



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

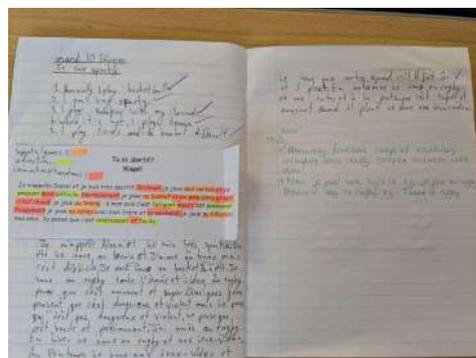
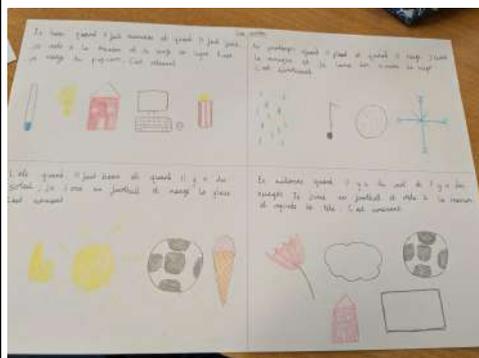
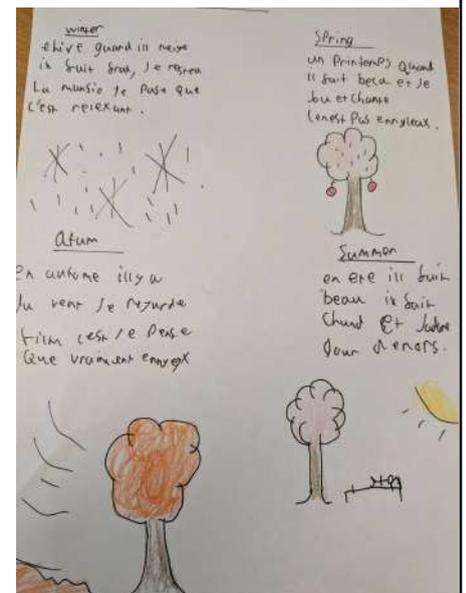
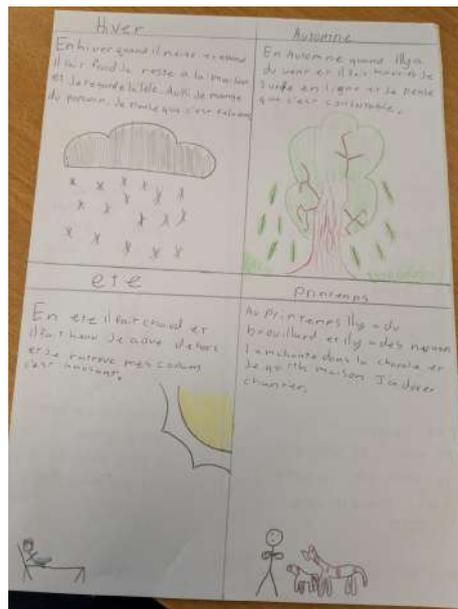
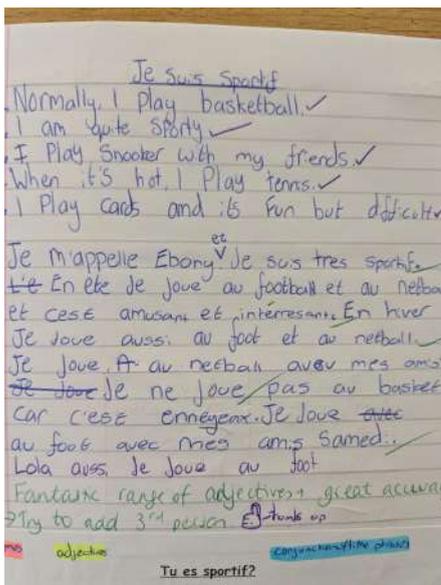
Week Ending: February 27th, 2026

Spring Term (2) End of Week 1: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

Spotlight on... French

Year 7

Year 7 have been working really hard this term on their topic of Sports and Leisure. They have been talking about what they do and don't do in their spare time, and how their activities change with the different seasons. I have been really impressed by the quality of written work they have produced; they are becoming much more accurate writers who are confident in using a wide range of vocabulary. Well done!



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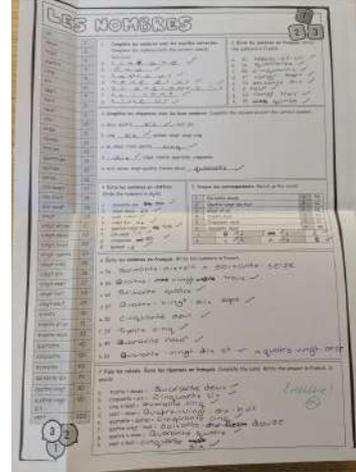
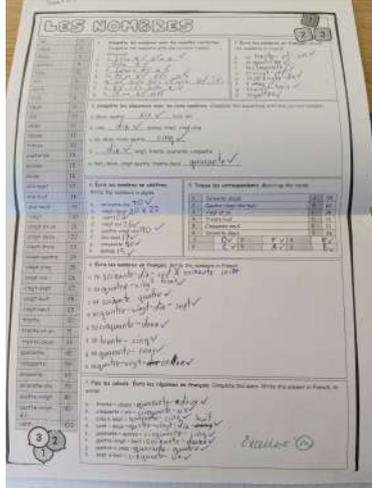
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Year 8

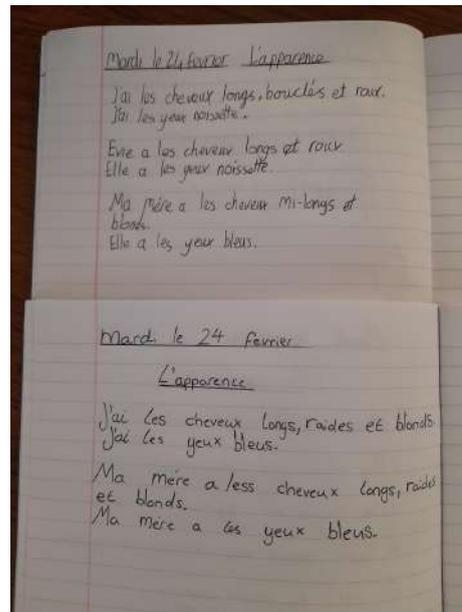
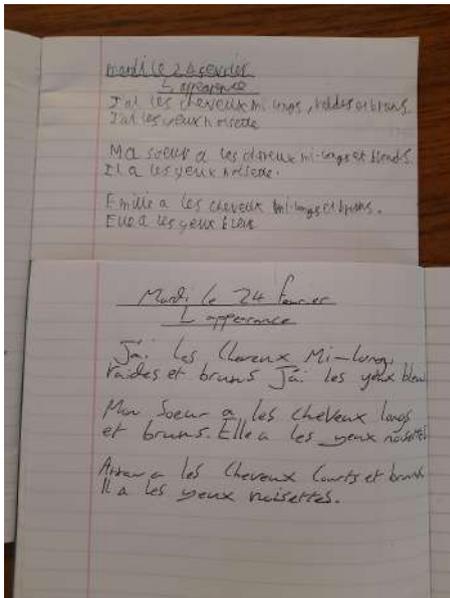
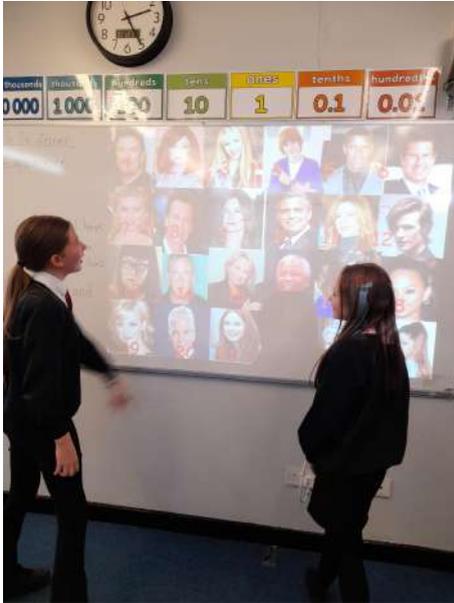
This term Year 8 have been learning how to ask for food, understand prices and respond to questions they might encounter at a market. They have had to get their heads around the very confusing French number system over 60 in order to be able to ask for higher quantities of foods, and I have been very impressed by the resilience shown as they tried to navigate doing Maths, in French!



Currently, Year 8 are doing their speaking assessments, where they are playing the role of a customer at a market. Many pupils find this experience quite stressful, but so far I've been really impressed with their bravery and positive attitudes, and it's been really pleasing to hear some fantastic pronunciation.

Year 6

Year 6 have been learning how to describe people. They are beginning to grasp the tricky concept of the adjective going after the noun and have been working hard to ensure adjective endings agree with the gender. After writing about themselves, family and friends, they played a game of Celebrity Guess Who where they described a celebrity in French for their friend to guess!



French Word of the Week

Did you know we have a French word of the week? This usually relates to something that is happening in the Francophone world, and is a good way to learn about a new cultural experience as well as a new piece of vocabulary. This week's word is 'le citron', to mark the start of 'la fête du citron' - the lemon festival! This annual event, which takes place in Menton, features huge statues made from oranges and lemons, as well as parades with animated, citrus-themed floats. Over 140 tonnes of lemons and oranges are used for the event! Have a look on Instagram to see our new word each week.



Chick Hatching!

Our chick eggs arrived on Tuesday and we were advised they would be hatching on Thursday. However, they came early with all 7 eggs hatching on Wednesday! It was so thrilling to watch the chicks as they pipped their way out of their shells. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our Year 5 children to have this first-hand experience as part of their Life Cycles topic in Science. After we transferred the chicks to their brooder cage, all children across the school have been able to handle the chicks and enjoy the fluffy cuteness! This year, we even have some chicks with different colourings which the children have been enthused to name. We look forward to another week of petting and learning more about our new additions to SSMS before they are returned.





Half Termly Coffee Morning ☕ ✨

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout from both parents and students at our latest coffee morning! A big thank you to **Young Carers Northumberland** for joining us and offering such invaluable support and advice.

The morning provided a relaxed space for parents to connect with one another, enjoy a few games, and meet with our SEN department. Opportunities like this really help strengthen our school community ❤️

We'd love to welcome even more families to our next coffee morning after Easter (date to be confirmed) – keep an eye out for details!



Reminders:

- We take pride in being a 'Healthy School', so healthy snacks only in school please - no sweets, family size packets of crisps or fizzy drinks.
- All children need to bring a pencil case with a pen, pencil and ruler to school.

World Book Day 2026 - Thursday March 5th

Pupils are invited to attend school dressed as a character from their favourite book. This needs to be a book character and not random non-uniform items. If pupils aren't dressing up, they should wear their usual uniform.

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 - Layla C, Dylan D, Grace L, Milly M

Y6 - Corey C, Sienna O, Rosie D, Cullen Mc, Seth N

Y7 and 8 - No Key Stage 3 assembly 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): 91.58%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.76%	91.57%	90.95%	88.78%

The current best attending class is: 5E & 5N



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](#)

Thursday, 6th March- World Book Day

Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 18th 4 to 6pm - KS3 Parents' Evenings

July 15th - 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.

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

Facebook - @Seaton Sluice Middle School

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