

SSSC NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2 2025

As this half term comes to an end at SSSC, we would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely summer break.

TERM DATES

Summer 2 2025

We break up for the summer holidays on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 1pm and pupils return on Monday 8th September 2025

Inset Day

Thursday 4th September 2025
Friday 5th September 2025
Wednesday 1st October 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Monday 29th June 2026

CREATIVE EXPLORERS BUILDING



On Wednesday 18th June 2025, SSSC proudly opened the new Creative Explorers building. This incredible space marks an exciting step forward in our journey of inspiring curiosity, creativity, and connection. We couldn't be prouder of what this new addition represents—not just a physical building, but a vibrant hub designed to spark imagination and open doors to new ways of learning.

The Creative Explorers Building is all about bringing the outside in and taking learning beyond the classroom walls. The Creative Explorers Zone is a place where children can explore, discover, and grow together with the world around them. We believe that learning should be an adventure and this new space is the perfect launchpad. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream a reality. We can't wait to see the creativity and exploration that will flourish here.



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TOUGH RUNNER

The whole school took part in the popular, Tough Runner event this half term. Pupils and staff were challenged to an obstacle course of cargo nets, spiders' webs, tyres and balance beams. The course finished with the very fun and very wet GIANT inflatable water slide. It was a great way to enjoy the outdoors whilst keeping cool! We are already excited for next year's event.



GULLIVER'S VALLEY

In June some KS4 pupils were very lucky to enjoy an over night stay at Gulliver's Valley. Pupils experienced animal encounters, lots of rides at the Theme Park, Blast Arena and Crazy Golf. They enjoyed a trio of evening activities which included marshmallow toasting, scooter safari and disco time. All pupils behaved brilliantly and were true ambassadors for SSSC.



DONATION BINGO

A massive thank you to everybody who donated items towards Donation Bingo to support our Creative Explorers. The pupils have enjoyed competing to be the first form to fill in their Bingo Card. The winners were Year 7 and Primary 1!

We look forward to a new exciting Donation Bingo game in the new academic year.

SOFTBALL CRICKET FESTIVAL

A Mixed team of pupils attended a softball cricket festival at Derbyshire County cricket ground. We had a fabulous day in the sun learning new skills in batting, bowling and fielding. What an amazing opportunity to play on a professional pitch, with the fabulous team at DCC. We came home with a 'Winners' trophy and a gold medal each.

GALLERIES OF JUSTICE

Year 10 form had an amazing time visiting the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham! The highlight of the trip was getting to perform a mock trial in the actual courtroom. We took on different roles—judges, lawyers, witnesses, and even the accused—and acted out a real historical case. It was exciting to stand where real trials once took place and bring history to life through drama. The museum staff were really helpful and made the experience fun and educational. We learned so much about crime, punishment, and how the justice system worked in the past. It was a trip we won't forget!



NURTURE CAREERS LESSON: JOBS WORKING WITH ANIMALS

Nurture classes gave a warm welcome to Katie from Canine Partners as part of their careers lesson linked to our topic: The Animal Kingdom. Pupils learnt about how volunteers train amazing dogs to carry out everyday tasks to help transform the lives of people with physical disabilities. Pupils used good communication skills and developed their knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of people working with animals.



FRIENDS OF SWANWICK

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported Friends of Swanwick throughout this academic year!

We've had an amazing time planning and hosting a variety of events, including the Bingo Pie & Pea Evening, Valentine Music Quiz, General Knowledge Quiz Night, Summer Fayre, Christmas Fayre, Freezer Pop Fridays, and Non-Uniform Days.

Thanks to your incredible generosity and participation, Friends of SSSC have raised a fantastic total of £2,387.71!

We're truly grateful to everyone who donated, attended, or helped make these events a success.

We can't wait to bring you more exciting events in the new academic year.

NEWS FROM OUR PREFECTS

This half-term has been action packed with Tough Runner, Sports Day, Summer Fayre, end of year class trips and I have been lucky to go to Hardwick Hall, Lea Green and the Galleries of Justice. The Year 11 prefects have now left for their next chapter and we wish them good luck. I have enjoyed my prefect role and hope to continue next year. Have a lovely summer.

AVSSP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Key stage 3 football teams took part in the final day of the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership Football Tournament on Tuesday 15th July. The tournament has been running throughout the academic year with 8 teams participating. We have been lucky enough to enter two teams who have played on every designated day and we have hosted the tournament. Despite atrocious weather conditions our pupils persevered and showed resilience to finish third overall in the final standings. On Tuesday each team played four matches and although results didn't go our way we, were very proud that our pupils never gave up and didn't use the conditions as an excuse to give in. We managed a 0-0 draw and a victory and our young players will learn from the experience and hopefully come back raring to go next season!



SPORTS DAY

Wow! What a fantastic Sports day we had SSSC. Well done to all the pupils and thank you to all the staff and parents/carers that help to make it a success. We had glorious sunshine and everyone enjoyed a variety of activities. We had speed bounce, chest push, egg and spoon race, javelin and long jump events. But the highlight of the afternoon was the whole school relay race! Hosted by Mrs England, pupils ran as a team to secure 20 runs and the first team to finish won the race. Well done to Saturn for winning the relay and Mars for scoring full marks for Teamwork!



FAREWELL TO THE YEAR 11'S

Our Year 11 pupils enjoyed a week of trips and events to celebrate the end of their time here at SSSC. It was rounded up by a wonderful leavers assembly, where all the pupils were spoken about individually and were given a beautifully bespoke, signed photobook, their record of achievement and a leavers hoodie. They have made us incredibly proud and we wish them well on the next part of their adventure.

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AND FINALLY...

When I look back on my 14 years as Headteacher at Swanwick School & Sports College I do so with great pride. It has been truly rewarding to work with so many fantastic staff, Governors, parents and carers but most importantly the young people who have attended our school during this time.

I know the school is safe in the hands of Mrs England and her staff team and I look forward to seeing how the school continues to develop over the next few years.

Thank You
Chris Greenhough

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