



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: June 12th, 2026

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

Spotlight on...Technology

It has been an incredibly busy and productive time in the Design & Technology department! Our students across all year groups have been rolling up their sleeves, designing, testing, and making. Here is a look at what's been happening in the workshops and classrooms lately:

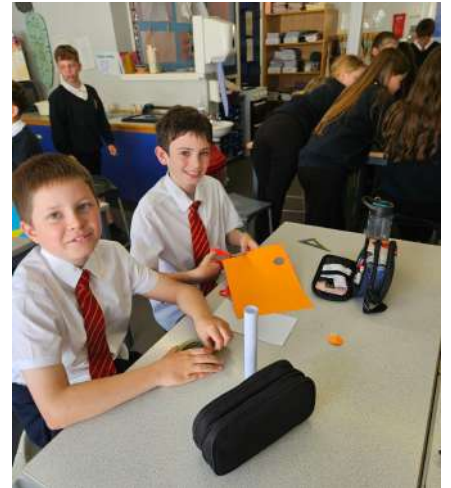
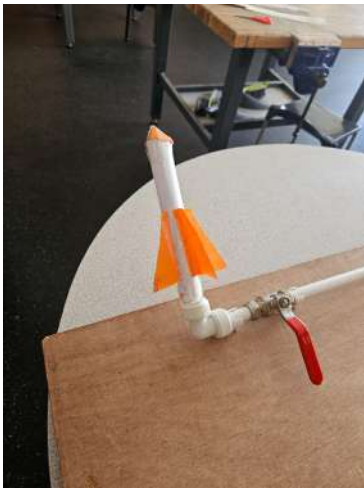
Year 5

Year 5 are putting the finishing touches on their latest food topic with Mr Anderson. Pictured here, you can see the students conducting a sensory analysis on a variety of fruits—evaluating texture, aroma, and taste to help inform their future culinary creations.



Year 6

Our Year 6 students have been fully immersed in a high-energy STEM unit with Mr Barkley. There was no shortage of excitement as they took to the field to test out their handmade rockets! As you can see from the photos, it was a brilliant afternoon of hands-on science and engineering.



Year 7

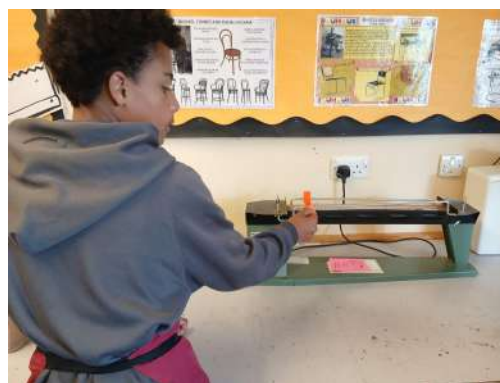
Year 7 have been busy in the workshop crafting their own trinket boxes with Mrs Allison. They are learning to work with a mix of materials, combining pine, MDF, and plywood. Their construction and joinery skills are coming along beautifully—just look at that progress with the lap and finger joints!



Year 8

Year 8 are currently mid-way through an impressive project with Mrs Allison: designing and manufacturing their own litter grabbers. Alongside mastering a range of workshop tools, they've been learning how to apply anthropometrics and ergonomics to ensure their designs fit the human hand perfectly. Pictured here, students are using the strip heater to carefully thermo-form and bend their acrylic jaws.

A huge well done to all our students for their hard work, creativity, and commitment to workshop safety this term!



Enriching Reading

Year 6 are reading 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class' at the moment, which is the sad but powerful tale of a Syrian refugee. This week's chapter saw the narrator looking for pomegranates, to remind Ahmet of his homeland, so we seized the chance to try some ourselves. Well done to everyone who tried one for the very first time!



Prefect Roles

Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils who were successful in their efforts to become prefects next year. Competition was fierce, given the exceptional standard of applications from students who consistently model the high standards of attitude and behavior expected of a prefect.

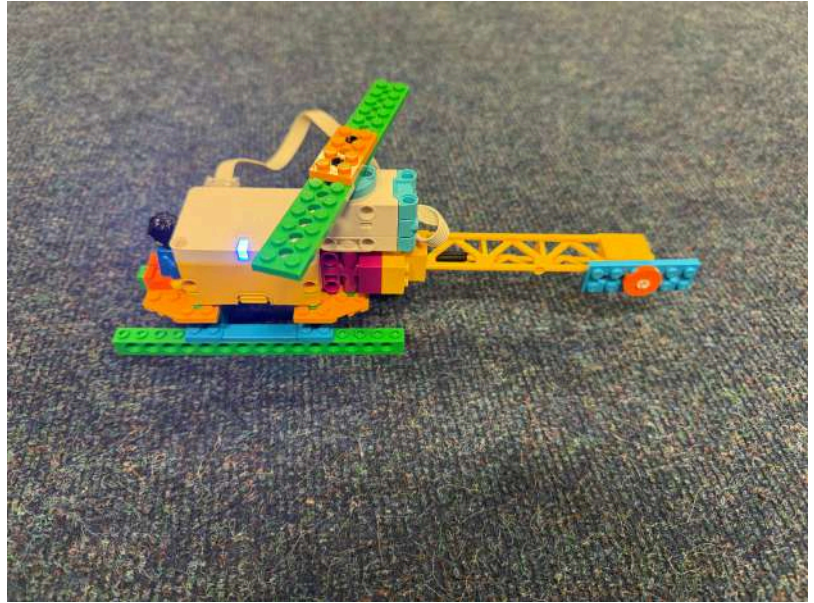
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Year 8s playing the [Path to Success](#) game in their careers lesson, learning about different career paths and interesting facts about careers and employment.
Next week - Mock interviews.



Key Stage 2 Coding Club

This week, our Key Stage 2 Coding Club enjoyed an exciting STEAM session, working collaboratively to build and program LEGO creations. Using their creativity and problem-solving skills, the children designed a range of impressive inventions, including a flying helicopter. The session encouraged teamwork, innovation, and computational thinking, while giving pupils the opportunity to bring their imaginative ideas to life through coding and engineering.



Mock Election

Election fever hit SSMS this week when the whole school had the opportunity to take part in our own Mock Election.

In the run up to the election, Year 7 pupils took part in a launch event where they formed political parties and produced their own manifestos. The best parties (as chosen by their classmates) were put forward into the main election along with two “wildcard” teams (put together by the teachers; combining individuals who stood out to them). The 5 teams began their election campaigns: preparing speeches, presentations and promotional materials and talking to voters to try to gain their support.



On the morning of June 12th, the candidates bravely presented their speeches to the whole school and then the voting began. Year 7 pupils ran the polling station and, class by class, the students swapped their polling cards for ballot papers and cast their votes in the private voting booths.

The election administrators were extremely efficient and by lunchtime the votes were all cast and counted. Everyone gathered excitedly in the hall where the results were announced. All parties had attracted a respectable number of votes, however, the winning party was the YPP party whose policies to improve the lives of young people (and their catchy theme tune!) proved extremely popular with their constituents.

Well done to everyone involved in the election: you all did a fantastic job and helped the whole school to experience how a real election works.



Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Noah T, Evie B, Minnie W, Michael M

Y6 - Harvey W, Seth N, Willem H, Matthew M, Violet G

Y7 - Faith Oliver

Y8 - James Orr

Polo Shirts

Pupils are allowed to wear white polo shirts instead of a shirt and tie for the last half term. They are still expected to wear a school jumper.



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): 91.6%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.5%	93.8%	90.3%	88.3%

The current best attending class is: 5 North



Dates for the diary:

June 16th - y7 Careers workshops

June 17th - Y5 Puberty workshops

June 26th - Y8 Careers Afternoon

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. There are only a few children who haven't yet indicated whether they would like to go. Please do so using this [link](#)

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.

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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