antonio Di Fruscia, Lee Kanchi and Guy Parsons have represented the second team.

Over the past year players have achieved many individual triumphs. Kayal Vijay was crowned British Girls Under 8 champion at the British Chess Championships last August, going on to represent England in the world junior championships in Kazakhstan and scoring an impressive 5.5/11 over two weeks. This spring she surpassed even that by winning the European Girls' Under 9 championship in Croatia.

October saw the final stages of the Delancey Schools Challenge, which for most players is held over four weekends with the qualifiers from each stage whittled down to an all-play-all tournament. Antonio Di Fruscia came third nationally in the Under 10 section with Minh Nguyen second in the Under 8s. Minh was to score two more really impressive results either side of Christmas against adult opposition: second in the Cambridgeshire County Championship and winner of the East Anglian Under 1600 championship.

Lee Kanchi showed his ability in weekend tournaments over the season, winning the Cambridgeshire FIDE Congress and Bury St Edmunds Congress Under 1500 tournaments in the autumn. He then went on to compete in the Under 1750 tournament at the St Albans Congress, winning the prizes for best Hertfordshire player and best junior player, thereby collecting two trophies!

In February the Academy staged its own junior tournament, open to other schools cross the County and beyond. Thomas Sha won the Open tournament and Ofri Pilowsky-Bankirer the Under 1000 competition. More success followed in April in the local qualifying event for the national junior championships, with Elliot Lingard winning the Under 12 section and Ofri the Under 10 event.

The achievements listed above cannot capture all the successes (apologies for the inevitable omissions), but we have tried to reflect the range and diversity of the Academy's activities, and our approach of gradually introducing our stronger players to tournaments and adult chess when they are ready.

Finally our thanks to Sawston Village College and the staff who have been very supportive and to the coaches who organise the chess activities and encourage the pupils. But to achieve what our juniors have done over the past year demands dedication and hard work on their part, and considerable parental support. A real team effort, so thanks to all. We hope to see you all again in September.

Paul Kemp
Paul McMahon





Sawston Village College Chess Club

We have enjoyed another year of productive time with pupils' skill improvement, with friendly fun and the rivalry they have established. Players have participated in school and had the opportunity to join Friday Night Chess Academy – a further extension to their skills.

Our club super stars this year are:

Matthew Cleator – Trophy winner – Top Scorer
Liam Mouchlianitis – Plaque winner – Runner up



Sawston Village College Chess Club and Board Games Club recently hosted a very successful games evening for club members and their families. Great fun was had by all!

We enjoyed a Games Evening where family and friends and past members joined us for the opportunity to play chess plus other board games and a good evening was enjoyed by all. We look forward to 2026 - 2027 to continue skills improvement and friendly lunch times and with new pupils to journey with us. Finally, we owe a big thank you to Mrs Lloyd for giving us the space, support and help during the past years and wish her well in her new endeavours. Thank you so much!

Mrs Sheridan, Sawston Village College Chess Club

Making Fish Fingers and Chips in Food Technology

Tom Liu-Child, Y10: On Thursday, 2 July, I made fish fingers and chips in Food Technology. The lesson was well prepared with lots of fish for every pair, including our Taiwanese buddies! When I got back to the lesson, my Taiwanese buddy showed me exactly how to fillet a fish from scratch and how to make the fish fingers as he had been so well taught the first time round. I learned how to make and batter fish fingers from scratch and also how to present them nicely. What I enjoyed the most was battering the fish. The fact that you had to dip the fish in so many ingredients before the breadcrumbs was really fun. I am most proud of my presentation at the end of the lesson, which was probably my best so far in the lessons! I would definitely recommend this lesson to other pupils (so long as you are not squeamish about seeing a whole dead fish) as it is so helpful in teaching you skills you may need in later life when cooking for yourself or other people.

Amelie Mack, Y10: During my food preparation and nutrition lesson last week, we learnt how to fillet a fish. We used a filleting knife and a blue chopping board to produce our own mackerel fillets before making fish fingers and chips. To breadcrumb the fish, we first dipped it in flour, followed by egg before tossing in breadcrumbs and a drizzle of oil. My favourite part of the practical lesson was transforming a whole fish into a classic English dish of fish and chips. This was particularly special to do with two Taiwanese exchange visitors who enjoyed the cultural experience and practical aspect of the lesson. I would strongly recommend the lesson to another pupil as a fun way to learn more about food preparation and sustainability as well as understanding the steps taken to produce a much loved dish of fish and chips.

Noli, Taiwanese pupil: I really enjoyed the lesson! It was great and quite a different experience from what am I used to in Taiwan. I learned how to make a fish and chips. The part I enjoyed the most was cutting the fish and picking fish bones .

Olivia, Taiwanese pupil: I really enjoyed the lesson, making fish fingers and chips. They tasted great. The lesson here is quite different from Taiwan. I like it. In Taiwan, we have to follow our teacher step by step, but here it is more independent.

Isla Shastid, Y10: I enjoyed the fish filleting lesson. I found the lesson very interesting. I tasted my fish fingers, and they were really good. I gave some to my dad, and he loved them!



Year 7s completed a creative writing task after reading the play *Salem* by David Calcutt. Below are some of their responses.

Alice, Georgia & Flossie:

Reporter: Welcome to the Massachusetts news, today we are in the very heart of Salem village. We are interviewing two Salem slaves: Tituba and Mary Warren! Hello you two!

(Titiuba and Mary wave)

Both: Hello!

Tituba: Nice to meet you, thank you very much for having us! I'm very glad my master let me come!

(Mary grunts in approval)

Reporter: And who may your master be?

Tituba: Samuel Parris.

Mary Warren: my master is John Procter, he works me the hardest of all the slaves in Salem and is a very important figure in Salem village, some may say the most important.

Tituba: (sarcastically) sure, yeah.

Reporter: (to Mary Warren) But didn't you accuse him of witchcraft?

Mary Warren: (quickly) Oh yes, yes he's an awful witch! He should be hanged! An awful man.

Reporter: So, do you believe in witchcraft, or do you think it's merely make believe?

Tituba: We don't believe in witches, the accusers are simply dissembling.

Mary Warren: Let me speak for myself, Tituba. Personally I do believe in witchcraft - the ones employed by Satan - at least I know I am innocent. However, I don't think that is the case for some people (she looks accusingly at Tituba).

Reporter: so, picking up on what you said, Tituba, do you think it is the girl accuser's fault?

Tituba: Well, I don't like to point fingers, but if I had to place my finger on one person or group of people, then yes, I would put the blame on Miss Betty, Miss Abigail and their friends. I also think the responsible, powerful men shouldn't have encouraged it.

Reporter: It has been very interesting to hear these two different viewpoints. We have heard reports that Mary Warren, our guest here today, as well as accusing many other people and her master has also confessed herself! Now that's something to think about. That's all for now, and thanks for listening. Goodbye.

Henry, Lander, Ewan:

BREAKING NEWS!!!! SEVERE WITCHCRAFT HERE IN SALEM.

Reporter: Hello and welcome back to Salem news and today we have got the special opportunity to interview two of Salem's residents, the marvellous minister, Samuel Parris and the majestic Mary Warren.

Reporter: Welcome to the small town of Salem just north of Boston. Sam Thompson reporting live.

"So Mr Parris, there's a bit of a commotion here in Salem. Something about witchcraft ?

Could you tell us a little bit more."

Samuel Parris: "As you know here in Salem I am the new

Minister. When a new leader comes to power naturally there are new rules. I am simply just devoted to God thus I have had to beat the impurities out of Salem to rid thy community of witchcraft. Thou knowest them. Their faces are not hidden to thee. Cry out upon them whether they be thy neighbour, or thy friend, thy brother or thy sister.

And on that note, good day to thee sir"

Reporter: "Today Mary Warren got 'wrongly arrested' for witchcraft and is about to go on trial. We have a reporter down with her now. Over to you."

"Right now I am with Mary Warren, a suspect of witchcraft here in the state of Massachusetts, about to go on trial. How do you feel about this Mary?"

Mary Warren: "I feel wrongly accused, thrown in gaol and altogether bullied. So yeah, pretty bad."

Reporter: "Right, let's get on with it (our viewers are waiting!) So Mary, what do you think will happen to you when they question you for your loyalty to our Lord, God?"

Mary Warren: "When they ask me for loyalty, I will tell them I have some sense and stop dissembling, and if I go down in vain, others will follow me down..."

Reporter: "Ok, let's have some faith, how do you feel about the child, Dorcas, only four years of age, getting thrown into the gaol we are standing in now?"

Mary Warren: "When I saw her early and she asked me to save them all, but I replied 'no I cannot... I cannot save you... I cannot even save myself...'"

Jessica and Laura:

Breaking News! The devil has arisen in Salem!

Reporters: We are here live talking to Samuel Parris.

Mr Parris, what can you tell us about your role in Salem?

Mr Parris: I am the minister of Salem.

Reporters: Have you had any jobs before living in Salem?

Mr Parris: Yes, but up till now my adventures have not been successful. When I first came here from England, I was full of hope and plans. But there have been some difficulties. - unforeseen - setbacks, reversals of fortunes - though none of them have been my own making. Call it circumstance, the storm of life by which I have been poorly used. But I have weathered those storms. God has guided me through them, his hand has sheltered me, and led me here. For I believe that it is God's will that I am come. That he means great work for me, and in Salem I shall begin that work, and I shall carry it out with zeal and fervour. To uphold the righteous. To seek out and fearfully chastise the sinful. To proclaim anew God's kingdom. To fulfil my destiny.

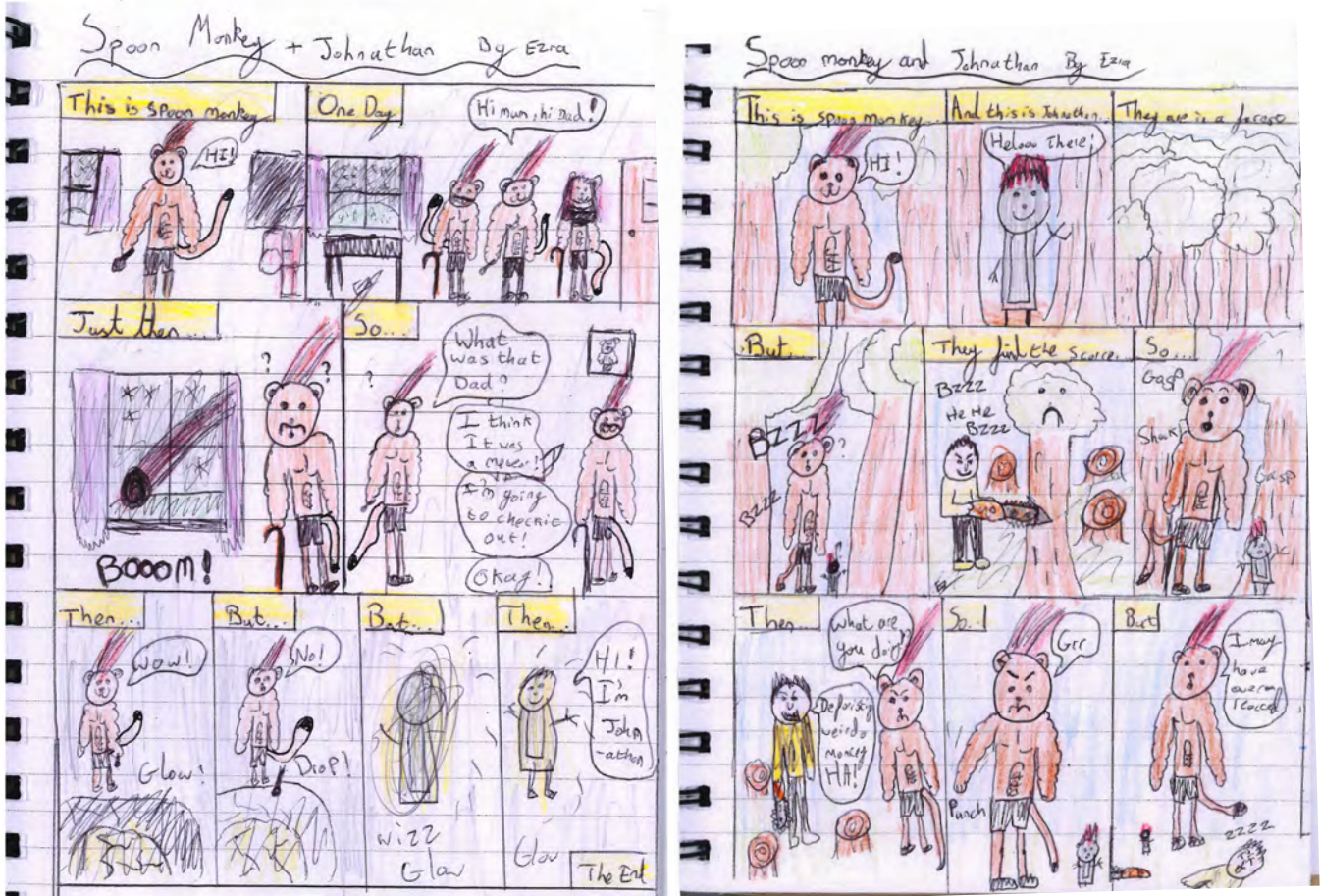
Reporters: We've heard there's something to do with witchcraft, can you tell us a bit more?

Mr Parris: Right now we are having some... complications with um... witchery and um... Satan. There are quite a few um... accused in gaol. And quite a few afflicted.

Reporters: Oh my!

Spoon Monkey and Johnathan 2026

Ezra Grimshaw in Year 7 is keen on comics, and he doesn't just like reading them, he's also into creating them. Follow the adventures of his characters Spoon Monkey and Johnathan below, and look out for the third instalment of this three-parter in the next Fountain magazine.



Olympic Week 2026

Years 7, 8 and 9 participated enthusiastically in our much-anticipated Olympic Week events.

Mandela House topped the medal table, while Da Vinci topped the overall points table.



Overall Medals Table!

May the best house win!

House	Total Golds	Y9	Y8	Y7
Mandela	9	1	3	5
Turing	8	4	1	3
Da Vinci	5	1	3	1
Earhart	1	0	1	0



Overall Points Table!

May the best house win!

House	Y7	Y8	Y9	Total Points
Da Vinci	60	96	39	195
Mandela	81	64	40	185
Turing	69	58	40	167
Earhart	39	58	29	126

How are the medal tables calculated?

The house with the highest number of **GOLD** medals will sit highest on the medals table. This is true even if another house has achieved more medals in total.

How are the point tables calculated?

Each position in the standings is worth points (see table →)

Therefore the house who tops the overall points table **CAN** be different to the house who tops the medals table.

Position	Points
Gold	10
Silver	8
Bronze	6
4th	5
5th	4
6th	3
7th	2
8th onwards	1

District Athletics Success



District Athletics Fixture Wednesday 6th May

A huge congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who represented Sawston Village College in the district athletics fixture of the season on Wednesday 6th May. Competing against Bottisham, Impington, NCA, Soham and Swavesey. The teams put in a fantastic performance, securing a very impressive 1st place overall.

WELL DONE SAWSTON!

New Personal Bests (PB's)		
Emmie Brown	Long Jump B	4.17m (PB)
Florence Bonhomme	Long Jump A	4.48m (PB)
Jasmine Green	Triple Jump	7.80 (PB)
Finlay Crossan	Triple Jump	10.90m (PB)
William Stephenson	Javelin	32.93m (PB)

Y10 Girls - Podium finishes		
Emmie Brown	200m A	1st
Emmie Brown	Long Jump B	2nd
Florence Bonhomme	300m A	2nd
Florence Bonhomme	Long Jump A	1st
Jasmine Green	800m A	1st
Jasmine Green	Triple Jump	2nd
Kiera Hancock	100m A	2nd
Kiera Hancock	200m B	2nd
Natalia Smith	1500m A	2nd

Y10 Boys - Podium finishes		
Taddy Fouda	200m A	1st
Finlay Crossan	200m B	2nd
Finlay Crossan	Triple Jump	1st
Luca Izuogu	800m	3rd
Maison Pacey	800m	2nd
Maison Pacey	Shot	1st
Matthew Russell	1500m	3rd
Max Crump	100m A	1st
Oscar Wong	Long Jump	1st
Pablo Bidston	100m B	3rd
William Stephenson	Javelin	1st
William Sweeting	300m	1st
William Sweeting	Discus A	2nd

How I come to be playing Kingbarns Golf Course this summer



On Saturday 14 March I travelled to Queens' College Cambridge for an interview for the Henry Morris Memorial Trust awards. It was a very nerve wracking interview but was a great experience of what a job interview may include. The Henry Morris Memorial Trust is a charity set up by Henry Morris's friends after his death that gives students a chance to apply for a grant for a "project with purpose" of their choice and, if successful, they receive funding to complete their particular project. After completing the project, recipients submit a report to the trustees, with prizes awarded for the best reports.

Personally, I applied for funding to play golf at Kingsbarns golf club on the east coast of Scotland. Kingsbarns golf club is one of the most prestigious golf clubs in the entire world, and it is a course that is regularly played on by the top golfers. The reason I chose this project is because golf is one of my passions and since a very young age I can remember walking around the golf course and dreaming that I would one day be able to play it. I am delighted that I have been successful in receiving this award and am looking forward to playing Kingsbarns in the summer.

I will report back on my experience!

Matthew Russell, Year 10

Sawston Village College is delighted to run an Adult Learning programme, the Anglian Leisure Sawston sports centre and Sawston Cinema for the community. Please check the relevant website for current programme and activity updates.



**Sawston
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Learning**

Sawston Adult Learning

Please check www.sawstonadultlearning.org for up to date information. You can also email community@sawstonvc.org.



Anglian Leisure Sawston

Please check www.sawstonsports.com for up to date information. You can also email fharrower@anglianleisure.co.uk and follow Anglian Leisure Sawston on Facebook.



Sawston Cinema

Please check www.sawstoncinema.org.uk for up to date information. You can also email cinema@sawstonvc.org.

Poetry Please

Miss Ellen Gee of Kew

Peerless yet hopeful maid of Q
The dame called LN G
Never again shall I or U
Together sip our T
For O , the fates , I know not Y
In the midst of the flowers a B
Which stung poor LN in the I
Thus that she can't C

LN exclaimed " Vile Spiteful B
If I ever catch U
On Jasmine , Rosebud or Sweet P
I'll change your singing Q '

" I shall send U a lamb or U
From across the Atlantic C
From our distant village Q
To distant Miami
A stream runs from my wounded I
Salty as the wide C
As rapid as the X or Y
The OXO cube or D "

" Then fare thee ill , indignant B
Which stung nor yet knew Y
Since not for wealthy Durham's C
I would have lost my I . "
They bear with tears poor LN G
In funeral today
a clay-cold corpse now doomed to B
While I mourn for her

You people of Q , go shun each B
Hear to the reasons Y
For should A B C U at T
He'll surely sting your I
Now in a grave L deep in Q
She's cold as cold can B
Whilst robins sing upon A U
Her death and L E G

LN exclaimed " Vile spiteful B
If I ever catch U
On Jasmine , Rosebud pr Sweet P
I'll change your singing Q "

Emmanuel Kuan, Year x



**SWIMMING
SESSIONS**

MONDAY	LANE SWIMS	7:00-9:00AM 8:00-9:00PM
TUESDAY	LANE SWIMS	7:00-9:00AM 7:00-9:30PM 6:00-7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	LANE SWIMS	7:00-9:00AM 7:00-8:00PM 6:00-7:00PM
THURSDAY	LANE SWIMS	7:00-9:00AM 7:00-9:30PM 6:00-7:00PM
FRIDAY	LANE SWIMS	7:00-9:00AM 6:45-7:45PM
SUNDAY	LANE SWIMS	9:00-10:30AM 10:30-11:30AM 11:30AM-12:30

Public/Family Swim sessions are also available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

With just over a month until our swimming pool closes for refurbishment, why not make the most of our lane swimming and public swimming sessions. Especially refreshing at this time of year!

Booking in advance is recommended.

The pool is due to close for up to a year on Monday the 17th of August.

Prices are:

Adult/Senior member - £4.00

Adult/Senior non member - £5.00

Junior - £4.00

Gold membership - Inclusive

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