



SEATON SLUICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS REVIEW

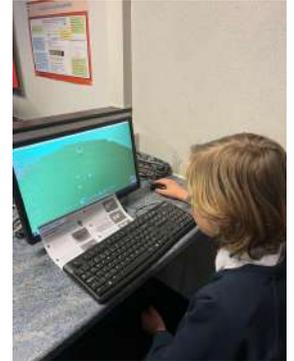
Week Ending: March 6th, 2026

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

Spotlight on... Computing

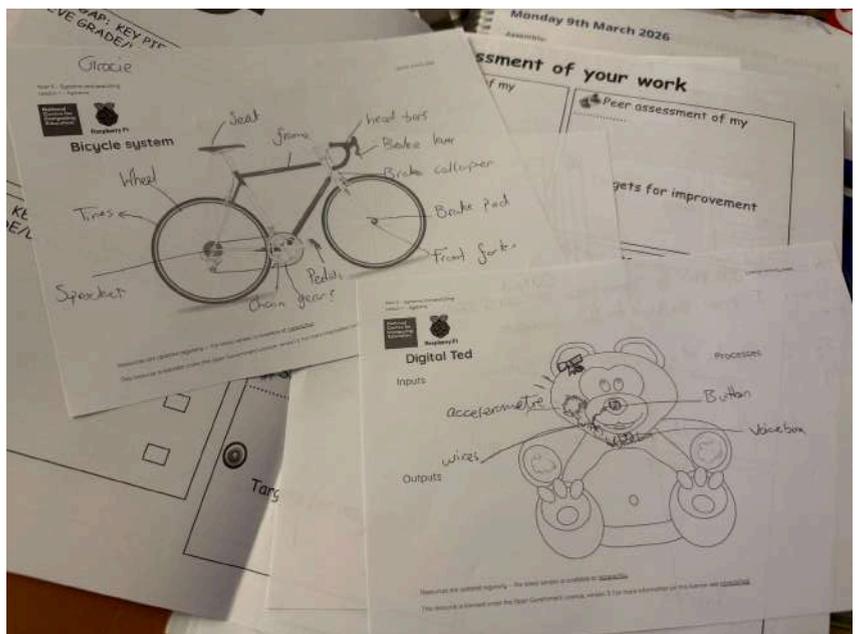
Year 5

We are developing our game making skills using a program called Kodu. Pupils are using 'when' & 'do' to control objects, pick objects up and create a points system.



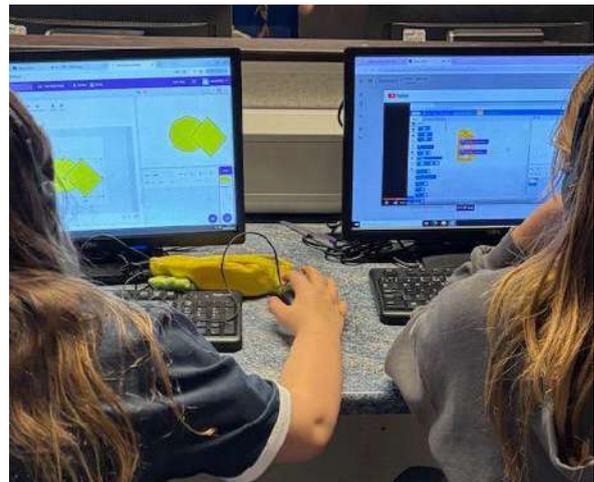
Year 6

This week, Year 6 pupils have been exploring what we mean by a system in computing and how different parts work together to perform a function. To bring this idea to life, they have been designing their own interactive teddy bears, thinking about how inputs, processes and outputs could make their toys respond in fun and creative ways. Through this activity, pupils have developed their understanding of how systems operate while also using their imagination to design engaging and interactive creations.



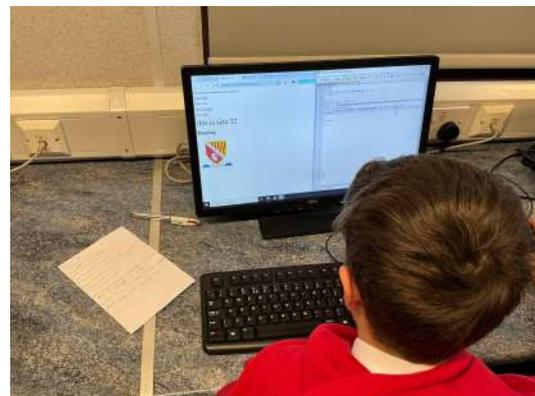
Year 7

Year 7 students have been developing their programming knowledge this term by learning key computing concepts such as algorithms, iteration, and procedures. They are currently applying these skills in an exciting project where they are learning how to create their own Pac-Man style game, exploring how code can control movement, scoring, and game logic. As their confidence grows, students will build on these foundations to design and develop their own original games, encouraging creativity while strengthening their problem-solving and computational thinking skills.



Year 8

Year 8 students have been busy developing their digital skills this term by learning how to design basic webpages using HTML code. They have explored how websites are structured and discovered how to use tags, headings, paragraphs, images, and links to build their own web pages from scratch.



World Book Day 2026



Chicks

Today, we said goodbye to our chicks! They have grown so much and have aided Year 5 in their learning brilliantly. Year 5 pupils explored the wildlife area to do some worm charming in order to supply the chicks with a little treat! Year 5 have been writing concrete poems and the chicks have inspired some fantastic writing.



Year 5 Science

As we start our new topic on forces, Year 5 have been investigating whether heavier objects fall more quickly than lighter objects. The results surprised many children!



Space Club

Last week in Space Club, we have been having fun making planispheres in preparation for the partial solar eclipse on 13th August. This week, the children found out all about the Aurora then produced some magnificent artwork!



Out of School Awards

We were thrilled to hear that some of our pupils have been incredibly successful in their out of school activities! Ella E (5E) has been awarded 3rd place for Song and Dance and Lyrical and 1st place for Troupe Ballet! Ayda H (5E) achieved 1st place for Troupe Ballet too! Faith S (5S) has been awarded Gymnast of the Month and was given this impressive trophy!



Havana P (6S), an extremely talented gymnast, competed with her team in the British Qualifiers and achieved SILVER! Such an incredible achievement! We are very proud of her and wish her luck in the next round.





ECO CLUB

We are so lucky at SSMS to have fantastic outside spaces for us to learn in. As an Eco Club we have been working on improving our outdoor spaces by working alongside Hannah, from OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) to become a Climate Friendly School. Hannah helped us to come up with an action plan, which we have been working on this year. Our Eco Club is growing all the time and they are working hard on the action plan.

A huge part of this plan is to improve our Wildlife Area so we can use this more often with Wilderness School sessions in the Summer term. This is a massive job and we will be asking for volunteers to help us in the next month or so. If you feel you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer, then please keep an eye out for dates which will be sent out shortly.

The things we are hoping to do are:

- create a willow arch and hedge
- add new bark to our paths
- rake dead areas and remove dead material
- clear out raised beds and add compost so we can plant vegetables and plants

We would greatly appreciate any donations to this project so if you feel you can help out or know someone who can then please contact the school.

Celebrating talents

In Year 5, we have a very talented pupil who loves to do crochet. Lola (5E) has made some wonderful creations but recently has made her own pencil case!



Mr Thompson's Comic Relief - Beard-Off

For Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) this year, the theme is "Take Yourself Funny For Money". Inspired by this, one of our Teaching Assistants Mr Thompson will be doing a sponsored shave and broadcasting it to form classes during afternoon registration on Friday the 20th of March. Whilst shaving isn't a herculean task in and of itself, Mr Thompson (although bald on top) has always had a beard, so losing it to reveal his haggard face is a pretty big deal. If anybody would like to donate to this, please send in your child with a donation, or pop into the school reception. Any and all donations would be hugely appreciated, with all proceeds going directly to Comic Relief. Donations will be taken up until the following Friday (27/03/26).

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



KS2 Kurling

This week, pupils in years 5 & 6 have been to Walker Activity Dome to try their hand at Kurling.



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.

Stars of the Week:

Y5 - Miray F, Caelan F, Ivar T, Aila A

Y6 - Lucas W, Joey C, Ethan K, Matthew M, Penny R, Florence L

Y7 - Ellie S, Henry H

Y8- Noah C, Oliver B



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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): 93.13%

| Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 95.76% | 95.42% | 93.09% | 88.62% |

The current best attending class is: 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](#)

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

Friday March 20th - Comic Relief (further info to follow)

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

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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