

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2026 edition 3

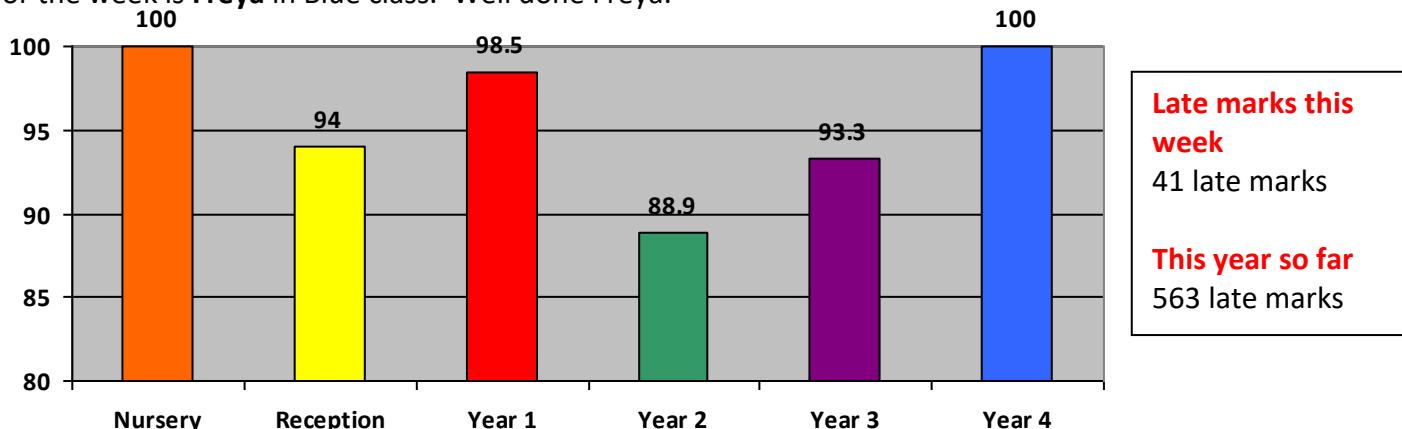
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.6%

Whole school attendance this week 94.1%

Whole school attendance this week was 94.1%. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Blue class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box. Orange class also had 100%, but they had 4 late marks and Blue class had 0 late marks.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Freya** in Blue class. Well done Freya.



Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons

Leila

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Abel

Miss Winter

Haniyeh

Mrs Bell

Emma

Mrs Kembrey

Carter N

Mrs Askew

Olivia

Miss Chappell

Rio

Staff star

Mrs Mattinson

Mrs Lyons

James

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Zack

Miss Winter

Hadia

Mrs Bell

Henry

Mrs Kembrey

Evaya

Mrs Askew

Isabella

Miss Jose

Ahmed

Mrs Ellison

Grace

Miss Welton

Brogan

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Hallie in Purple class is 8 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Hallie. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



Reminder about earrings

Children are allowed to wear **one pair of plain stud earrings** for school as per our school uniform policy. There are some lovely, more decorative earrings available to buy now, but please keep these to wear at weekends.

Children **cannot wear earrings for PE**, even if the earrings are covered by tape. Staff cannot remove your child's earrings. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, please take earrings out before school on PE days.

Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

Green class visited the **Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural Centre** on Tuesday afternoon. This visit was planned to complement their learning in RE lessons where the children have been thinking about these two questions-

- Who is a Muslim and how do they live?
- What makes some places sacred to believers?

The **Imam**, who is a person who leads congregational prayers in a mosque and provides religious guidance, gave the children a guided tour of the mosque.

He showed them where he sits during a prayer session and showed them the **Mihrab**, which is a decorative, concave niche in the wall of a mosque that indicates the direction of Mecca.



The children are learning about the **Five Pillars of Islam** and the Imam talked to the children about them. The children saw the **Qur'an**, which is the Muslim holy book, and looked at the Arabic writing and the right to left direction of the text.

Example of a Mihrab

The children all enjoyed this opportunity to visit to the mosque and to find out more about the topic they are learning in RE lessons. Thank you to Amy's mam Laura and Mila's mam Rachel for accompanying Miss Winter and the children on this super school visit.

Next week

Another busy week is planned in school next week. Year 2 will be welcoming a **visitor** into school to give them a talk on **mining in Seghill**. This will complement their learning in **history lessons** on the topic of "What was it like to work in the mines in Seghill?"

Year 1 will also be visiting the **synagogue** to complement their learning in **RE lessons**. Children have been thinking about these two questions-

- Who is Jewish and how do they live?
- What makes some places sacred to believers?

We have visited to synagogue for a number of years and we always receive a lovely warm welcome from the synagogue's volunteers. The children always find it fascinating to see the artefacts that are important to Jewish people and find out more about the beliefs and traditions of Jewish people.

Safer Internet Day 2026



Safer Internet Day 2026 will be taking place on **Tuesday 10 February**. Schools across the country will be planning a range of activities to help us to understand **new technological developments** and think about how to **keep our children safe on line**.

Mrs Askew, our computing lead, has organised a **range of activities** for children in all year groups for Safer Internet Day, which will complement our existing computing curriculum.

In addition to this, Mrs Askew will be leading a **workshop for parents** and carers on **Tuesday 10 February at 9:00am**. The workshop will start at 9:00am with a **presentation for parents**, then children will come to the hall to work with their adults using our Chromebooks. Mrs Askew will be sending out further information soon. Please keep a note of this date as the workshop will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about keeping your child safe on line and to work with your child.

Seghill First School Calendar Spring 2026

Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers		Fundraising and community
Monday 30 March from 2:30pm		Non uniform day for school funds – Friday 13 February
Tuesday 31 March from 3:30pm		World Book Day coffee morning (dress up) – Thursday 05 March 9:00am
Topic homework		Mother's Day lunch – Friday 13 March 11:45am
Given out Friday 06 February		Mother's Day afternoon tea – Friday 13 March 2:30pm
Deadline Wednesday 04 March		Celebration assemblies
School visits		Friday 13 February at 2:30pm
Year 3 Seghill mine talk- Tuesday 27 January		Wednesday 01 April at 9:00am
Year 1 synagogue visit- Wednesday 28 January		Other school events
Year 3 Vindolanda visit- Monday 09 March		Non uniform for NSPCC Number Day – Friday 06 February
Year 4 Woodhorn visit- Monday 16 March		Safer internet Day workshop for parents and children – Tuesday 10 February 9:00am
Year 1 food market visit- Tuesday 24 March		Easter times tables challenge starts – Monday 23 March
		Contributions for the family Easter egg decorating gallery- Tuesday 31 March
School is closed on these dates		
Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February for the half term holidays		Thursday 02 April for staff training
Friday 03 April for May Bank holiday		Monday 06 April to Friday 17 April for the Easter holidays

School visits

As you can see from the calendar above, we have many **school visits** planned for this term. We plan all of our visits and visitors linked to the curriculum to enhance the children's learning. We will be using money from **fundraising activities** to subsidise the costs of all school visits. The table below shows the programme of visits and visitors to school (marked with*) over the whole school year.

	autumn	spring	summer
Nursery	Minibeasts workshop*		Rock Pool School*
Reception	Minibeasts workshop* Holywell church		Rock Pool School*
Year 1	Minibeasts workshop*	Synagogue Grainger Market food tour	
Year 2	Minibeasts workshop*	Islamic Cultural Centre Mining talk*	Bamburgh
Year 3		Vindolanda	
Year 4	Mandir	Woodhorn	Ford Castle residential
Whole school	Djembe drumming workshop* and live singer* Pantomime*		Castle visit

More visits will be added if important and enriching opportunities become available.