

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2025 edition 3

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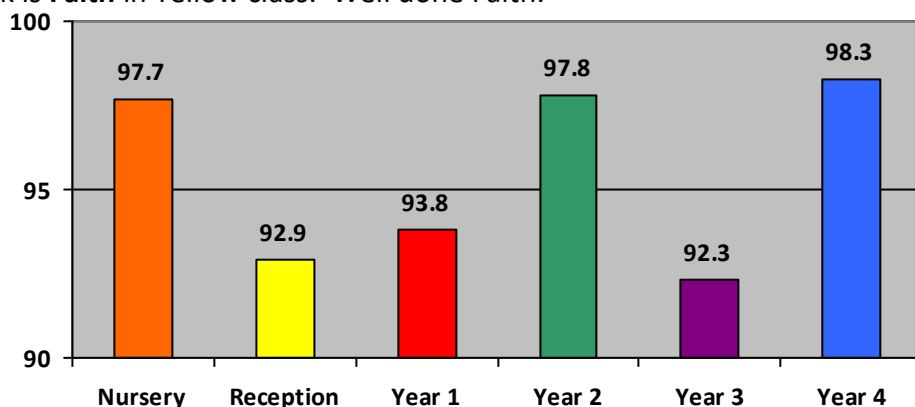
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.9%

Whole school attendance this week 94.6%

Whole school attendance this week is 94.6%, which is much better than last week, but still low. **24.5 school days** have been missed this week. Class of the week this week with 98.3% attendance is Blue class again. Well done **Blue class**. You have the attendance octopus and 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 **Faith** in Yellow class. Well done Faith.



Late marks this week

27 late marks

This year so far

133 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons

Leila

Mrs Lyons

Emily

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Sam

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Zack Y

Miss Winter

Jax

Miss Winter

Brogan

Mrs Bell

Faye

Mrs Bell

Rio

Mrs Kembrey

Katie

Mrs Kembrey

Faith

Mrs Askew

Albie

Mrs Askew

Albert

Miss Chappell

Kora L

Mrs Ellison

Amy

Staff star

Mrs Rogage

Mrs Jose

Edie C

Miss Welton

Dakota

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Edison in Purple class is now 8.

Freya in Blue class is 9 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Edison and Freya. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

Our science lead, Miss Winter, organised **mini beast workshops** for children in Early Years and key stage 1 on Tuesday. The children had a brilliant time, seeing all of the animals, children. Thank you to Miss Winter for organising this event for us.



Today we have had lots of employees from **British Gas** working on our school site. This was nothing to do with their day job and we haven't had a gas leak! They have been here working on the **Year 1 and Early Years outdoor areas** and the bushes and trees parallel to the drive and they have done an absolutely amazing job. We could never have achieved what they have achieved today, but by working as a team, their work has transformed these areas. They even found a hedgehog in our Early Years garden, which has been safely moved to a safer place. **Thank you so much** to the whole team from British Gas for all of their hard work. It is impossible to put into work just **how grateful we are** to everyone of you.

This week was week three of **Walk to School Month**, and the focus was **Wheel to School**. The aim for this week was for the children to wheel to school as many times as they could. Class teachers recorded how the children get to school each day to see how many wheeled journeys we had for our school.

Topic homework has been sent home today. This is due to be completed and returned by **Wednesday 12 November**. We are really looking forward to seeing lots of **high quality pieces of work** from all children.

Next week

Teachers are preparing for **meetings with parents and carers** next week. All teachers will be available to see parents and carers on **Thursday 23 October** from 2:30pm. Slots are available to see class teachers on **Monday 20 October** from 3:30pm, except for children in Yellow class, who will be invited to meet with Mrs Kembrey from 1:15pm on **Wednesday 22 October**.

All teachers will be involved in meetings with parents and carers at 3:15pm on Thursday 23 October. Children will be dismissed from school by support staff and me. The **dismissal arrangements** for **Thursday 23 October** at 3:15pm only are-

- **Orange and Yellow class** dismissed from the **Early Years classroom door** as normal;
- **Red and Green class** dismissed from the **Red class classroom door**;
- **Purple and Blue class** dismissed from the **Purple class classroom door**.

Thank you for all of the donations to the Seaton Valley Food Bank that you have already sent into school. Next week we are still collecting donations. All items that you bring into school will form part of our **Celebration Assembly harvest festival** on **Friday 24 October**. 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.

Doors will open at **2:15pm** on **Friday 24 October** for our **Celebration Assembly harvest festival**. **The front row of seats will be reserved for parents and carers of children in Nursery**. 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.

School meals menu change- REMINDER

We have made some **changes** to our school meals menu. This is our new menu-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef meatballs in homemade tomato sauce served with pasta and garlic bread	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza served with chips and beans	Oven baked sausages served with homemade roast potatoes and carrots	Chicken nugget wrap served with mini hash browns and sweetcorn	Oven baked fish served with chips and beans
Cookie or fresh fruit	Raspberry muffin or fresh fruit	Ice cream or fresh fruit	Iced doughnut or fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge served with custard or fresh fruit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beefburger in a bun served with chips	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza served with mini hash browns and beans	Pasta Bolognese or mac and cheese served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	Roast pork served with Yorkshire pudding, oven baked roast potatoes and vegetables	Chicken goujons served with chips and baked beans
Chocolate cookie or fresh fruit	Strawberry delight desert or fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie or fresh fruit	Ice cream or fresh fruit	Iced cake and custard or fresh fruit

New items are marked in **red** on the menus above.

Jacket potatoes and a range of fillings will also be cooked to order each day. Children must ask their class teacher for a jacket potato during registration. Fillings are cheese, beans or tuna mayonnaise.

Attendance policy change- REMINDER

At our recent governing body meeting we reviewed a number of policies, including our **attendance policy**. Our attendance continues to be a concern, as it is lower than national average for all schools nationally and lower than all primary schools nationally. During conversations with other headteachers, our attendance is lower than all other first schools in our partnership.

We previously had a policy that children must stay away from school for **48 hours** after sickness and/or diarrhoea. We have reviewed our policy and have agreed to trial a change. The new policy states that children must stay away from school for **at least 24 hours** after sickness and/or diarrhoea.

If your child has **recovered fully** after 24 hours since their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea, they don't have a high temperature, and you genuinely feel that they are well enough to return to school, they can return to school following one full day of absence.

If your child has **not recovered fully** after 24 hours since their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea and you feel that they are not well enough to return to school, they should be kept at home until you feel they are well enough to return to school.

You know your child better than anyone else, and you know if they are well enough to return to school or not. We are going to trial this new **minimum 24 hour rule** this term, and will review it at the end of this term, or earlier if it is clear that children are being sent back to school who are not well enough to be here.

Seghill First School annual calendar- autumn 2025

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Santa's reading challenge – Monday 01 December	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 07 November
School nursing team flu vaccinations for Nursery to Year 4 – Tuesday 02 December	Non uniform for Children in Need – Friday 14 November
Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 21 November
Monday 20 October from 3:30pm (not Yellow class)	Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 05 December
Wednesday 22 October from 1:15pm Yellow class only	Christmas Fayre – Friday 12 December from 3:15pm
Thursday 23 October from 2:30pm	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 17 December 3:30pm
Celebration assembly	Christmas
Friday 24 October 2:30pm including harvest festival	Christmas post boxes open - Monday 15 December
Topic homework	Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 15 December 9:00am and 2:30pm
Given out Friday 17 October	Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 16 December 9:00am
Deadline Wednesday 12 November	Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 16 December 1:00pm
School is closed on these dates-	Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 17 December
Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October for the half term holidays.	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 17 December 1:00pm
Monday 22 December to Friday 02 January for the Christmas holidays.	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 18 December 1:00pm
	All children pantomime day – Friday 19 December

PE days for the autumn term B

Class	Autumn term B PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays
Year 1 Red class	Mondays and Tuesdays
Year 2 Green class	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 3 Purple class	Wednesdays and Thursdays
Year 4 Blue class	Mondays and Thursdays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, they should not wear them on PE days. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

Please keep off the grass

As the weather has certainly now taken an autumnal turn, please can all parents and carers **keep their children off the grass** before and after school. This is the grass on the field and the grass outside the early years gate. This will help to keep the children's feet dry and stop mud from being trailed into school. Thank you.

