

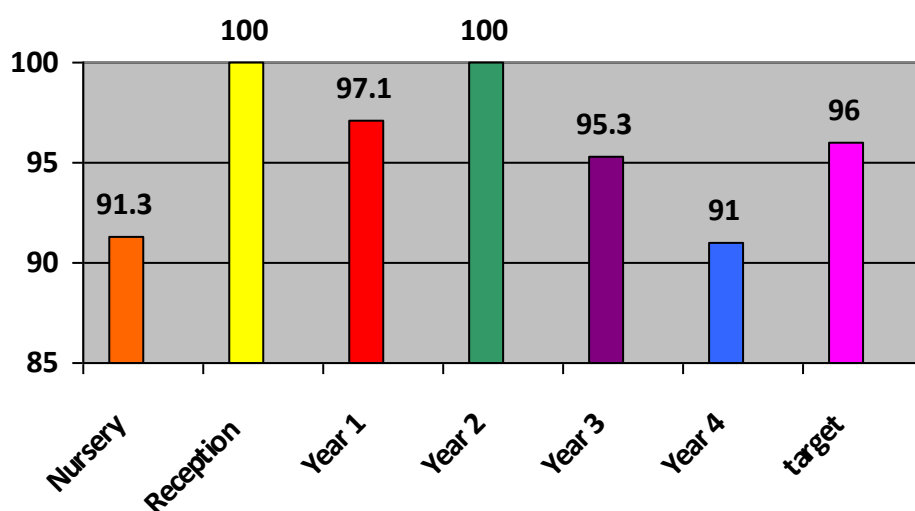
# Seghill First School Newsletter October 2026 edition 2

*Safe, Supported, Successful*

## Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96%. Class of the week this week is shared by two classes; **Yellow and Green** class both have 100% attendance. Well done **Yellow and Green Class**. You will share the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box.

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 **Dakota** in Red class. Well done Dakota.



**Late marks this week**

17 late marks

**This year so far**

118 late marks

## Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

**Rosie** in Red class is now 6.

**Sierra** in Purple class is 8 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Rosie and Sierra. We hope your birthday are special and fun.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Next week's menu

### Week 1

### Week 2

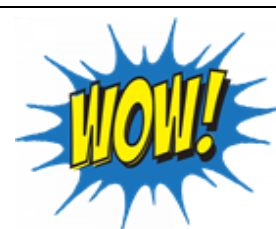
### Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



### WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



**Mrs Lyons**

Zack Y

**Mrs Lyons**

Manessa

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

Isabella D

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

Teddy

**Miss Winter**

Faye

**Miss Winter**

Elijah

**Mrs Bell**

Ivy

**Mrs Bell**

Kelbie

**Mrs Kembrey**

Isabella M

**Mrs Kembrey**

Blake

**Mrs Askew**

Oakley

**Mrs Askew**

Jackson

**Miss Chappell**

Rowan

**Mrs Ellison**

Rosie C

**Staff star**

Mrs Collier

**Mrs Jose**

Sierra

**Miss Welton**

Lillie Mae

### This week

October is **Walk to School month** and we are taking part in the county council's Walk to School month initiative. Walk to School Month is a global event held each October to encourage children to walk, bike, or scooter to school, promoting health, safer streets, and cleaner air by reducing traffic congestion and car dependency. We are planning activities for each week in October to try to achieve these aims.

### Next week

We have organised a **wobbly mornings workshop** for parents and carers on **Thursday 15 October** from 8:50am. The workshop will be delivered by staff from the Education Welfare team, and will cover topics such as bedtime routines, morning routines, distraction techniques, timings on gadgets, lateness and self-esteem and much more.

If you are struggling in the mornings, please do come along. You'll be with others who are also struggling and hopefully you will leave the workshop with some great tips to help mornings run more smoothly.

Next week and the week after we are collecting **donations** for the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. All items that you bring into school will form part of our Celebration Assembly harvest festival on Friday 23 October (please see more details below). Since April 2018 Seaton Valley Council has been working in partnership with Blyth Food Bank to provide a food parcel distribution service to residents in Seaton Valley who require support from the food bank. In these difficult times for everyone, it is great to see what we can do to help each other. Donations can be tinned or packet food, household items, toiletries and baby supplies.

Next week it is our **Wheel to School week**. We want the children to **wheel to school** as many times as they can next week. Class teachers will be recording how the children get to school each day to see how many wheeled journeys we can record for our school.

Children are encouraged to ride their **bike or scooter** to school during Wheel to School week- no electric or battery-operated vehicles please. We will be talking about the importance of always wearing a helmet for scooting or cycling.

Children will be asked to decorate a helmet template for homework. There will be prizes for the most creative decorated helmets, which will be added to a whole school display.

We are asking parents and carers to take a picture of their child riding their bike or scooter to school and send it in to school. All Wheel to School Week pictures will be added to the whole school display. Please send pictures to [schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk)

### Later this half term

We have organised **meetings for parents and carers with class teachers** on Tuesday 20 October from 3:30pm and on Wednesday 21 October from 2:30pm. You will receive your child's mid-term report for the autumn term in advance of the meetings. We will send out details about how to book slots to see your child's class teacher nearer the time.

All parents and carers are welcome to our **Celebration Assembly and harvest festival** at **2:30pm** on **Friday 23 October**. **Doors will open at 2:20pm**. The **front rows** of seats will be reserved for parents and carers of children in **Nursery**. At each subsequent celebration assembly, the front rows of seats will be reserved for a different year group, so everyone gets a chance to be seated near the front.



## Autumn term 2026 calendar

| Other school events                                                              | Fundraising and community events                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wobbly mornings workshop – Thursday 15 October 8:50am                            | Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 13 November                       |
| Santa’s reading challenge – Monday 30 November to Monday 14 December             | Non uniform for Children in Need – Friday 20 November                      |
| School nursing team flu vaccinations for Nursery to Year 4 – Tuesday 08 December | Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 27 November                       |
| <b>Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers</b>         | Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 04 December                       |
| Tuesday 20 October from 3:30pm                                                   | Christmas Fayre – Friday 11 December from 3:15pm                           |
| Wednesday 21 October from 2:30pm                                                 | Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 16 December 3:30pm                 |
| <b>Celebration assembly</b>                                                      | <b>Christmas</b>                                                           |
| Friday 23 October 2:30pm, including harvest festival                             | Christmas post boxes open - Monday 14 December                             |
| <b>Topic homework</b>                                                            | Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concerts – Monday 14 December 9:00am and 2:30pm |
| Given out Friday 16 October                                                      | Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 15 December 9:00am   |
| Deadline Wednesday 11 November                                                   | Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 15 December 1:00pm         |
| <b>School is closed on these dates-</b>                                          | Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 16 December                    |
| Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October- half term holidays.                      | Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 16 December 1:00pm           |
| Monday 21 December to Friday 02 January- Christmas holidays.                     | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 17 December 1:00pm            |
|                                                                                  | All children pantomime day – Friday 18 December                            |
|                                                                                  |                                                                            |

## Year 4 transition to middle school

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 have been sent letters regarding the arrangements for applying for a middle school place for their child for September 2027. This may seem a long way off, but the deadline for applying is **31 October 2026**. Please click on the [link](#) to take you to the portal home page for applications.

Both middle schools in our partnership offered open evenings for Year 4 parents, carers and children to visit the schools this week. It is really useful to attend the open evenings so you get a flavour of the staff, the ethos and values of each school and the logistics of the buildings before you make a final decision about your child’s middle school.

Hopefully any questions you had about middle school have been answered at the open evenings this week. If you have any further questions, please see either Mrs Lyons or Miss Chappell and we will try to help. The best way to find out more is to speak to parents and carers with children already at the school.

It is important that your application form is submitted on time by the deadline of 31 October 2026. Late applications do cause issues and mean that you may be less likely to get your first choice of middle school for your child.

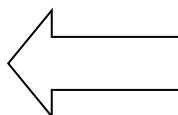
## Family science club

We have been asked to share this information with you.

Newcastle College have received some funding from the North East Mayoral Strategic Authority to run **fully funded after school science clubs** for families over this school year up to Easter. The sessions are aimed at pupils in Years 3 and 4 but can also accommodate a few younger siblings in Years 1 and 2 if needed.

As well as exploring curriculum-linked STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) topics, the sessions are also designed to give parents the skills to better support their children with their schoolwork. Participants would also need to fall into one or more of the following categories to be eligible:

- Young parents and single-parent families
- Kinship carers, foster carers and adopters
- Families with ESOL English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Languages
- Families with SEND and SEMH Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- Male parents and carers
- Families living in rented or insecure accommodation and those in high deprivation or rural areas.



The criteria have been set by the organisers, not by us.

Each session lasts 90 minutes. We will agree on a start and end time when we know how many families want to be involved. We can accommodate up to 20 adults, each accompanied by 1 child. Each session includes a refreshment break. Families that are able to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions will also be eligible to receive a **family pass to the science centre** at the end of the programme.

This sounds like a very interesting opportunity. If you are interested in your family taking part, and you meet the criteria, please **contact Miss Best** in the school office, or our science lead, **Miss Winter**. We will let you know if we have enough interest to go ahead with this opportunity.

## 2026 2027 term dates

We have been informed by the local authority of an **error on their 2026 2027 term dates**. These dates were shared with you last academic year and the beginning of this academic year.

| August 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wk          | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
| 30          |    |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 31          | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 32          | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 33          | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 34          | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 35          | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

### Information previously provided

This implies that the summer holidays end on Tuesday 31 August 2027 and therefore the first day of term would be Wednesday 01 September 2027. **This is not correct.**

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| 33          | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 34          | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 35          | 30 | 31 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

### Updated information

The summer holidays end on **Friday 03 September 2027** and therefore the first day of term would be **Monday 06 September 2027**. Please note that it is highly likely, but not confirmed, that Monday 06 September 2027 will be a teacher training day.