



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

Week Ending November 28th, 2025

Half-term 2. End of week 4. Read on for updates and a round-up of just some of the things that have been happening in school!



ConCa



This week's assembly and drop-down session focused on reinforcing the types of behaviour that are *not* acceptable and ensuring all pupils know what to do if they witness or experience any form of child-on-child abuse or harassment. Pupils were reminded that they can report concerns directly to their Head of Year using the ConCA button on their Google Launchpad, providing a safe and accessible way to ask for help. In the afternoon, every pupil took part in a poster competition to promote the message "Never Ignore ConCA." The winning posters will be displayed in key areas around the school as a powerful reminder to speak up, call out harmful behaviour, and report it whenever it occurs.



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Spotlight on ...Computing!

Bebras UK

All students have taken part in the Bebras UK Challenge 2025, an exciting national competition that encourages young people to develop their computational thinking and problem-solving skills. Throughout the challenge, pupils tackled a series of puzzles and logical tasks designed to stretch their thinking and spark curiosity about computer science. It has been wonderful to see everyone engaging enthusiastically and demonstrating resilience and creativity. Well done to all our students for taking part and representing the school so brilliantly!



Year 8

The Year 8's have been exploring the fascinating world inside computers, discovering what key components like the CPU, RAM, ROM, and motherboard do and why they are so important. As part of their learning, they also investigated how tiny transistors work behind the scenes to switch and transmit signals, helping computers process information at incredible speeds. This hands-on insight into computer hardware has given students a deeper understanding of how the devices they use every day actually function.



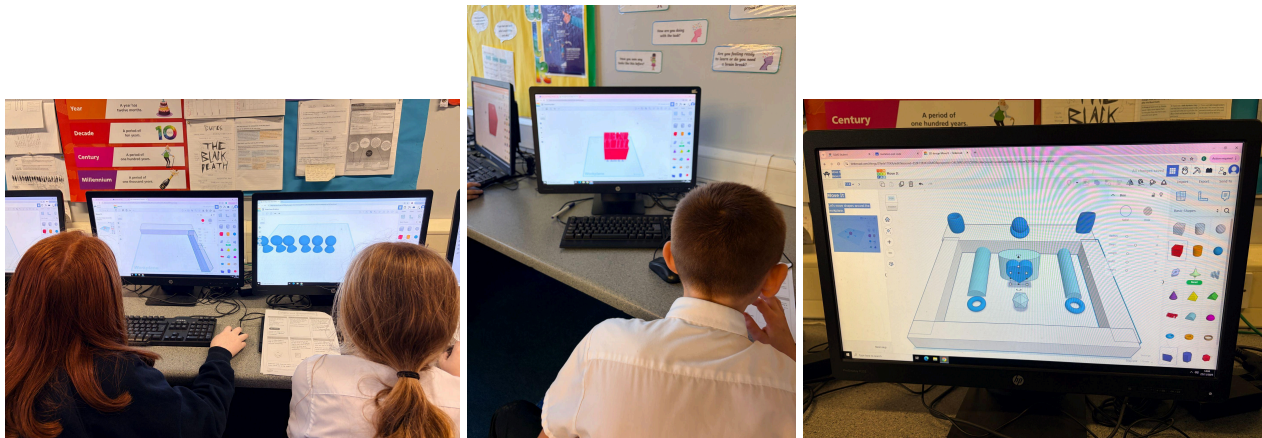
Year 7

In Year 7, pupils are currently developing their understanding of information technology and key digital literacy skills. Throughout this unit, they are learning how digital media influences opinions and decision-making, as well as how to judge the reliability of online sources and use content safely, ethically and in line with copyright expectations. Pupils will bring these skills together by creating their own blog post focused on a real-world cause they would like to support, giving them the opportunity to communicate clearly and persuasively. This learning lays important foundations that will be built on across subjects as pupils continue to present arguments, analyse sources and share ideas responsibly.



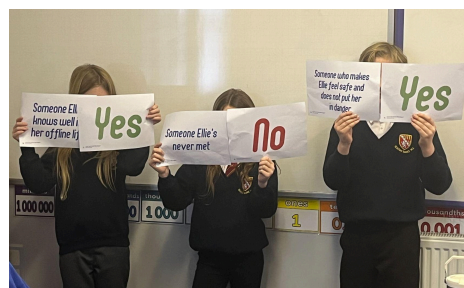
Year 6

In Computing this term, our Year 6 pupils have been exploring the exciting world of 3D modelling using Tinkercad. They have been learning how to design, edit, and combine shapes to create their own imaginative digital models, developing both creativity and problem-solving skills along the way. From experimenting with simple structures to building more complex designs, the children are gaining a solid understanding of how 3D objects are constructed and used in real-world technologies. They've embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, and we're looking forward to seeing how their skills continue to grow throughout the year.



Year 5

Year 5 are learning about ways to stay safe online. We have been thinking about how and who we share information with as well as who we can trust. We have thought about privacy settings and discussed what consent means as well as the importance of seeking permission before posting anything.





Maths competitions

Primary maths challenge

More able students in Y5 and Y6 took part in this multiple choice problem solving competition which tests their 'out of the box' thinking skills. There were some very challenging questions! Well done to all those who took part and congratulation to our top scorers:

Year 5

First place - Parker N

Second place - Ella H, Lottie H, Bailey J

Third place - Harry R

Year 6

First place and overall winner - Heidi W

Second place - Arran B, Noah T, James B, Harrison P

Third place - Cullen M, Zack S



Times table rockstars competition

Last week in school our students took part in the Times table Rockstars competition, *England rocks*. As a school, we competed against over 4,500 other schools across the country and came 1220th.

Well done to the following students who were the top 3 in each of their maths classes (students underlined were the top students in their year group):

Year 5

Charlie C, Archie S, Parker N, Francesca M, Arley W, Kate P, Miray E, Mason T, Theo W.

Year 6

Evie H, Harrison P, Lydon E, Willem H, Jacey W, Esther B, Betsy E, Esme M, Rosie D.

Year 7

William D, Castor M, Harrison H, George S, Luca M, Carlo A, Alice L, Emily S, Ronnie A.

Year 8

Noah C, Izzy K, Daisy H, Leighton O, Aimee D, Hannah D, Jaxon C, Ella P, Dominic H, Riley H, Billy A, Olivia P.

The overall top three students were:

- 1) Leighton O
- 2) Noah C
- 3) Evie H

A great effort! Mr Porter



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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



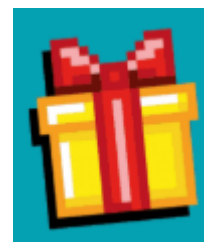
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For Parents - Gadget Gift Guide

Christmas can be an exciting time when many children are given new devices and gadgets. Ireland's online safety charity, CyberSafeKids, have put together a brand new guide for parents and carers covering:

- The benefits and risks of popular smart devices and toys
- What you can do to make them safer
- Age recommendations
- Useful links



You can download the guide at <https://www.cybersafekids.ie/giftguide/>

London Trip

Huge thanks to everyone in Years 6, 7 and 8 who registered their interest for a day trip to London in January. We had over 90 children wanting 15 places, so there was inevitably going to be some disappointment. I used a randomiser app this morning, and have told the 15 lucky winners that they have a place; commiserations to everyone else. Hopefully, the trip will become a regular feature in the SSMS calendar, and so there will be other chances to attend.



Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Harry H, Lottie H, Francesca M, Aila A
Y6 - Violet G, Charlie M, Roman M, Frankie B
Y7 - Nathan L, Ronnie A
Y8 - Josh Q

Nut Free School

Just a reminder we are a nut free school - please do not send any products containing nuts into school. Thank you.



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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): 92.6%

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
95.6%	94.8%	90.4%	90.2%

The current best attending class is: 5N (97.0%)

Dates for the diary:

11.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
16.12.25 - KS3 Cinema trip
17.12.25 - KS2 Panto trip
18.12.25 - KS2 Reward morning and KS3 Reward afternoon
19.11.25 - School closes for Christmas - 1pm

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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