



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending: March 27th, 2026

Spring Term (2) End of Week 5: Read on to get the latest SSMS updates.

Spotlight on Technology

Year 5:

Year 5 have been busy in the woodwork room making these lovely notice boards:



Year 6: The Creative Cooks: Whipped up Cheese Scones, Funny Face Pizzas, and Flapjacks. They even went "extra oaty" with a dedicated Oaty Cookie masterclass!



Year 7: The Skill Builders: Focused on texture and flavor with homemade Soup, golden Breaded Chicken, and flaky Sausage Rolls.



Year 8: The Technical Challenge: Mastered the art of the Bakewell Tart, crafted savory Chicken Jalousie, and perfected the classics: Pizzas and Fruit Crumbles.



STEM Spotlight: Year 6 at Nissan

Our Year 6 cohort took their learning on the road with two incredible sessions at the Nissan plant, bridging the gap between the classroom and the world of work:

1. **The Monozukuri Caravan:** A hands-on look at the Japanese philosophy of "making things." Pupils learned about high-quality manufacturing, teamwork, and the precision required to build world-class vehicles.
2. **The Eco Event:** A deep dive into the future of green technology and sustainable engineering—vital skills for the next generation of innovators.



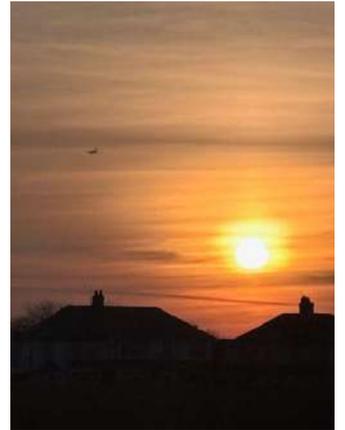
Looking Ahead: Woodwork is Calling!

As we hang up our aprons and wash the flour off our hands, it's time to trade the rolling pins for saws! Next term, we move into the Woodshop. Pupils will be learning about material properties, joinery, and safety as they begin their woodwork projects.



Photography

Freddy W in Y7 has been taking some beautiful photos in his spare time. Hopefully, we have a school photographer in the making. Here are some of his gorgeous shots from around our local area.



Year 7 Skills for Work workshops

This week, our year 7 pupils have been taking part in skills for work workshops with Claire from the DWP education team. This session focused on team work, communication and leadership. Pupils were given a random object and had to prepare a sales pitch to persuade their peers to buy it.

Claire was impressed by the creativity, collaboration and confident public speaking skills of all of our classes. We look forward to her next visit in June when origami and Panjango skills will be the tools for developing further skills for work.



Seaton Sluice to the Future Exhibition

During September and October, our Year 5 children worked with Northumberland Archives on a project called, Seaton Sluice to the Future. As well as trips to Woodhorn and the Farrell Centre, each class spent a week off timetable using their creativity to design the future inspired by Seaton Sluice's past. This involved exploring the archives, animation workshops, interviewing locals about the local history, designing and building structures and developing skills using TinkerCad. Yesterday at SSMS, parents were invited to an exhibition to showcase the final products! There was the chance to see 3D printed versions of pupils' designs, cardboard models of pupils' structures, photographs of the week and final animation films. It was such an amazing opportunity for the pupils who thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Check out the films here:

<https://youtu.be/USoPYBpjwUk> and <https://youtu.be/d-pHbK8d70o>



Year 5 Pupil Achievement

Ella E (5E) has been practising one of her many talents. Look at the amazing bag that she knitted! Our crochet expert, Lola (5E) has been at it again! Look at these wonderful animal creations!



British Science Week

This week in assembly, we were delighted to announce the winners of the British Science Week (BSW) Science lesson competition. Pupils were challenged to create work based on the theme of *Curiosity*, and we were incredibly impressed by the creativity and effort shown across all year groups. One winner from each year group was selected and awarded a certificate and a prize in recognition of their excellent work. In addition, pupils took part in an exciting quiz, with the top-performing class in each year group also receiving a certificate. Well done to all who participated and made the week such a success!



Year 5 Science

During our Forces topic, Year 5 has been investigating air resistance. After creating 3 different sized paper helicopters, they dropped them from the same height and timed how long each took to land. After 3 attempts, they took an average and concluded how air resistance affects the rate of falling.



Space Club

As we near the end of our Space Club sessions, we have started a crater investigation! Changing different variables, we are measuring the craters made when ball bearings drop to help us to learn what happens when meteorites fall!



Leadership for Sustainability

Last Friday, pupils took the train to the civic centre to celebrate the success of the Sustainability project. After watching films of the progress all schools had made, they took part in a sustainability scavenger hunt; using a map to navigate around the site whilst answering questions and learning more. A sustainability quiz brought out the competitive sides of our pupils and consequently, SSMS came 3rd; winning a prize of seeds to plant in our garden areas. During the afternoon, pupils were able to visit the various stalls and meet with other schools to discover how to further develop sustainability at SSMS. They are looking forward to implementing new ideas to improve our school!



Young Carers Northumberland

Pupils recently took part in a creative activity where they were tasked with making an Easter wreath, with the aim of helping them get to know other children in school who are also young carers. It was a lovely opportunity for them to connect, share experiences, and build friendships. Some of the children are already benefiting from being registered with Young Carers Northumberland, enjoying special opportunities such as trips to exciting places like Lilidorei in Alnwick.



Y5 Achievement out of school

Well done to Xander in Y5, who performed in all 5 shows as Baby Bear in Blyth Musical and Theatre Company's, 'Shrek the Musical' at the Phoenix Theatre. They played to large audiences every night and even had two full houses! He absolutely loved it!



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Fantastic Homework

Year 5 have been studying poetry this half term and we have looked in depth at the poem "The Raggle Taggle Gypsies". One of their homework tasks was to represent their favourite verse from the poem in a creative way. We have been blown away from the effort the children have put into this, from clay models to short films. Please have a look at some of the ones handed in so far.



This one was brought to life in a brilliant animation!

Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Ella H, Lottie H, Scarlett Q, William H

Y6 - Orla P, Harvey W, Kody G, Esme S, Ella D, Freddie B, Lydon E, Max P

Y7 - Thomas H

Y8- Willow H



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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): 92.0%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
94.8%	94.2%	90.5%	89.1%

The current best attending class is: 5 North

PTFA Easter raffle



20p per ticket or £1 per strip

Draw will be held on April 1st.

Any donations of Easter eggs or sweets before then would be gratefully received.

Dates for the diary:

Mondays, weekly - Space Club for Y5 and Y6 pupils at 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is the last Space Club. Look out for details of our trip to Kielder Observatory on 17th June!

Wednesday, April 1st - Reward morning and afternoon for KS2 and 3.
Drawing of PTFA Easter raffle

IMPORTANT: Wednesday, April 1st - School closes for Easter holiday (**Thursday April 2nd - Teacher Training Day**)

Monday, April 20th - school re-opens

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.

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Facebook - @Seaton Sluice Middle School

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