



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

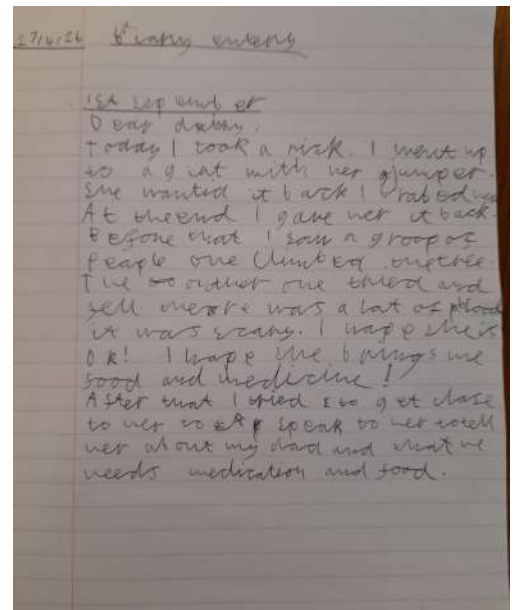
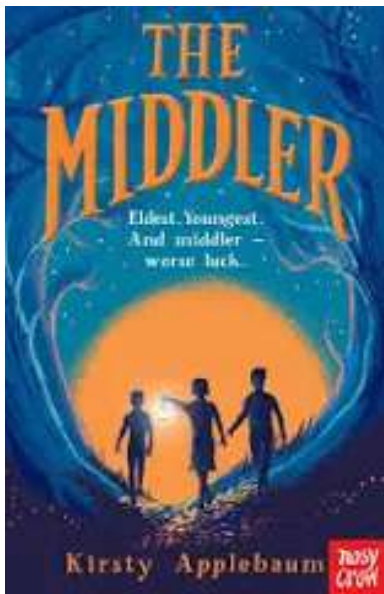
Week Ending: May 1st, 2026

Summer Term (1) End of Week 2: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

## Spotlight on English

### Year 5

Year 5 Set 3 have been continuing their work on the book, *The Middler*. After getting out the wig again for more 'Hotseating', the children wrote a diary entry in the role of Una. We compared how different the wanderer character was to our first initial thoughts when we wrote descriptions. The children are very enthused and curious about what will happen next in this dystopian novel!



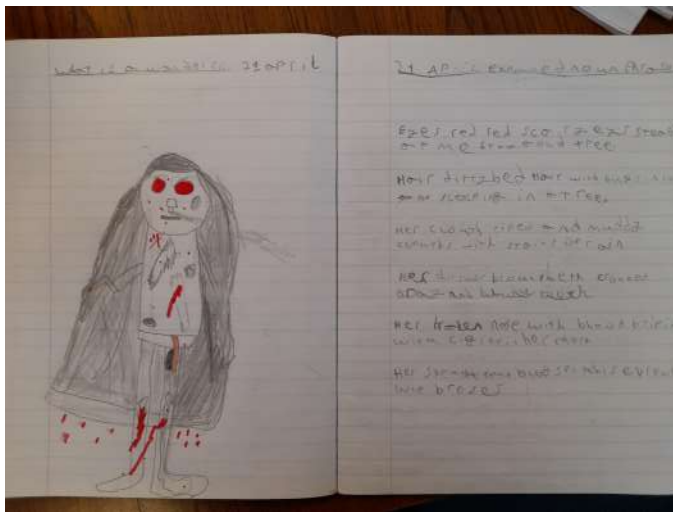
Monday 27th April  
Diary Entry  
1st September  
 dear diary

Today I took a big risk I  
 I seen someone fall out  
 of a tree so I went over  
 to see if she is ok,  
 and ~~but~~ there was blood  
 every where and she  
 was no where to be  
 seen so I decided to  
 go a little closer  
 to see there was only  
 one girl that came  
 back and then I  
 see maggie so I  
 asked her for help  
 and she was ~~at~~  
 so I went to see if  
 she was ok then IT told  
 her she could have  
 her jumper back

if she gets some some  
 food and my dad  
 medication, but  
 then maggie packed  
 a way but then  
 I asked her for help  
 for food and my  
 dad's medication then  
 I asked to not tell any  
 one you ~~see~~ me, and and  
 all I have to be seen doing  
 to get food is stealing  
 and then maggie went  
 silent then ran off.

27th April  
Diary Entry

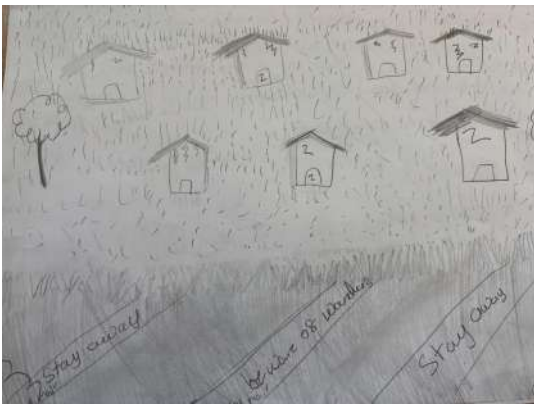
1st September  
 Dear diary,  
 today I took a risk I  
 was hiding in a hedge  
 all of a sudden I saw a  
 girl fall out of a tree! It  
 was horrible there was  
 blood ~~every~~ everywhere. Later  
 they all disappeared and  
 found a place that would  
 keep me warm. And then  
 a girl came back looking  
 for the jacket. "May over  
 here" I misper loudly. The  
 girl seemed scared of me  
 but I asked her for some  
 medication and food and I  
 made give her the jacket.  
 She faced away so I just  
 gave it to her. I can't  
 wait for tomorrow



Some children have been thinking about the boundary that surrounds the town which is the focus of the story. They created pictures to show their ideas and today they started to write a detailed description of their boundary and what could be on the other side of it.

Here are some of the pictures and their descriptions can be read in next week's News Review:





## Year 6

Year 6 pupils are working hard in preparation for their upcoming SATs. This week, in set 3, we have been working on prepositions, modal verbs, active & passive sentences as well as main & subordinate clauses.



We would like to wish all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their upcoming SATs. We are incredibly impressed with the hard work and resilience you have shown this year. Remember to stay calm, do your best and remember that we are already very proud of you. You've got this!



## Year 7



7/1 have just finished reading the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. They have had some powerful discussions about the shocking ending to the novel and the horrific realities of WW2. They have shared their opinions in a thoughtful and respectful way, allowing others to share their thoughts and opinions. Well done!

## Year 8

8/1 have been working very hard on GCSE-style 'Romeo and Juliet' essays this week. Their ability to analyse the language and structure of the play has been really impressive! Well done, all.



Well done to all the Year 8 pupils who have worked incredibly hard this week on their GCSE-style assessments. We are very impressed with the dedication and effort shown across all classes.



## SPARK! Poetry Competition

Well done to all of the children who entered poems into the **SPARK!** poetry competition. We were incredibly impressed with the entries; the standard was amazing!

We would like to say a massive well done to **Lolly**, who was runner-up in the competition and received a prize from SPARK! This is an incredible achievement, as there were schools from across the country involved. We are very proud of your hard work and creativity.

### **I Dare You**

We're crowded in the kitchen, shoulder-to-shoulder,  
Acting like we're ten years wiser, ten years older.

Then comes the whisper, the spark in the dark,  
A dare tossed out like a cigarette spark.  
"I dare you to say it", or "I dare you to go",  
To the edge of the yard where the shadows grow.  
To jump from the roof to the pool's blue deep,  
Or wake the secrets that the quiet kids keep.

We're chasing a feeling we can't even name,  
Playing a high-stakes, low-consequence game.  
For tonight, the world is just four plywood walls,  
And the echoes of shouting in carpeted halls.  
Tomorrow is coming with its bells and its light,  
But I dare you to stay in the heart of the night.

I dare you to lean in before the song ends,  
To bur all the lines between strangers and friends.  
Before the sun rises and the magic is through,  
I dare you to be exactly who you want to be – I dare you.

Lolly B (8 North)



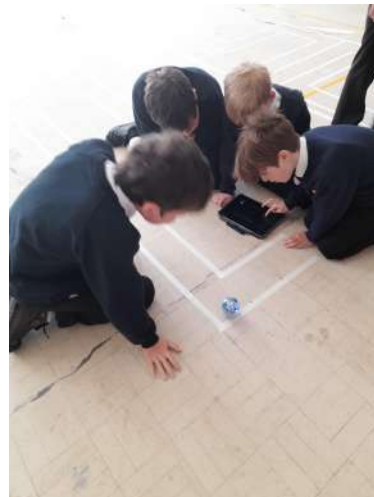
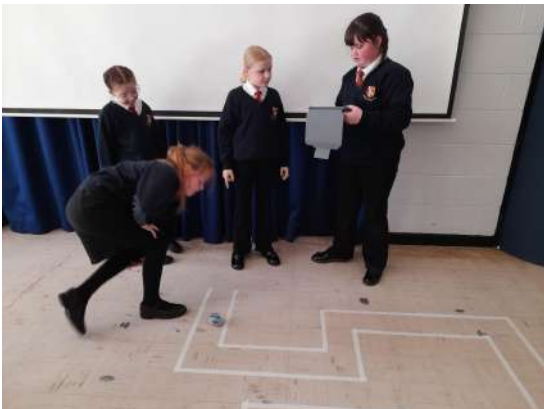
## London Mini Marathon

To celebrate the London Marathon our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in their very own Mini Marathon. Running, jogging and walking around the field, we completed 2 miles in the sunshine. Our achievement was rewarded with our very own trophy!



## Year 5 Robotics Workshop

On Wednesday, our astronomer friends from Kielder Observatory provided a Robotics Workshop to all Year 5 pupils. After learning about the Rovers used to explore planets, pupils were given the opportunity to explore some robots and learn how to program them to move across our school hall. Once confident, the children were challenged to program them to move around a maze. Working cooperatively in their groups, Year 5 had much success and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Please could you ask your child to complete the feedback form on Google Classroom or using this link: [Click here for link.](#)



## Key Stage 2 Beach Club

We are very lucky this term to be working with OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Educational Specialists) who are running a Beach Afterschool Club with Year 5. Each week the children will take part in different activities from team building to rockpooling. We were lucky to have such a lovely afternoon to do our first session. The children had to work together to complete various challenges. They had to: work as a team to transport as many balls into the tub via the pipes (they repeated this one but replaced the balls with water), build a bridge out of sand to support a certain weight, test their team's strength by doing a tug of war (which they loved).



## Stars of the Week:

Key Stage 2 - No Key Stage 2 assembly this week

Y7- Coby M

Y8- Riley H

## Attendance

Please remember to call in or send a message via MCAS if your child is unwell and will not be attending school by 8:30am. It is important that we have evidence for each day your child is absent, even if they were sent home the previous day.

**To report an absence via telephone call please dial 0191 2370629, select 4 for Seaton Sluice Middle School, then select 8 to report a student absence.**

Please send evidence of medical/dental appointments/medication to [ssms@svf.org.uk](mailto:ssms@svf.org.uk) so we can attach these to your child's profile on our system.

If you are submitting a Leave of Absence request, please ensure any documentation supporting the exceptional circumstances is handed in at the same time as the Leave of Absence form.



**This week's whole school attendance (YTD): 91.9%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.8%	94.2%	90.5%	88.9%

**The current best attending class is: 5 North**

## Dates for the diary:

**May 4th** - May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

**May 11th** - Y6 SATs week

**July 15th** - KS2 Adventure Valley Trip. Sign up for your child using this [link](#)

Unfortunately, the trip to Kielder Observatory for Space Club has to be postponed due to a road closure preventing us from getting there easily but we hope that we will be able to re-organise this soon! If your child attended Space Club and hasn't yet filled in the feedback form on Google Classroom, please ask them to do so as the feedback ensures that there will be funding to allow these wonderful opportunities to continue to be provided in the future. Kielder Observatory have offered SSMS so many amazing experiences that are all free of charge! Adam Shore, our astronomer friend who organises and resources all activities is running the GNR to raise more funds for the Observatory so if you would like to sponsor him, here is the link: [Fundraising for Kielder Observatory](#)



## Social Media Channels

Don't forget to keep up to date with everything else on our social media channel.

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