



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: May 15th, 2026

Summer Term (1) End of Week 4: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

Year 6 SATs, 2026

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs tests this week!

We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, and positive attitude you have shown throughout the week. You approached each test with maturity and gave your very best effort – and that is all anyone could ask for.

The hard work, preparation, and commitment you have shown over many months has been outstanding. You should all feel extremely proud of yourselves, not only for completing the tests, but for the way you supported one another and represented the school so brilliantly.

A special thank you also goes to our staff and families for their encouragement and support during this important time.

Well done, Year 6 – now it's time to relax, celebrate your achievements, and enjoy the final weeks of Key Stage 2!



Spotlight on...Science

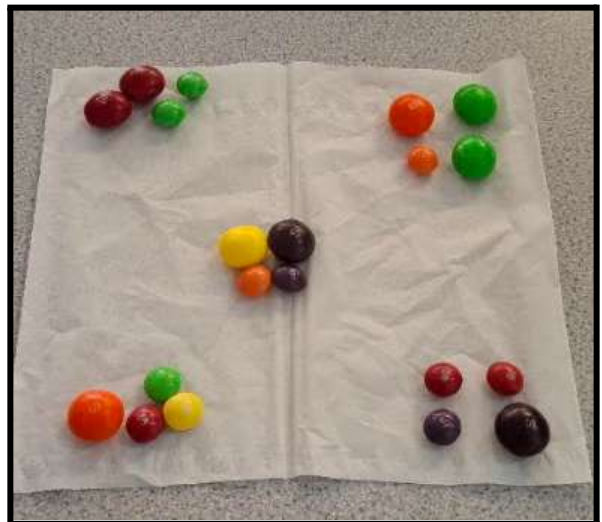
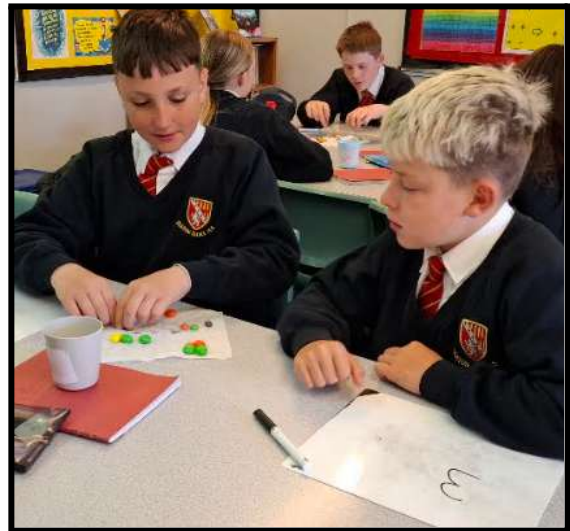
Year 5 Science

In our Forces topic this week, we have been investigating water resistance to find the fastest sinker. The children generated ideas of how they could test for this, then using plasticine, they moulded different shapes to drop into a vessel of water to see which would sink first.



Year 7 Maths

Year 7s have been using skittles this week to bring to life the topic of Fractions of Amounts.



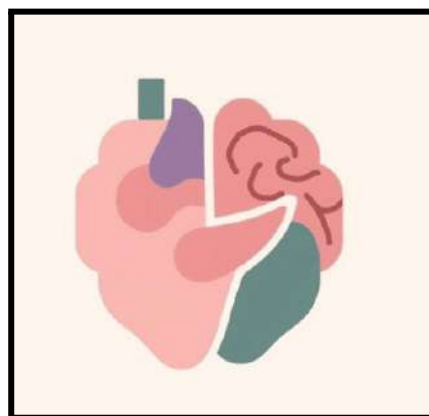
Mock Election Fever Mounts

This year's Mock Election is now in full swing. All year 7s took part in a drop down day last week to learn about how an election works, form their own political parties, write manifestos and present them to their class,

We have 5 teams going through to the main election: some were chosen by their classmates, others who had shone as individuals were recommended by their teachers to be invited to come together as one of two wildcard teams. All are already showing passion, creativity, commitment and leadership. This year's mock election is shaping up to be the best yet, especially since our local MP, Emma Foody, is planning to join us on the morning of the Election speeches and voting.

Good luck to our five parties who will spend the next few weeks preparing for election day.

Here are some of the logos, can you guess what they might stand for?



Art Splash NEWS FLASH:

Sculpture Selected for Royal Academy!

We are thrilled to announce that **Jack Mason** has been selected for the **Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2026!**

Out of a staggering **25,000 national submissions**, Jack's powerful piece, *Shmuel and Bruno*, was hand-picked by the RA judges for this year's official exhibition.

What makes this even more special is that Jack's sculpture, *Shmuel and Bruno*, was originally created as a Year 7 homework project for our unit on *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

Jack said, "I wanted the sculpture to be simply made to demonstrate the simplicity and innocence of the friendship, I used the same materials for both boys showing that they saw no difference between themselves.

I think using metal shows the harsh reality of the situation against the softness of the friendship holding hands."

Mark your calendars:

- **What:** Young Artists' Summer Show Online Launch
- **When:** Wednesday 8 July
- **Where:** Available to view on the **Royal Academy (RA) website** indefinitely.

We are incredibly proud of Jack for this prestigious achievement. Don't miss the chance to see his work exhibited online this summer!



Stars of the Week:

Due to SATs no assemblies took place 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): 91.9%

| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 94.8% | 94.1% | 90.4% | 88.6% |

The current best attending class is: 5 North

Dates for the diary:

May 22nd - School closes for half-term holiday

June 1st - School reopens

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

July 16th - Trip to Kielder Observatory for Space Club. More details coming 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](#)



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.

https://www.instagram.com/seaton_sluice_middle/

Facebook - @Seaton Sluice Middle School

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