



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending November 21st, 2025

Half-term 2. End of week 3. Read on for updates and a round-up of just some of the things that have been happening in school!

Spotlight on ... Music!



Year 5 have been learning where the notes middle C, D, E, F and G are on the keyboard and how to play them using the correct fingers. They are learning how to read music notation and perform a simple melody using the correct technique on the keyboard. A highlight of this term has been singing some traditional folk songs from the local area and Scotland. Pupils loved wearing a 'Wee Jimmy' hat while singing 'The Granny' song!



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Spotlight on Music... contd

Year 6 have started a topic about Music in Tudor Times. They have discovered that many instruments that can be found in the classroom today were around in the Middle Ages. The recorder was a popular instrument played by King Henry VIII and we found three modern recorders in one of the cupboards. Pupils are practicing playing a Tudor Sword Dance on the keyboards using a Tudor voice.



Year 7 and 8 are improving their keyboard skills and adding chords to a melody. Performances have been superb!



Instrumental lessons are in full swing. Mr Peacock has been working pupils hard to learn new music and improve their performing skills.



Reminder - Please be considerate when parking in the streets around school when dropping/picking up children. Local residents must be able to get out of their drives and shouldn't be blocked in.

KS2 Assembly

Councillor Ferguson was in school this morning to thank year 5 pupils for helping to plant trees in Holywell Dene. Our pupils worked with The Friends of Holywell Dene to plant Silver Birches to celebrate their 25 year anniversary. Councillor Ferguson presented the pupils who helped mark the occasion, with a beautiful thank you card, filled with photos of the day.



PTFA Christmas Fair
November 27th, 6 to 7.30pm
Adults £1 entry
Free entry for children



Huge thanks to everyone for their Christmas Fair donations today - we are so grateful for your generosity.

Get in the Christmas spirit and come along and join the family fun :

- Cafe
- A range of stalls selling Christmas gifts
- Tombolas
- Raffle
- Children's games' room.....and much more!

Hope to see you Thursday!



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Christmas Drawing

Competition

Christmas is coming!

To mark the occasion Mr Thompson is holding
A Christmas drawing competition with prizes
for my favourites in KS2 & KS3

Entries must be in by Wednesday the 10th of December
(10/12/25)

Hand in your pictures to the Art Room



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Stars of the Week:

Y5- Matilda H, Grace H, Scarlett Q, Grace L

Y6- Penny R, Esme M, Willem H

Y7 - Joshua S

Y8 - Lara L

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): 93.10%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
96.36%	95.71%	90.12%	90.96%

The current best attending class is: 5N (98.10%)

Dates for the diary:

24.11.25 - Monozukuri Caravan event for some Y6 pupils

27.11.25 - PTFA Christmas Fair

11.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Social Media Channels

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

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