

19 June 2026



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round Up**

It has been a full week of different activities, trips and opportunities for pupils. From den building in Milton Country Park to the wonders of Colchester Zoo and the thrills of Thorpe Park, staff have been able to provide a range of experiences in school and out. The local community also has a little less litter after a stirring effort from our Y7s on their village tidy-up. Further afield, we have been camping in Northamptonshire, kayaking in the Ardeche, splashing about at Grafham Water and enjoying the culture of Paris and Barcelona. None of these activities can happen without the willingness of staff to organise, support and lead, which is why it is timely that the national Thank a Teacher (and all School Staff) Day was yesterday. Congratulations to our film-makers who enjoyed a red carpet experience in Leicester Square. Work experience continues next week and we wish all Y10s the best with their placements; we have had many positive reports of levels of engagement and attitudes to work.

### **NEW Anglian Learning Trust letter - Mobile Phones**

Please find [here](#) a letter from Anglian Learning's Director of Inclusion and Director of Secondary Education regarding mobile phones in school. We will continue to explore the best method to exclude mobile phone use from the school.

### **NEW Activities Week**

Pupils have thrown themselves into Activities this week with energy, creativity and curiosity. It has been a joy to see so many happy faces with pupils (and staff) trying new things and really pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. Pupils have enjoyed trips to the theatre, the zoo, Thorpe Park and Milton Country Park. They have tried pottery, battle archery, acting, composing, baking, engineering and design. We wish a safe return to our four remaining residential trips due to return at the time of writing and hope that everyone has a restful weekend to recover.

### **REMINDER 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](#).



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### **NICE TO KNOW Into Film Awards Ceremony**

Pupils from Cinema Club enjoyed attending the Into Film Awards at the Odeon Luxe in Leicester Square on Tuesday. They had been shortlisted for their film, Fairy Fails, in the best film age 12-15 category. Although they didn't win the category, they left with lots of inspiration from the speeches made by some of the celebrities present and by some of the award winners. We're now looking forward to seeing what films they produce next.

### **COMMUNITY Norwich City Football Development Trials**

Norwich City Football Development is holding open trials for boys and girls from next week. For dates, locations and to book a place, please click [here](#). Please see [here](#) for further information.

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Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Jonathan Russell