

SSSC NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2 2026

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

TERM DATES

Autumn 1 2026

4th September - 23rd October

Pupils return to school on

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Autumn 2 2026

2nd November - 18th December

Inset Days 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 7th September 2026

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Monday 28th June 2027

KS3 THEME PRODUCTION



On Tuesday 21st July, the KS3 Cognition Theme class performed an incredible version of Monsters Inc. Over the past 7 weeks, pupils worked in their chosen discipline to create the production. Pupils chose either Art, Food Technology or Drama and Music, and worked tirelessly to produce one of the best productions SSSC has ever seen. The Art department outdid themselves with incredible sets, costumes and props. The Food Technology groups created a variety of monstrous treats that pupils, staff, parents and carers enjoyed before and after the performance. The Drama and Music group performed exceptionally on stage, demonstrating all of our Learning Hero attributes. The performance was a fantastic example of the pupil's bravery, resilience and creativity, but this wouldn't have been possible without the incredible dedication of our wonderful staff who showed creativity and team work in the bucket loads. The big question being asked now is, what will be next year's production, and how can it possibly be any better than this year?

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INTERHOUSE REWARD TRIP

Congratulations to Team Mercury, our interhouse winners. We attended the fabulous Lea Green and took part in some amazing outdoor activities. The pupils represented the school extremely well completing various obstacle courses and riding the buggies. They all enjoyed keeping cool being sprayed by the hose pipe and eating freezer pops. Well done to our champions for 2025-26!



TOUGH RUNNER

On Wednesday 15th July, pupils and staff had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Tough Runner Challenge, thanks to our friends from AVSSP.

Everyone had a fantastic time tackling the obstacle course and enjoying the huge inflatable slide. With the sun shining throughout the day, the challenge provided plenty of fun and a welcome chance to cool down. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and both pupils and staff had an amazing time!



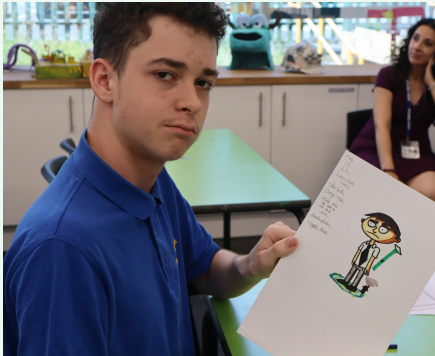
LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT

Nurture Blue had a wonderful time meeting Gemmanesse Plant, who came to share her new book with us. Gemm writes books about a character called Pip, who wears hearing aids. We have loved Pip's adventures, and it was fantastic to meet a real life author. Nurture Blue listened very carefully to the story and asked some interesting questions. We even showed Gemm some words in Makaton.



STORY VALLEY AUTHOR WORKSHOP

As part of our partnership with the Story Valley project a number of pupils took part in a literacy workshop based on graphic novels. Pupils got to read a local author's novel called Solver. Design their own detective character and design a page using settings and dialogue. The pupils loved the experience and had some really imaginative ideas



SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported our Summer Fayre. We all had a wonderful time enjoying the sunshine, delicious scones with jam and cream and choc ices.

The pupils especially loved playing the games, spending their money at the stalls, and winning prizes throughout the day.

We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic £309. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

TWYXCROSS ZOO

The Primary classes along with Nurture Blue had a lovely day out at Twycross Zoo on 10th June, kindly sponsored by the Titans Trust. Despite the rain, children had lots of fun exploring Gruffalo land, seeing the animals, having a picnic and playing on the park. A highlight was some of the children getting right to the orangutans just as the keepers had hidden all their food in the enclosure so we got to watch them hunt for it and enjoy their lunch. The children behaved brilliantly and were a pleasure to take out, with many of them needing a little rest in the minibus on the way back. Thank you to the Titan's trust for organizing and sponsoring such a lovely day out.



WELL DRESSING

The Swanwick School and Sports College community worked together to create a fantastic David Attenborough-themed well dressing, celebrating the annual Derbyshire tradition. Pupils and staff collaborated on the project for over a week, using a range of traditional techniques, including clay puddling, outlining and petalling, to produce the final piece.

To mark the historic occasion of Sir David Attenborough's centenary year, the school collectively decided that the 2026 well dressing should celebrate his work and the significant influence he has had in inspiring young people's appreciation of the natural world. The design featured a detailed portrait alongside a variety of patterns and wildlife imagery.

Work on the dressing began on the Friday before the display, with pupils preparing and puddling the clay before applying it to the frame. Over the following week, the design gradually took shape, with students from all pathways contributing to petal preparation, outlining, and carefully adding natural materials to the clay.

Pupils demonstrated outstanding attention to detail and took great pride in their work. It was wonderful to see pupils of all ages and pathways involved, showing patience, creativity and determination to produce such an impressive piece of artwork.



AND FINALLY...

We would like to wish Mrs Frost all the best in her future endeavours as she leaves SSSC at the end of this academic year. A huge thank you to her for all her hard work over the years!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we'll see you in all September for another action packed year.

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