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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Congratulations to our Y10 Duke of Edinburgh pupils on completion of their silver practice weekend. Thank you for your donations to the World Environment Day following our non-uniform day: we raised over £400 for the WWF. Some pupils were directly involved in Governors' Day on Monday and we thank them for their participation and honesty. It was a productive day which will help drive forward improvements on pupils' behaviour and the quality of teaching and learning. Next week, we look forward to Activities Week with enriching and inspiring trips home and away as well as lots of creativity and opportunities in school. Thank you to the staff for giving so much of their time to make these events happen; we wish all those traveling a safe journey and look forward to seeing their photos on return. We also start our two weeks Y10 work experience, giving pupils an insight into the world of work and a chance to develop key skills. We know they will do themselves proud and wish them all the best.

NEW Be water smart and enjoy water safely as a family this summer

Being next to water can help children be happier and healthier, but it's important that they know how to stay safe. Spending a short time talking about water safety as a family can make a big difference.

The Be Water Smart campaign is here to help you. It shares practical advice and useful resources to ensure your family has the right skills and knowledge to stay safe in and around water this summer.

For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-water-smart and follow along on social media using the hashtag #BeWaterSmart.

The Be Water Smart campaign has been developed by Cambridgeshire County Council.

NEW Children's Commissioner's Big Future Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has launched a national survey for children and young people to have their say on what it is like to be a child or young person in England today. Further information can be found [here](#).

To complete The Big Future survey, please follow this [link](#).



ANGLIAN LEARNING



FRAMEWORK FOR
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
IN EDUCATION
PATHFINDER



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2024 - 2025

REMINDER Thank a Teacher Day

The DfE's national Thank a Teacher Day is on June 17th. If you wish to encourage your child to send a personalised thank you to any staff member please follow the link here:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/parents/>

NICE TO KNOW Y10 Work Experience (WEX)

Y10 will be starting their WEX fortnight next Monday 15th June. We all hope that they have a very successful two weeks in their selected placements and do themselves proud. Each pupil will have a log book to take to their placement (one for each placement) which should be completed as appropriate before, during and after the placement. Staff are endeavouring to visit as many placements as possible in person. In some cases, this may not be manageable, in which case a virtual meeting or phone call will be arranged. Thank you for your continued support throughout this process and good luck to all the pupils!

NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition

Sixteen pupils from Y10 braved torrential showers on Cannock Chase last weekend 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.

COMMUNITY Shakespeare performance at Mary Challis Garden on 23rd July

The Handlebards will be performing Macbeth at Mary Challis Garden in Sawston on Thursday 23rd July from 7pm. Please see [here](#) for further details.

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Wishing you an exciting week ahead,

Jonathan Russell