

# SSSC NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 1 2026

It has been a fantastic start to 2026 at SSSC. International residential, various educational trips, cultural opportunities and pupils embodying the SSSC ethos of “Enjoy, Achieve and Exceed”

### NEW SCHOOL FOOTBALL KIT

During a recent assembly we were joined by Mr Dave Ashley, who is a representative of Titan’s Children’s Trust. Titan’s Childrens Trust are a charity supporting disadvantaged children across the East Midlands. Our pupils have successfully bid for, designed and ordered our new school football kit and Mr Ashley presented the pupils with the kit during the assembly.



### TERM DATES

#### Spring 1 2026

We break up for half term on  
Friday 13th February 2026

#### Spring 2 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 -  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Inset Days 2026

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### ENTERPRISE DAY 2026

The whole school participated in our Enterprise Day competition. Pupils were tasked with designing the world's first Children’s airline. They were asked to name and brand the airline before choosing the three destinations that it would fly to. The pupils designed every finer detail of the planes including what food would be served, what would be onboard to keep children entertained and how the cabin crew and pilots dressed. In their classes pupils then designed and shot an advert for their airline. We were Joined by our enterprise co-ordinator Hannah Swift who works for Virgin Atlantic. She gave pupils ideas about what Virgin Atlantic already does and was on hand to give advice and judge each classes work. The day was a roaring success.

# **SKI RESIDENTIAL**

On Saturday 17th January, eight lucky pupils set off on an unforgettable international ski adventure to Samoëns, a village in the French Alps.

Accompanied by staff from SSSC, the group flew from Manchester Airport to Geneva before taking a taxi transfer to their beautiful chalet, which became home for the week.

Each day, pupils took part in ski lessons with their instructors, making fantastic progress on the slopes. The conditions couldn't have been better —bright sunshine and deep snow.

During the week, pupils enjoyed a range of activities beyond skiing: exploring the local French market, relaxing in the chalet's hot tub and games room, enjoying home-cooked meals, browsing souvenir shops, sipping hot chocolate, and eating crêpes. Evening visits to the stunning village of Samoëns were a highlight, with its beautiful lights and delicious bakery.

All pupils excelled in their skiing, and on the final day, some even ventured to the top of the Chariande Express at 2,100 metres, successfully skiing down while taking in the phenomenal views of the Grand Massif.

Memories and experiences that will last a life time were made by pupils and staff.



## **PREFECT NEWS**

The prefects have been helping with sports club at break times and going to meetings to discuss our roles and responsibilities. The prefects also helped the younger pupils with the Interhouse activities and reading to the Primary pupils. Some of the prefects were lucky enough to go on the Ski Residential where we had the best time in the luxury chalet in the beautiful village of Samoëns.

## INTERHOUSE



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, SSSC staff hosted a Interhouse event featuring all things creative with a focus on well-being. The pupils were exemplary, they showed excellent teamwork, communication and kindness.

Activities included making happy biscuits and their own song lyrics. Pupils enjoyed some relaxation and creating body shapes and balances. The Art activity saw pupils creating a dream sequence using lots of different materials. Finally, pupils completed a wildlife search in our creative explorer's area.

A fantastic opportunity for all to enjoy, feel good and work with other pupils from across all key stages and pathways.

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## BIKEABILITY

Nurture Yellow enjoyed a bikeability session during Life Skills. It was a fantastic lesson with some magical first moments. The first time riding a tricycle, the first time riding a two-wheeled bike with support, the first time riding a two wheeled bike without stabilisers, the first time riding a two wheeled bike unsupported and the first time using hand signals to show direction. Well done to everyone.!



## THERE IS A WHALE IN OUR CLASSROOM!

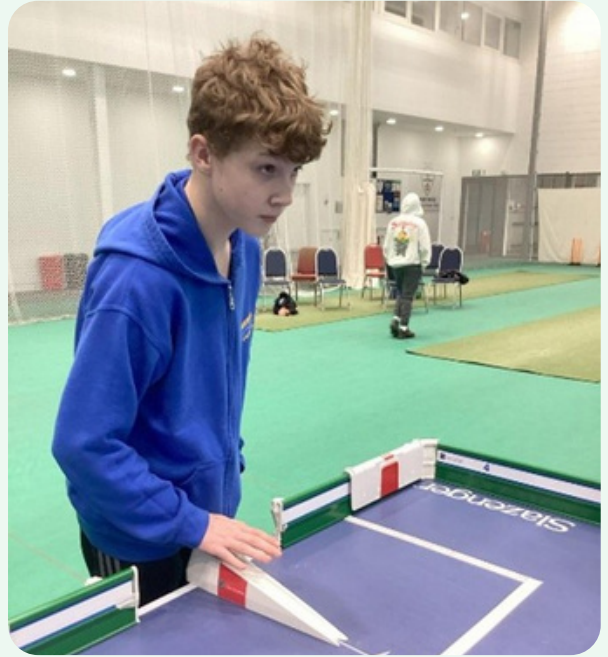


Nurture Yellow started reading Dear Greenpeace by Simon James . It is about a young girl who finds a whale called Arthur in her garden pond. She writes to Greenpeace to find out how to help him, as he is much too big for her pond.. Funnily enough, Nurture Yellow found a blue whale in their classroom this morning and he is also called Arthur. We found out how to make the water salty for him and also what he would need to eat.



## **TABLE CRICKET**

Well done to SSSC's table cricket team! We attended a fixture organised by Derbyshire county cricket at their professional stadium in Derby. We competed in a series of table cricket games and represented the school extremely well. Unfortunately we didn't win any games but we had a fantastic day out, including a tour of the stadium. We are hoping to return in the summer to take on part in some softball cricket on the first team pitch.



## **VISIT TO HARDWICK HALL**



Nurture Yellow visited Hardwick Hall to find out more about the hall and its history. We also enjoyed discovering the grounds around the hall. The hall has lots of windows - we stopped counting at 81!!

## **AND FINALLY...**

Thank you to all our fantastic families who continue to support our brilliant Friends of SSSC team, with our incredible fundraising opportunities, where to date, this academic year we have raised £1851 to enhance our outdoor provision for our young people and we're looking forward to getting our new mud kitchen installed in the Spring.

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