



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: June 26th, 2026

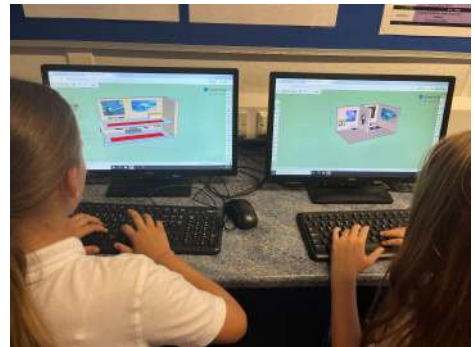
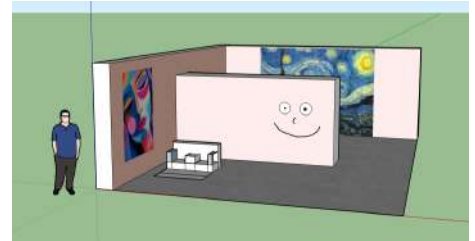
Summer Term (2) End of Week 4: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

Spotlight on...Computing

Year 5

Year 5 have been designing a 3D art gallery using SketchUp for Education.

To begin with we drew a floorplan and used the Push/Pull tool to create walls around the gallery space. To furnish the gallery, we applied the same Push/Pull function to 2D shapes, lifting and lowering surfaces to construct seating areas. Finally, we added our own art exhibitions by importing 2D digital artwork, anchoring the images directly onto the walls, and scaling them to size. An additional challenge was to create our own freehand artwork.



Year 6

6E have used the Micro:bits for the purposes of sports science this week. We programmed them to measure the strength of our kicks, attached them to our ankles, and then downloaded the data to make graphs and track our progress. Lots of fun and a way to see how computer programming can be used in creative ways.



Year 7

It has been an exciting week in Computing! Our students started by cracking the secret language of computers—binary—learning how devices use just 1s and 0s to think.



We then moved into physical programming using Micro:bits (pocket-sized computers). The children absolutely loved seeing their programs come to life on real devices!

They also took on the challenge of debugging—finding and fixing errors in their code. We were incredibly proud of their resilience and problem-solving teamwork as they tackled these real-world coding challenges.

Ask your child: What did you program your Micro:bit to do this week?

Year 8

Year 8 students have been developing their programming skills by learning Python, a popular text-based programming language. They have explored how to display text on the screen, ask users for input, and use variables to store information. Building on these foundations, the students have created their own basic calculators, applying their knowledge to solve problems and develop their computational thinking skills.

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File Edit Format Run Options Windows Help
print ('*****Calculator*****')

no1 = int(input ('Enter your first number '))
no2 = int(input ('Enter your second number '))
operator = input ('Do you want to x, +, - or / ?')

if operator == '+':
    answer = no1 + no2
elif operator == '-':
    answer = no1 - no2
elif operator == 'x':
    answer = no1 * no2
elif operator == '/':
    answer == no1 / no2

print ('The answer is ' + str(answer))
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Boy at the Back of the Class

Year 6 have been enjoying reading *Boy at the Back of the Class* as part of their English lessons. To inspire their descriptive writing, the children tasted pomegranates and explored the sights, smells and textures of this unusual fruit. They will then use their experiences to help them write a vivid and engaging description of an unexpected journey.



#Make Active Memories Adventure at Alnwick!

A small group of year 5 pupils had an unforgettable day out at The Alnwick Castle and Alnwick Gardens for the #Make Active Memories School Games trip! We started our magical day at the castle, mastering the skies with broomstick training, braving the mysterious Dragon's Quest and rolling down the giant grassy hills together.

Next, we explored the gardens, racing to escape the twisting Bamboo Labyrinth and splashing around in the water fountains. To finish the day we soared through the air on the swings in the Blossom Orchard.



Year 6 Residential

To celebrate finishing their SATs, Year 6 headed across the border to Scotland for an action-packed weekend at Lockerbie Manor! Leaving the classrooms behind, everyone traded their pens for paddles and harnesses, taking part in thrilling outdoor adventures. The students conquered fears and cheered each other on while climbing and abseiling high in the air, testing their aim with archery, and making a splash on the water during canoeing and kayaking sessions. After long days of non-stop action, everyone loved heading back to camp to sleep in the cozy, unique wooden pods. It was the absolute perfect reward for all their hard work this year!



Year 8 Careers

Year 8 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon exploring future career opportunities during our Careers Event. Pupils had the chance to interview and hear from a wide range of inspiring professionals, gaining valuable insight into different career pathways and the skills needed to succeed.

Representatives from a variety of professions, including midwifery, policing, theatrical production and professional boxing, shared their experiences and answered thoughtful questions from our students. The event was a wonderful opportunity to broaden horizons, spark aspirations and help pupils make meaningful connections between their learning and the world of work.



Science

Our Year 7 students have been investigating the exciting chemical reaction between an acid and a carbonate as part of their *Simple Chemical Reactions* topic this term.

Through practical experiments, students observed the fizzing reaction, made predictions, recorded their findings and explored the science behind the changes they could see. These hands-on investigations help bring learning to life, developing scientific enquiry skills while making science engaging, memorable and fun.

It has been fantastic to see our young scientists working collaboratively and enthusiastically as they explored chemistry through practical investigation!



Year 8 students have been taking their learning to the next level in their *Respiration* topic through a fascinating practical investigation.

During the lesson, students examined lamb hearts, lungs and liver to explore their structure and understand how these organs function within the human body. By observing, handling and identifying key features, pupils developed a clearer understanding of how the heart and lungs work together to support respiration. This practical approach helped bring biology to life, strengthening scientific knowledge while encouraging curiosity, engagement and careful observation skills.



Stars of the Week:

No key stage 2 assembly this week

Y7 - Orlaith Sample

Y8 - Mitchell Rose

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): 91.5%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.6%	93.6%	90.2%	88.2%

The current best attending class is: 5 North

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 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. 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.

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](#)

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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