



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: July 10th, 2026

Summer Term (2) End of Week 6: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

Spotlight on...Music

Year 5 and Year 6

KS2 have been learning to play the ukulele! After mastering 2 and 3-chord songs, they have learnt about different strumming patterns and moved onto playing tunes by some of their favourite artists, including Michael Jackson and Zara Larsson. Some of their whole-class performances have included keyboard and percussion instruments, which sounded fantastic, and really showcased how much they have learnt this year.



Year 7 and Year 8



Following on from their recent fantastic composition work, KS3 have been having fun creating digital music and podcasts about music. By exploring complex rhythms and the layering of instruments using computer programmes, students can see how different genres of music, like pop, rock, and orchestral are structured, which supports them in structuring their own compositions and helps to improve their skills in music analysis.



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Our music clubs also continue to be hugely popular...

The Rock School students have thrived this term, with the fantastic support of Mr. Peacock, our visiting musician. Students have also enjoyed the Ukulele and Singing clubs, becoming more confident musicians every week.



Peer Mentors

Congratulations to our Peer Mentors, who successfully completed their training this week. They should be incredibly proud of their achievement and are now ready to support their peers across the school.

News Broadcasts

This week saw 6/2's English lessons coming live from a news studio and Buckingham Palace (or at least a version of them in Mrs McCloskey's classroom). The class studied how news broadcasts are constructed, then wrote and performed their own. I was so impressed by their fabulous work, and look forward to seeing some of them on the BBC when they're older!



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School Games football tournament

A group of year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Northumberland school games football tournament last week at Northburn. They competed against 6 other teams from across Northumberland. The girls represented the school well showing fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and most importantly played with smiles on their faces. Well done girls, we are so proud of you!



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School Food Champions: Culinary Success!

Our student School Food Champions have been hard at work in the kitchen, testing out a brand-new recipe to liven up our school menus. Their latest creation? Savory Cheese and Chive Muffins!

The team hosted a special tasting session during morning breaktime, and the verdict is in: they were an absolute hit! Students and staff alike lined up to try the warm, fluffy treats, praising the perfect balance of savory cheese and fresh chives.



"They're so fluffy and flavorful—the perfect breaktime snack!" - Overheard at the tasting stall.

What's Next? Because the feedback was so overwhelmingly positive, our School Food Champions are working with the kitchen staff to see how we can get these delicious muffins featured regularly on the school menu.

A huge congratulations to our Champions for their creativity and dedication to making our school food both nutritious and delicious. Stay tuned for their next culinary adventure!



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Transition Week

This week, Year 4 children who are transitioning to SSMS in September had 3 days in our school to meet their new form teacher and get to know new children in their class. Mornings included ice-breakers to meet new friends and a treasure hunt to explore the building. As well as making a leaflet all about what they now know about SSMS, the children designed and made a time capsule filled with information all about themselves; we will 'bury' this until they leave in Year 8 when they can open it up again and have a giggle at how much they've grown up! In order to further explore our specialist areas, the children baked Gingerbread SSMS Pupils, painted a canvas of an area of the school and played in the Trim Trail. After discovering that someone was trying to murder a teacher by poisoning drinks, the children made a universal indicator with red cabbage so they could detect which drink contained the poison in the Lab! We ended the week with some Tennis, Rounders and well-earned ice pops. We are really looking forward to welcoming our new pupils in September!



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:

Y5 - Transition week; no stars for Y5

Y6 - Lily W, Charlie T, Ava R, Betsy E, Esme M, Luna M, Lilly-Mae L

Y7 & 8 - No key stage 3 assembly this week

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 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%	93.4%	90.1%	88.2%

The current best attending class is: 5 North



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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 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.

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](#)



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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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