

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2026 edition 4

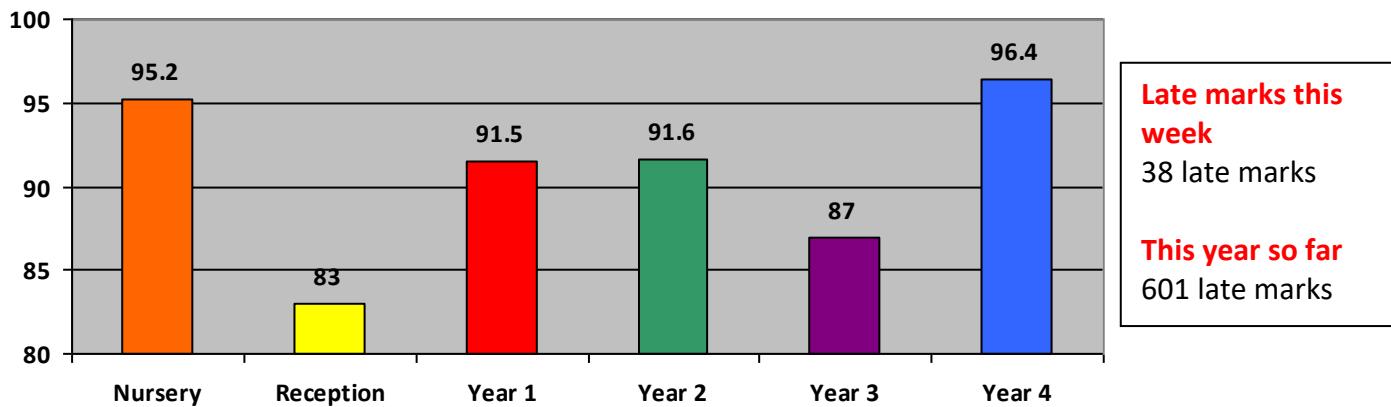
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.4%

Whole school attendance this week 88.9%

Whole school attendance this week was 88.9%, which is extremely low. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 96.4% attendance. Well done **Blue class**. You have 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 **Elena** in Purple class. Well done Elena.



Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Sophie	Mrs Lyons	Emily
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Manjot	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Ethan
Miss Winter	Isabella	Miss Winter	Amy
Mrs Bell	Elijah	Mrs Bell	Carter
Mrs Kembrey	Theo	Mrs Kembrey	Katie
Mrs Askew	Annabel	Mrs Askew	Blake
Miss Chappell	Bobby	Miss Jose	Caleb
Staff star	Mrs Kembrey	Mrs Ellison	Elby
		Miss Welton	David

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Jehu in Purple class is now 8.

Hunter in Purple class is 8 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Jehu and Hunter. We hope your birthdays are special and fun.



Celebration assembly Friday 13 February

Parents and carers are invited to attend our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 13 February**.

Doors will open at 2:15pm and the event will start at **2:30pm**.

The **front rows of seats** will be reserved for parents and carers of children in **Reception**. At each subsequent celebration assembly, the front row of seats will be reserved for a different year group, so everyone gets a chance to be seated near the front.

Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

Green class welcomed a **visitor** into school to give them a talk on **mining in Seghill**. This was planned to complement their learning in **history lessons** on the topic of "What was it like to work in the mines in Seghill?"

We would like to say a massive thank you to **Andy Rutherford**, who gave an amazing talk to the children about working in the Seghill mine. He brought in coal that had been mined from the Seghill pit, his miner's lamp and identification tag. This was an amazing opportunity for the children's learning to be brought to life by hearing about Andy's first-hand experiences.

I also attach below an email we received from Andy after his visit, which shows how fantastic our children are - *"Please pass my sincere thanks to Miss Winter and the whole class for the wonderful experience they gave me today. The children were the most interested, attentive and friendly group I have ever met and their questioning was totally appropriate to the subject of mining. I hope they learned a little today as I also did. The obvious affection and friendliness I experienced when leaving was amazing, and their behaviour outstanding. Thank you so much for the invitation."*

Red class visited the **Gosforth Synagogue** on Wednesday morning. This visit was planned to complement their learning in RE lessons where the children have been thinking about these two questions- "Who is Jewish and how do they live?" and "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 found it fascinating to see the artefacts that are important to Jewish people and find out more about Jewish beliefs and traditions. Mr and Mrs Scott said that the children had an amazing knowledge, asked important questions, and were the best group they've ever had at the synagogue.



Please see
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photographs.



Well done boys and girls in Red and Green class. We are very proud of you.

Next week

We will be giving out **spring term topic homework** next Friday. We would be very grateful if you would support your child to complete their topic homework. Children will still be expected to read at home and practise their spellings each week, but other homework will not be given out while children are completing topic homework. We are always wowed by your creativity and look forward to seeing your topic homework.

Next week is **maths week**. The week will start with all children in Years 1 to 4 taking part in mixed year group **problem solving challenges** in the hall on Monday afternoon led by our maths lead, Mrs Bell. Mrs Bell has organised other maths activities for the children in all year groups to engage with throughout the week.



On **Friday 06 February** it is a **non-uniform day** in aid of the **NSPCC Number Day**. Children and staff are invited to wear non-uniform to school and bring in a **cash donation** which will go directly to the NSPCC.

Mrs Lyons will be absent from school next week and the following week in the first instance. This is because she is having an operation. Blue class will be taught by Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas (when they are not teaching Purple class) and by Miss Chappell. This is to ensure continuity for the children.

Safer Internet Day 2026



Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

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.

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.

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 Vindolanda visit- Monday 09 March	Wednesday 01 April at 9:00am
Year 4 Woodhorn visit- Wednesday 25 March-this date has been updated	Other school events
Year 1 food market visit- Tuesday 24 March	Non uniform for NSPCC Number Day – Friday 06 February
School is closed on these dates	Safer internet Day workshop for parents and children – Tuesday 10 February 9:00am
Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February for the half term holidays	Easter times tables challenge starts – Monday 23 March
Thursday 02 April for staff training	Contributions for the family Easter egg decorating gallery- Tuesday 31 March
Friday 03 April for May Bank holiday	
Monday 06 April to Friday 17 April for the Easter holidays	

Well done, Luciana

We want to say a massive well done to our **Luciana** in Year 3 for donating her hair to the **Little Princess Trust**.

The Little Princess Trust provides **free real hair wigs** to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments.



Luciana had her hair cut on Wednesday at Halo hairdressing KS by Katie, who cut it free of charge.

If anyone would like to support Luciana by **sponsoring** her, there is still a sponsor form at the school office. Please contact Suzanne, Luciana's mam, if you want more information.

Well done, Luciana, we are so proud of you. Here are your before and after shots-



Red class synagogue visit



Children saw the **Torah scroll** and the **Shema** prayer, which is written on a tiny piece of paper and kept inside a **Mezuzah**, a special box attached to the door of all Jewish homes.

Children were given the chance to wear a **kippah**, a small cap, if they wanted to.