

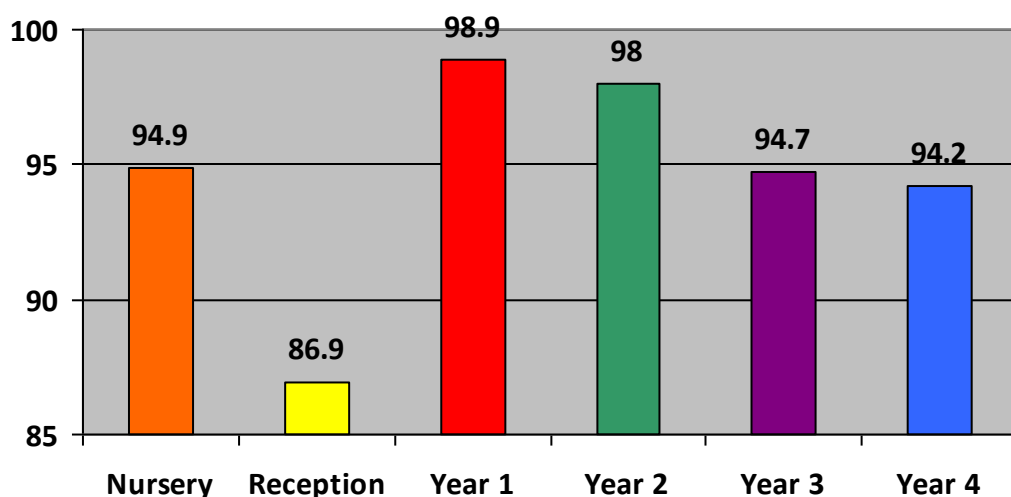
Seghill First School Newsletter March 2025 edition 4

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Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.4%	National average attendance year to date 94.8%
Whole school attendance this week 95.4%	National average attendance this week 95.7%

Whole school attendance this week was 95.4%. Class of the week this week is **Red class** with 98.9% attendance. Well done **Red 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 **Rowan** in Green class. Well done Rowan.



Late marks
This week

52 late marks

This year so far

640 late marks

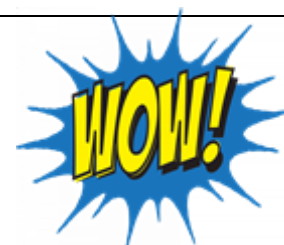
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Freddie R	Mrs Lyons	Mason
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Jessica	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Leila
Miss Winter	Freddie B	Miss Winter	Sam
Mrs Bell	Edie R	Mrs Bell	Amy
Mrs Kembrey	Rebeun	Mrs Kembrey	Henry
Mrs Askew	Ivy	Mrs Askew	Kelbie
Miss Chappell	Rosie S	Mrs Ellison	Caleb
Staff star	Mrs Aiston	Mrs Jose	Archie
		Miss Welton	Blake

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Leila in Purple class is now 8.
Mila in Red class is now 6.

Happy birthday Leila and Mila. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



Punctuality

Poor punctuality from a small group of families is really having a daily impact in school. Miss Best is constantly away from her desk from 8:50am taking late arrivals to their classroom. This week we have recorded **52 late marks**, which really is **absolutely terrible**. Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. If you are repeatedly late bringing your child to school we will be addressing this with you at parents' meetings next week.

Events coming up this half term

Class assemblies	Celebration assemblies
Tuesday 08 April Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	Thursday 10 April at 9:00am
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Other school events
Tuesday 01 April from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Monday 31 March Easter tables challenge starts
Wednesday 02 April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	Wednesday 09 April Easter egg decorating competition deadline
School visits	School is closed on these dates- Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day. Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.
Thursday 03 April Year 4 visit to Woodhorn	
Friday 04 April Year 1 visit to the Grainger Market	

Update from this week

Purple class enjoyed a fantastic visit to **Vindolanda** on Wednesday. The visit was linked to the children's history topic of the Romans – How did the arrival of Romans change Britain? The children visited the Roman Vindolanda Fort and Museum Roman plus the Army Museum.

Mrs Thomas reports that the children had a fantastic time. A member of the public approached Mrs Thomas to compliment her on the **children's behaviour and attitude**. She said, "I used to be a headteacher myself and I just wanted to comment on how fabulous your children are. It is so important that we are providing children with local history learning and providing them with opportunities like this. To see them all engaged with their learning is fabulous and makes me smile." What a great message. Well done, Purple class.



Thank you to Mrs Thomas for organising this opportunity for the children and for Mrs Jose and Miss Young for their assistance on the day.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our **Mother's Day lunch** yesterday and our **Mother's Day afternoon tea** today. We hope that you all really enjoyed the chance to come into school and spent time with your children. Raffle winners were Rosie S from Thursday and Rio M from Friday.

Use of the trim trail

We are delighted that the children will have more opportunities to use the **trim trail** as the weather is getting better and the field will be in use. Please note that children **should not** be using the trim trail before or after school.

Training day reminder

This term ends on **Thursday 10 April**. School is closed on **Friday 11 April** for a staff training day. School reopens on **Monday 28 April** for the beginning of the summer term.

School meals

Next week we will be on the week 1 lunch menu. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

Financial update

The table below shows our fundraising totals for charities this year so far-

Reason	Amount in £
Jeans for Genes	91
Macmillan Coffee morning	286
Seaton Valley Food Bank	Donations of food and toiletries
Children In Need	139.50
NSPCC Number Day	80
Total so far	596.50

We try to raise money throughout the year through fundraising events so that we can pay for and/or subsidize personal development and enrichment opportunities for all of our children. The table below shows the income from payments and contributions and the expenditure on personal development and enrichment opportunities.

Income	Amount in £
Christmas fayre	781
Performance tickets, Christmas craft club, selling Christmas biscuits, the raffle at celebration Assembly and movie night	596
Bags2school	22
Asda cashpot	297.80
Blue class team building festival	13
Non uniform for school funds	88
World Book Day coffee morning	150
Purple class trip to Vindolanda	36
Blue class trip to Woodhorn	57
Red class visit to The Grainger Market	54
Total so far	2094.80

Expenditure	Amount in £
Blue class team building festival	40
Yellow and Red class visit to Holywell Church	280
Early Years Christmas treat Northern Stage	760
Key stage 1 and 2 Christmas treat Vue Cinema	763.24
World Book Day books	150
Purple class trip to Vindolanda	272
Blue class trip to Woodhorn	243
Red class visit to The Grainger Market	36
Attendance vouchers 6 x £10 and 3 x £20	120
Total so far	2664.24

Expenditure listed above does not include the provision of extras for the children, such as juice at the World Book Day coffee morning, star of the week prizes, sweets for attendance etc.

We also have five further visits taking place in the summer term plus our annual summer fayre.

Advance notice of the Easter decorating competition

If your child would like to decorate an egg at home to take part in our **Easter egg decorating competition**, please send the completed entries into school on **Wednesday 09 April**. We will display them in the hall for celebration assembly the following day. There will a **prize for every entry** and some special **spot prizes**. We know that you are very creative, so we are looking forward to seeing how imaginative you can be. Please note that we cannot accept eggs for the competition on Thursday 10 April.