

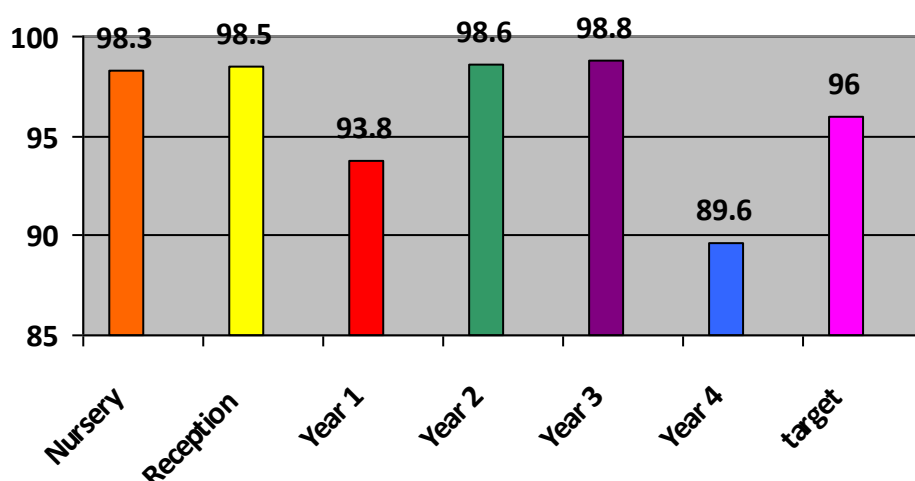
Seghill First School Newsletter October 2026 edition 1

Safe, Supported, Successful

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is **95.1%**. Class of the week this week is **Purple class** with 98.8% attendance. Well done **Purple Class**. You have the attendance octopus and you 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 **Lillie** in Red class. Well done Lillie.



Late marks this week

28 late marks

This year so far

117 late marks

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Harry in Blue class is now 9.

Happy birthday Harry. We hope your birthday was 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

Edie

Mrs Lyons

Rowan

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Haniyeh

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Harley

Miss Winter

Grace

Miss Winter

Emma

Mrs Bell

Bobby

Mrs Bell

Cole

Mrs Kembrey

Luca

Mrs Kembrey

Albert

Mrs Askew

Mabel

Mrs Askew

Roman

Miss Chappell

Oscar

Mrs Ellison

Amy

Staff star

Mrs Kembrey

Mrs Jose

Jimmy

Miss Welton

Ivy

This week

We served our **special Golden Ticket school meal** yesterday. As always, the meal was prepared and cooked on site by Mrs Rogage. Golden tickets were hidden underneath the plates. One child in every class won a **special prize** if they found a golden ticket under their plate.



Our Golden ticket winners were

Blue class	Archie	Red class	Kelbie
Purple class	Harley	Yellow class	Blake
Green class	Teddy	Orange class	Leo
Whole school	Megan		

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 scoot 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.

Today we hosted **Funky Feet Friday**, when all children and staff were invited to wear either their favourite shoes, or to bling some shoes or boots and wear them to school. As always, we were wowed by your creativity.

Next week

Next week we will be welcoming some **student teachers** to school for their school placement. As always, the students have been DBS checked, received induction training and will be supervised by their in-school mentors.

Next week it is our **Walk to School week**. We want the children to **walk 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 walking journeys we can record for our school. We know that some children live quite far from school, so walking to school may not be possible for them. If you do live within walking distance, let's see how many walking journeys we can do.



Later this half term

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.

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.

Changes to our school menu

Due to the popularity of our **meat feast pizza** at yesterday's **special Golden Ticket school meal**, we will now be serving both homemade cheese and tomato pizzas and meat feast pizzas every Tuesday.

Children will order which pizza topping they would like and this will be recorded by class teachers. Pizzas will be cooked to order by Mrs Rogage. Children will be given a coloured wristband for their choice of pizza to ensure everyone gets what they asked for. We did this yesterday and it was very successful.

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
Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	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
Celebration assembly	Christmas
Friday 23 October 2:30pm	Christmas post boxes open - Monday 14 December
Topic homework	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
School is closed on these dates-	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
- 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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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.