



SSMS Newsletter

Summer(2)



On Tuesday 15th July, our Key Stage 2 children went to Adventure Valley as a special reward for working hard over the whole year. Everyone had a fabulous time with a day jam-packed with fun! There was so much to do: a tractor ride, a reptile show, animal petting, pony grooming, indoor soft play, huge playgrounds, go-karts, doughnut slide and bouncing pillows. What a great end of year trip!



Mrs Middlemiss

This is the final SSMS newsletter at the end of another busy year. It is difficult to believe that another year has come and gone. The pupils have enjoyed a range of exciting and adventurous experiences, in and out of the classroom, that we hope have created and developed new skills and memories.

We are saying goodbye to Year 8, which is always a sad time for us, as we have watched these young people grow and develop over the last 4 years into mature young people, ready for the next step in their learning journey, and we wish them every success in their new schools. Some of our other pupils are also moving on and we hope they will come back and see us to let us know how they are getting along.

In addition, we are saying goodbye to Mr Alam, Miss Lamb and Miss Mordue (temporarily). We send with them all our best wishes.

We would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.



The Theatre Space came into school and gave Year 7 a performance about sustainable travel.

Through drama we learned about climate change and better more environmental friendly ways to get around such as bikes, scooters, walking. We also learned about how using sustainable travel helps improve our physical health too.

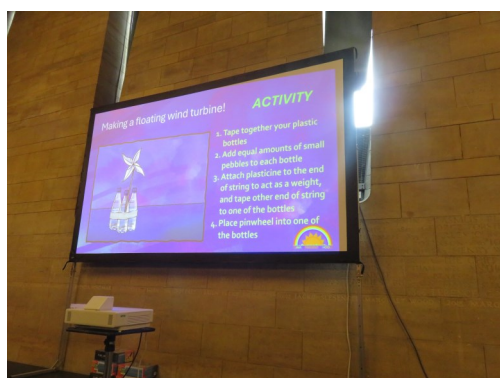
Mrs Elliott



Climate Friendly Schools Conference

Six pupils attended the Climate Friendly Schools conference at Newcastle Civic Centre on Tuesday 17th July with Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Hall. We travelled sustainably to the conference on the Northern Line train from Seaton Delaval to Newcastle and then walked to the Civic Centre.

The Conference was an opportunity for the pupils to learn more about Climate Change and small but significant changes we can make across our school to start to make a difference to our planet. We also heard from other schools about their journey so far and some of the changes they have made in their schools, for example, installing a water but and reusing the rainwater to look after plants; growing their own herbs and fruit; making signs to remind people to switch off lights when not in use and many more interesting ideas. They also created some climate superheroes and discussed how they could help lessen our effects on climate change as well as ending the day learning about wind turbines and making their own floating wind turbine. This involved some amazing problem solving discussions and teamwork. Mrs Cassidy and Mrs Hall were very impressed and the pupils were extremely proud of themselves when the wind turbine floated for the first time!



Mrs Hall and Mrs Cassidy





Pupil news outside of school!

Congratulations to Genevieve, in Y5, who in May received a 'Student of the Week' award in karate and and this wonderful trophy for completing Fine Art Classes.



Huge well done to Bo, in Year 6, for playing Bruce in the musical production of 'Matilda' at the Phoenix Theatre!



Battle of The Bands

A huge well done to the 'Be Right Back' band, who have been busy thrilling audiences in the local community with their performances but also for their recent win of 'The Battle of the Bands' at the Phoenix Theatre.

Congratulations to Ash, Bo, Finn, Matthew, Matilda, and Rufus



Mock Elections 2025

Election fever hit Seaton Sluice on 11th June when the whole school had the opportunity to take part in our annual mock election.

In the run up to the election, the Year 7 parties produced their own manifestos, prepared their speeches and talked to voters to try to gain their support. Each party bravely presented their speech to the whole school and then, class by class, the students swapped their polling cards for ballot papers and cast their votes in the private voting booths.

The Y7 election administrators were extremely efficient and by lunchtime the votes were all cast and counted. All parties had attracted a respectable number of votes however, the winning party was the Mental Health Party whose policies for improving mental health support in schools proved extremely popular with their constituents.

"Well done!" to everyone involved in the election: you all did a fantastic job and helped us all to experience how a real election works.



Centre for Life Visit

KS3 thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Centre for Life in June, participating in all sorts of exciting STEM activities.



Mrs Cook

Lockerbie

With SATs over, 38 pupils and 5 members of staff boarded a bus to spend a weekend in Scotland. We travelled to Lockerbie Manor, via Bitts Park in Carlisle, in order to take part in a large range of adventurous activities. There was something for everyone! Glamping pods and tasty food for the teachers; canoeing as well as kayaking and raft building for the water lovers; and climbing/abseiling for those that like heights (not me!)

The weekend was filled with fun and laughter due to the amazing pupils on the trip. Behaviour was exemplary with all pupils being a credit to our school.



Miss Curry



NERAP (North East Raising Aspiration Partnership)



Workshops in Year 6 , saw pupils participate in a variety of activities to develop their creative and thinking skills.

Mrs Allison



School Games

Every summer a small group of year 5 pupils attend the #makeactivememories School Games event at Alnwick Castle and The Alnwick Gardens. This year was no different. Off we went with our suncream, hats and towels to spend the day playing in the sun. We started with the Dragon's Quest where we tackled a number of obstacles, including a mirror mazed and a rope bridge, to find the dragon. We played Boccia, rolled down hills and demonstrated our Archery skills. To end, we played in the water fountains where all pupils had strict instructions make sure myself and Mrs Smith stayed dry at all times. We nearly succeeded!

Miss Curry



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Uniform reminder for September 2025

Boys	Girls
School Jumper (purchase from Emblematic only)	School Jumper (purchase from Emblematic only)
Black or dark grey trousers -standard length -no jeans, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings etc	Black school skirt -knee length (purchase from Emblematic only) Mini skirts or skirts made with stretch material are not allowed.
	<u>OR</u>
	Black or dark grey trousers –straight legged -no jeans, tracksuit bottoms, jeggings etc
White shirt (polo shirt in summer)	White blouse or shirt (polo shirt in summer)
School Tie (clip on)	School Tie (clip on)
Black shoes (including trainer type but must be leather –look that can be polished). Boots can be worn in winter but these must be covered by trousers. No <u>obvious</u> branding, no designer logos	Black shoes (including trainer type but must be leather – look that can be polished). Boots can be worn in winter but these must be covered by trousers. No <u>obvious</u> branding, no designer logos, no platform shoes/heels
Black or white socks	Black or white socks/Black tights

PE Kit

Essential PE kit to be brought to every lesson:

Royal blue round neck t-shirt with school emblem (only available from Emblematic)

Plain navy blue shorts or SSMS navy blue leggings (leggings only available from Emblematic)

Clean training shoes, suitable for physical activities – not school shoes.

Additional required PE kit:

Royal blue sports hoodie with school logo (only available from Emblematic)

Navy blue football socks.

Optional PE kit:

Plain tracksuit bottoms, preferably navy blue. These are only to be worn in cold weather outdoors with the permission of the PE staff.

PE shorts / SSMS leggings must be worn for all PE lessons. No tracksuit bottoms will be allowed in lessons for the first half term.

Notes about PE kit :

No leggings are permitted for PE other than SSMS leggings from Emblematic.

If your child is unable to bring the correct PE kit for a lesson due to unforeseen circumstances, it is expected that they bring suitable clothing , as close to the PE kit as possible, to take part in the lesson and the school is informed by parent/carer.

Non Participation :

Physical Education is a **statutory requirement** and it is expected that all students will take part. If, for medical reasons, your child cannot take part in a lesson, the school office must be contacted. This may be via the MCAS APP or by telephone. If the office is not contacted, it will be assumed your child will be taking part in the lesson. If there is a longer term medical reason for non-participation, a medical note from a medical professional will be required.

In June, Mr Alam presented another interesting assembly about Eid, a festival celebrated by him and his family. He explained about some of the important traditions and enjoyable activities which take place during this festival.



KS2 thoroughly enjoyed meeting author Peter J Murray. He came in and spent an hour and a half telling them all about his 'Mokee Joe' book series and what inspired him to write.



David Walliams Event—Read for Good

In May, KS2 pupils got the opportunity to participate in a live question and answer event with David Walliams. This was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and was part of a Read for Good campaign, promoting children's reading; encouraging them to read in their spare time. The campaign stems from the belief that children who read for fun are more likely to lead happy, fulfilled lives.



Autumn 2025 reminder

All pupils must have a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. They will also be given a timetable that must be carried in their pencil case and be taken to every lesson.

Traffic and Parking

Traffic and parking are two particular safety hazards that concern us at the beginning and end of the school day. We operate a safe streets school zone in the streets immediately around school. Please follow the guidance outlined on the signs. Alston Grove must not be entered during the hours of 8.15 and 9.15am and 2.45 and 3.45pm during term time, without prior permission. In addition, St Ronan's Drive is a no parking zone between 8 and 9.30am and 2.30 and 4pm during term time. Please be considerate of local residents in the streets around school if you are parking.

Dates for the Diary:

School closes for Summer
-Friday, July 18th -1pm

School reopens for Autumn Term - Tuesday, September 2nd.