

SSSC NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1 2026

As this half term comes to an end at SSSC we would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely break.

TERM DATES

Summer 1 2026

We break up for half term on
Friday 22nd May 2026

Summer 2 2026

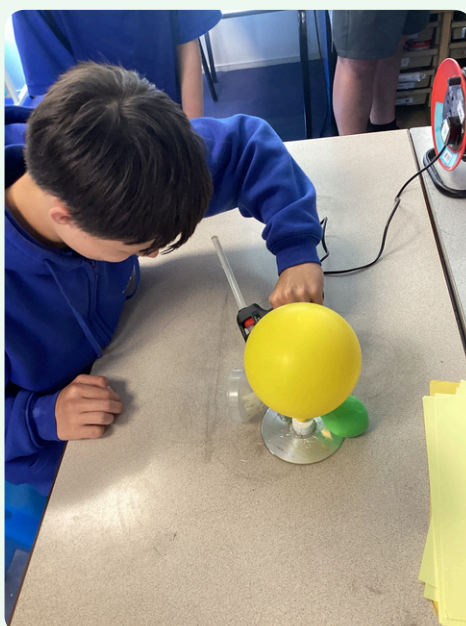
Monday 1st June 2026 -
Thursday 23rd July 2026 @
1:00pm

Inset Days 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

STEM INTERHOUSE

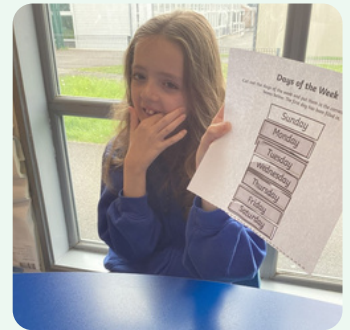
On 28th April SSSC pupils celebrated all things STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We took part in an interhouse competition completing activities including board games, bee-bots, creating space themed biscuits and hover crafts, colour mixing and bridge building. Activities were enjoyed by all and pupils' behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to the staff for putting together an exciting programme of sessions to inspire and create 'awe' around STEM. Thank you to pupils for your enthusiasm and participation. All teams scored full marks. Well done SSSC!



LEARNING HEROES MORNING

The whole of SSSC enjoyed a morning of being Learning Heroes! Here are some of the tasks that form groups achieved:

Nurture Blue completed the calendar task, sequencing the days of the week, spelling them with Makaton and writing them. Then we completed the games activity with some indoor and outdoor games. We had lots of fun!



Primary Yellow had a great time trying out new sports. They looked at the rules of stuck in the mud, robot tag, treasure chest and explored the whistling rocket balls. They really enjoyed getting out in the sunshine and trying some new activities.

Nurture Yellow made fruit smoothies. We created a range of interesting combinations including banana and peach, strawberry and banana and peach and strawberries. Then we made lots of jigsaws to help us to learn the days of the week and the months of the year in order. Some of us even practised spelling them. After that, we logged on to TT Rock Stars and tried the new Numbots game. We really liked this and earned lots of points.



Year 10 Blue have looked at health eating. They have made Tzatziki with carrot stick and Pitta bread chips. They also cut up apples and cheese to make healthy snacks

Nurture Green enjoyed creating a class production linked to SSSC Car wash event, promoting the benefits of the car wash in a persuasive and fun way. Acting, dancing and singing skills were used creatively to create a short video, highlighting the children's great team work.





Y7 cognition visited Hardwick Hall for their Learning Heroes morning. All students got to experience a woodland walk, a tour around the hall and lunch on the grounds.

Primary Blue did an escape room style challenge, completing puzzles to find out which animal had escaped from the farm. We had to do some reading and spelling to narrow down to the two animals it could be. We voted to see if it was the cow or the sheep that had escaped and the class voted for the cow. We then pressed the sound button which revealed a 'moo'. The cow had escaped!



Year 8 researched and planned different bird feeders. Some of us built a bird feeder platform in pairs, others painted small bird houses for nesting and a small group designed bio-degradable feeders from cardboard tubes.

Year 10 Yellow have completed three activities this Learning Heroes morning: litter pick, learn a language and internet safety. This has included doing an extensive litter pick of the school grounds, using the new litter pickers. Individually learning phrases from a language of our choice and teaching our friends. Finally creating a poster about online safety suitable for SSSC



In line with Deaf Awareness Week, Year 9 pupils chose to learn Makaton during their Learning Heroes morning. To begin, they took part in a range of communication games designed to highlight the importance of non-verbal interaction. Activities included trying to explain what they had for dinner without speaking, as well as recognising different sounds while blindfolded. They then learnt a selection of core Makaton signs, building their confidence and finished the session with a fun game of Makaton bingo.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISING EVENT

During our Learning Hero morning, a group of pupils took part in a car wash fundraising activity. They successfully washed 21 cars, helping to raise over £100 for our school.

The pupils showed great teamwork, determination, and a strong work ethic throughout the morning—working incredibly hard and doing an excellent job. As a well-deserved reward, they enjoyed a hot drink and a chocolate muffin.

Well done to everyone involved—what a brilliant achievement!



EASYFUNDRAISING



Swanwick School and Sports Colleg...
has been paid
£192.60

Fantastic news - Swanwick School and Sports College has just received £192.60 this Donation Day.



NURTURE YELLOW LOVE NUMBOTS

Nurture Yellow have loved playing Numbots this week and have earned themselves achievement certificates as well as getting clever with numbers. We're very proud of you all!



PREFECT NEWS

The prefects have been continuing helping with their break and lunch time roles and some of us have been revising and sitting our GCSE's. The Year 11 prefects are preparing to leave school and moving on to college.

SUN SAFE SCHOOLS

SSSC has completed the Certificate of Accreditation for 2026. The Sun Safe Schools programme has been embedding sun safety in schools since 2012. Through a structured accreditation framework, it supports curriculum-linked learning, policy development, staff engagement and community awareness. Built on best practice and over a decade of experience, the programme promotes a whole-school approach to sun safety and skin cancer prevention, supporting thousands of schools and reaching more than one million children and families nationwide.

SSSC provide sunscreen for all staff and pupils and the UVI levels are displayed around school to remind everybody to take extra care between 11am & 3pm and to remember the five rules of sun safety.



KS4 ENGLISH - INSTRUCTIONS

After learning about the purpose and structure of instructions, Mr Kettell's and Ms Holmes' English groups invented and wrote the instructions for brand new games. This morning, we followed each other's instructions to play the games. We had a great time and even managed to beat our teachers!



WESTON PARK

Nurture Yellow had a fabulous trip to Weston Park in Sheffield. Whilst the weather was fine, we explored the park and weather station. Then we enjoyed the interactive exhibits in the museum. It was a fantastic day.



AND FINALLY...

We would like to wish Miss Shaw all the best in her future endeavors as she leaves SSSC at the end of this term.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all at some of the exciting events we have planned in the final summer term.

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