

# SSSC NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2 2026

As we approach the end of the Spring Term we would like to wish everyone a happy Easter. This term has been filled with lots of exciting events for the wonderful pupils of SSSC! We are looking forward to the Summer Term and know pupils will continue to grab the fantastic opportunities made available to them.

### TERM DATES

#### Spring 2 2026

We break up for Easter on  
Friday 27th March 2026

#### Summer 1 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 -  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

#### Inset Days 2026

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 5th March, we enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day. We began with a whole-school assembly, where everyone had the chance to admire the wonderful costumes worn by pupils and staff alike.

Throughout the morning, the entire school took part in a carousel of book-themed activities, all designed to celebrate our love of reading. These included our very own Masked Reader, character creation, blackout poetry, stop-motion animation, orienteering, book-making, and Burpee Bear activities.

It was a brilliant way to support World Book Day, the National Year of Reading and their Go All In initiative.

### MUD KITCHEN

We are delighted to share our wonderful new Mud Kitchen, made possible through our recent fundraising. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us in making this possible for the pupils of SSSC!



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## YEAR 11 DERBY MUSEUM VISIT

As part of our Learning Heroes activities, Year 11 caught the bus to Derby and visited Derby Museum. They really enjoyed looking at the local historical artefacts as well as getting involved in the interactive displays in the 'Soldier's Story'. They saw some real Egyptian mummies as well as seeing a special Joseph Wright exhibition.



## EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE





Fantastic news - Swanwick School and Sports College has received £147.02 in a record breaking Donation Day.

Please scan the QR code below and download the app to start raising funds for SSSC just by shopping on line!!!!



A massive thank you to everybody who supports our cause by using the easyfundraising app!!!

## NURTURE BLUE LIFE SKILLS LESSON



As part of our life skills lessons, Nurture Blue have walked up to our local charity shop in Swanwick. The first time we went, we looked around and each chose a small item to bring back to school. We all had a turn at the counter and paid for our items. The second time we visited, we donated some items in order to support our local community. Nurture Blue students walked along the roadside sensibly, were excellent at waiting for the green man to cross the road and used their manners beautifully in the shop.

## **PREFECT NEWS**

This term, the prefects at SSSC have been busy with their duties such as, emptying recycling bins, helping out in prefect clubs and walking around the pitch to check and see if all is going well and some prefects have done their Anti-bullying walks. We are doing a great job at being role models for the younger pupils.

### **D OF E BRONZE AWARD**

Our D of E Bronze group have had an outstanding few months, showing commitment, teamwork, and a brilliant attitude throughout every challenge they've taken on. Last half term, the group took part in Bouldering at the Climbing Unit in Derby, where they threw themselves into learning safe and effective climbing techniques. Their enthusiasm paid off: they all progressed confidently, and some members are even on track to achieve an ASDAN award for their efforts!

Their fantastic work has continued this half term with a strong focus on campcraft skills back at school. Pupils have successfully learned how to pitch tents, work together as a team, and safely use Trangia stoves to make hot drinks and cook pasta—essential skills for their upcoming expedition scheduled in June.

Most recently, they have begun applying these skills beyond the classroom, taking part in practice walks with map reading in Shipley Country Park. Watching them transfer their learning to real outdoor environments has been truly impressive. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them for their teamwork, resilience, and positive attitude.

Well done, everyone!



## FRIENDS OF SSSC



On Thursday 12th February the “Friends of Swanwick” held a "Through the Decades" Music Quiz with Burgers/Hotdogs, raffle, cakes and refreshments hosted by our very own quiz master Mr Parry. The event was well attended with over 40 people including parents/carers/staff and pupils. We had a great evening with lots of fun, dancing and singing!!! The winner won a luxury sofa for two at Belper Ritz cinema.

Thank you to everybody who donated, supported and attended the evening. It was a very successful fundraising event towards our Mud Kitchen within the Creative explorer’s area.

## NEWARK AIR MUSEUM

On Friday 6th and Wednesday 11th of March, KS3 Cognition took part in a Cultural Capital trip to Newark Air Museum as part of their Theme topic of War and Peace. Pupils enjoyed the day developing a deeper knowledge of WWII and had the opportunity to explore a variety of aviation industry machinery. Pupils and staff were particularly amazed by the two planes that travelled at a whopping 2000kph, breaking the sound barrier.



## YEAR 11 REPTIME HANDLING



As part of our Life Skills Curriculum about Hobbies, we had a visit from Dave who brought along a selection of snakes, lizards and insects. He told us all about where they originate from, what their diet is, how they live in the wild and lots of other interesting facts, as well as answering our questions. The best part of the afternoon was being able to hold and touch the animals. Thanks Dave for an amazing experience!

## AVSSP AFTERNOON

Nurture Green enjoyed visiting Alfreton Leisure centre to take part in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership Afternoon, completing activities linked to dexterity, mobility, striking and kicking. Pupils used their cooperative skills to play team games, as well as showing great resilience when testing their balance on the balance beams and develop the accuracy of their aim using different equipment. They encouraged each other, made suggestions on how to improve their techniques and celebrated each other's successes.



## DERBY THEATRE WORK EXPERIENCE

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March a group of our Year 10 pupils were invited to Derby Theatre as part of an experience of work. They had a tour of the theatre which included visiting all of the backstage and prop areas. They then had the opportunity to meet staff from across the Derby Theatre group and ask them questions about how they got into the arts and the job that they do. In the afternoon all pupils took part in a 'improvisation' workshop which was great fun and allowed each pupil to extend the work that they have been doing in drama and school performances.



## RED NOSE DAY

A huge thank you for all your support with raising funds for Comic Relief today, from pupils and staff wearing red and our bake sale, we have raised £138.20.

# GYM AND DANCE

We were incredibly proud to see our pupils shine at this year's Gym and Dance Display on 24th March at Ripley Leisure Centre. Throughout the term, PE lessons have been carefully built around developing the skills and confidence needed for the performance, and it was wonderful to see all that hard work come together on the day. Pupils showed 'bravery' in trying new challenges, 'teamwork' in supporting one another, and 'creativity' in the performances they brought to life. Every child did an amazing job, demonstrating real commitment and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support. Your encouragement means so much to the children and helps make events like this truly special; moments where our pupils can 'Enjoy' sharing their performances, 'Achieve' through their dedication and skills, and 'Exceed' expectations as they continue to grow in confidence as part of our school community.



## AND FINALLY...

Miss Heidi Vickers our brilliant Midday Supervisor will be leaving us on the 27th March. We want to thank Heidi for all her hard work over the past few years and wish her best for the future.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on 13<sup>th</sup> April for the start of the summer term.

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