



# SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: February 13th, 2026

Spring Term (1) End of Week 6: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

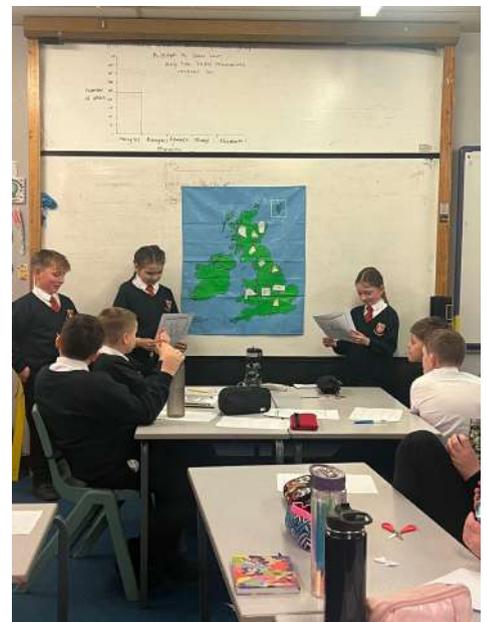
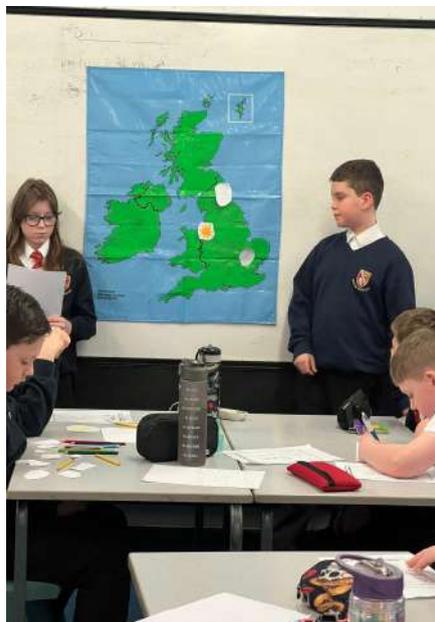
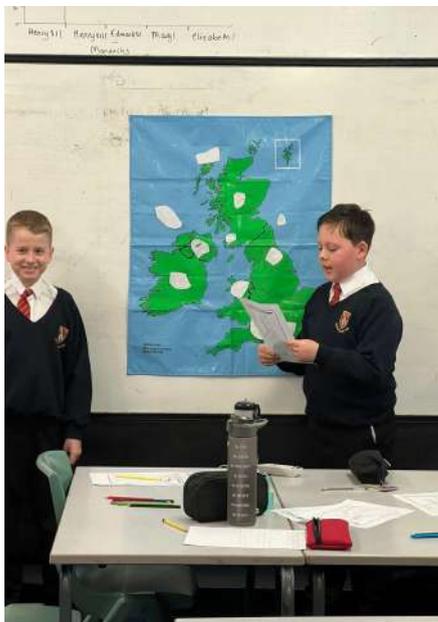
## Mental Health Week in Y5

In Year 5, we have been doing activities surrounding the focus of 'Mattering and Belonging'. The Metaphor Check-In activity where the children used metaphors to describe their feelings helped them to feel noticed and listened to in a non-judgemental space. Grace H (5E) shared, 'I am the sunshine because I'm happy!' and Max Mc (5E) explained, 'I am a monster-truck when I'm feeling angry!' Following this activity, pupils took part in the Keep a Straight Face activity which promoted positive peer relationships whilst also allowing the children to enjoy shared laughter and connection. In pairs, one pupil had to pull faces but the other had to try to keep a straight face - it was hilarious!

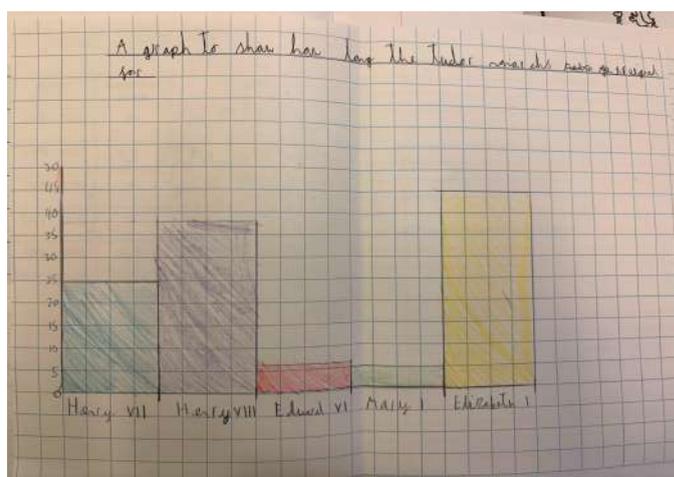
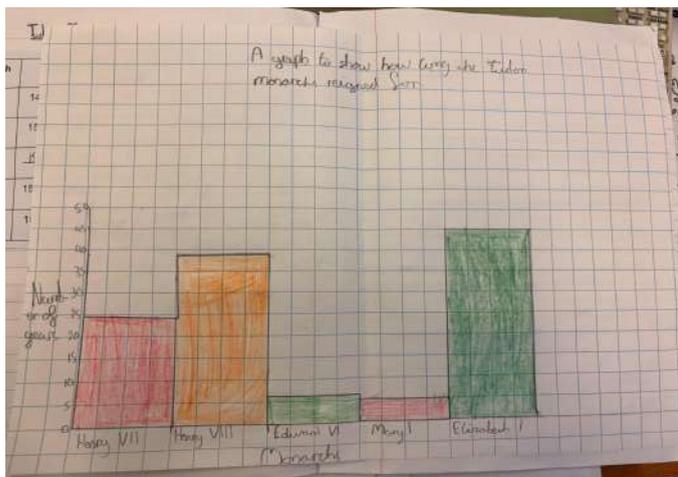
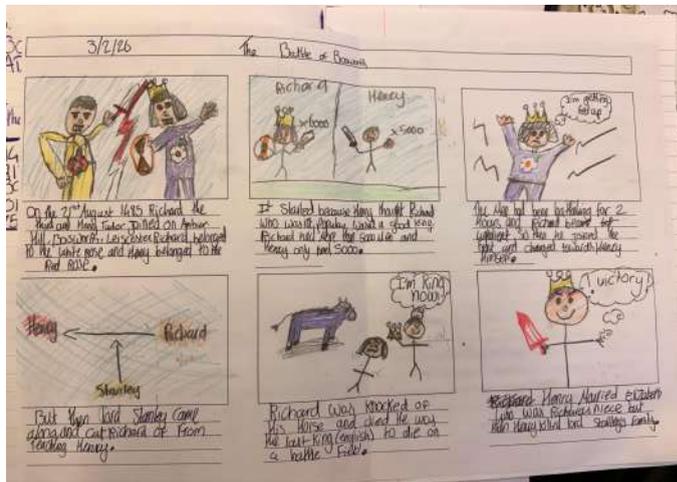


## Spotlight on...Humanities

Year 5 have been having a whirlwind of a time exploring the fascinating world of weather! Over the past few weeks, they've been learning all about different types of weather, how forecasts are made, and the science behind rain, sunshine, wind and even thunderstorms. The classroom has been buzzing with excitement as pupils became meteorologists for the lesson, creating their very own weather reports complete with maps, symbols and dramatic presenting skills! From predicting showers to warning of icy winds, they confidently delivered their forecasts with enthusiasm and flair. Well done, Year 5, for bringing the sunshine into our learning!



Year 6 have been travelling back in time to explore the fascinating and dramatic Tudor period! They have been learning about the powerful Tudor monarchs, discovering when they ruled the country and how long their reigns lasted for. Alongside their historical studies, Year 6 have been putting their maths skills to great use, working with numbers confidently and applying their learning to create bar charts. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, curiosity and determination in both history and maths. Well done, Year 6, for your brilliant hard work



## Year 5 Science - Exploding bags

To end our topic on Materials and their Properties, we looked at irreversible changes. Mixing bicarbonate of soda with acid, the children discovered that a reaction took place as they watched with anticipation when the gas, carbon dioxide was produced and the bag began to blow up!



## Space Club

Members of the Space Club have been learning about the solar system. During our live link to an astronomer at Kielder Observatory, the children asked mind blowing questions then built their own Solar System Mobiles. The results were fabulous!



## KS3 maths mentoring

KS3 maths mentoring has been running since the Autumn term to help support Y6 students with their arithmetic confidence and ability.

The Y7s and Y8s involved all volunteered and are really making a difference. Many of the Y6s would like to become a mentor when they enter KS3.



The school has registered with the Royal Academy of Arts website. They are running a competition for pupils aged 4-18. If any pupils would like to submit their artwork they can do this before 4th March 5pm. The link is <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

### Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Thea B, Kaiden L, Ella E, Theo W, Xander P

Y6 - Layton H, Cullen M, Freddie B, Ava R, Penny R, Noah T

Y7 - Donnie

Y8- Max C

## 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
94.9%	94.3%	89.9%	89.2%

**The current best attending class is: 5 North and 6 East**



## Dates for the diary:

Mondays, weekly - Space Club for Y5 and Y6 pupils at 3.30pm-4.30pm. Spaces still available. Follow this link to: [Sign up for Space Club](#)

24.2.26 - Arrival of our chick eggs in Year 5.

15.7.26 - End of Year Trip for KS2 - Adventure Valley. Please fill in an expression of interest if you would like your child to go. Follow this link (Y5 and Y6 only): [KS2 End of Year Trip](#)

## Social Media Channels

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

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