



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: July 3rd, 2026

Summer Term (2) End of Week 5: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

## Spotlight on...PE

Throughout this half term all of our classes have been taking part in summer sports and activities, mainly in track and field athletics. They have been participating in a wide range of running events including sprint races of 50m, 80m, 100m and 200m alongside the more challenging distance runs, Key Stage 2 completing 600m and Key Stage 3 pushing themselves to get their best times for the 1500m. As well as running, pupils have also had the opportunity to take part in throwing and jumping events, including throwing hammers and javelins as well as the high jump.

As well as athletics, pupils have been competing in lessons playing games of rounders and tennis. Some of our pupils have also had the expertise of external coaches supporting lessons to teach various versions of cricket and kwik cricket. The coach has also supported extra curricular clubs for Keystage 2, supported by our Sports Leaders.

## Year 6

This half term, year 6 have been learning how to play Quick Cricket. It is a fast-paced, enjoyable version of traditional cricket designed to maximise participation, teamwork and skill development. It strips away the slower elements of the standard game to ensure that everyone stays active and engaged.



## Year 8

Some of our Year 8 have recently returned from a camping trip which is the finale of a year long course that has included teambuilding and first aid sessions. They have also taken part in a number of cycling, rifle shooting and archery sessions throughout the year. Allowing them to complete the 23 mile ride to the campsite where they have pitched and slept in tents over the weekend. During the camp they have also learnt important life skills, looking after themselves and others, including cooking their own meals. A very tiring, but enjoyable weekend was had by all.



## Sports Day

This year's Sports Day was filled with high energy and fantastic sportsmanship from all our pupils. The competitive track and field events saw pupils pushing their limits in the explosive 80m sprint, the demanding 600m run, the precision-based howler throw and the standing long jump. Complementing the main track events, a vibrant selection of non-competitive activities—including football, basketball, an adventurous trim trail obstacle course, and kingball—ensured that every child could participate and actively contribute to their team. Ultimately, the day was less about the final scores and more about shared smiles, as all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, cheered on their peers, and created lasting memories together.



## Science

In Year 7 Science, students investigated how different metals react with acids, observing the changes that took place and identifying the products formed during these chemical reactions. They learned that when a metal reacts with an acid, it produces a salt and hydrogen gas. To confirm the presence of hydrogen, students carried out the “squeaky pop” test by bringing a lit splint near the gas, listening for the characteristic pop that indicates hydrogen is present. This practical investigation helped develop students’ understanding of chemical reactions while building their confidence in carrying out scientific experiments safely.



## Peer Mentoring

Over the past six weeks, 18 Year 7 pupils have been taking part in Peer Mentor training, delivered by Stacey from the Be You team. Through weekly one-hour sessions, pupils have developed the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to support their peers.

Their final training session takes place next week, after which they will be presented with their Peer Mentor badge and will achieve an AQA Unit Award in Level 2 Peer Mentoring.

This week’s session saw pupils taking part in a range of team-building activities designed to strengthen their listening, communication and teamwork skills. They demonstrated excellent enthusiasm and commitment throughout the programme, and we look forward to seeing them put their new skills into practice as Peer Mentors within our school community.

Congratulations to all of our pupils on this fantastic achievement!



## Maths Treasure Hunt

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in a Maths Treasure Hunt, combining problem-solving with plenty of physical activity. Working together to solve mathematical challenges, they explored the school grounds while developing their teamwork, resilience and numeracy skills. It was a fantastic way to make learning active, engaging and fun!



## Year 8 Leavers Carnival



The Year 8 leavers carnival will take place on Thursday 16th July from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

There will be a rodeo bull, fairground games, a selfie den, music, food, drinks and ice cream. All entertainment will be free but pupils will need to bring money if they wish to buy pizza, ice creams etc.

Pupils may come in appropriate non-uniform on this day rather than change at the end of school.

Please advise your child whether you intend to pick them up afterwards or whether they should make their own way home.

## Stars of the Week:

No KS2 assembly this week.

Y7 - Lexi Rendles

Y8 - Max Crain



## 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): 91.5%**

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.7%	93.5%	90.2%	88.2%

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

### Medications in School - Antihistamines

As hayfever season is in full swing, we kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our students comfortable and ready to learn. If your child suffers from hayfever, **please ensure they are given their allergy medication before arriving at school in the morning.** Our front office staff currently do not have the capacity to administer daily hayfever medication.



Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep the school day running smoothly for everyone.

### Lost Property

We have a vast amount of lost property lying around school and in lockers that are named and unnamed, please can you ask your child/children if they have lost anything to have a look for it especially in the PE lost property bin outside the changing rooms as this is overflowing.

You are welcome to pop into school yourself to have a look anytime after 3:30pm.



### Dates for the diary:

July 3rd - Year 5 and 7 Reports available on MCAS

July 6th - Feel good Monday (in place of Feel good Friday on the 3rd as it is Sports Day)

July 10th - Year 6 and 8 Reports available on MCAS

July 13th KS3 Metro Centre Trip. **Closing date for bookings 22nd May.**

July 15th Y8 Awards evening - Seaton Valley High School 6-7pm

**July 15th** - KS2 Adventure Valley Trip.

July 16th - Y8 leavers carnival 3.30-5.30pm

July 16th - Trip to Kielder Observatory for Space Club. If your child was part of Space Club and would like to go, please fill in this form: [Kielder Observatory](#) If your child doesn't want to attend, please can you also indicate this on the form.

December 10th - The panto for Key Stage 2 is already booked! Please can Year 5 sign up as the form class they will be in September. Here is the link: [Panto Trip](#)

### Lunch Account Balance

Please check your child's lunch account balance, and top up as necessary. We will never allow your child to go hungry, and should they not have enough money on their account then we will ensure they are able to buy a Main Meal Deal by granting them a temporary overdraft for that day of £2.60. You will then receive a message via MCAS advising you that you need to top up their account. This temporary overdraft facility will not be extended for additional days and should your child not have enough funds in their account the following day they will only be provided with a basic sandwich and drink. Our expectation is that you will top their account up immediately so they have a positive balance again.

### Social Media Channels

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



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