

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2025 edition 2

Safe, Supported, Successful

Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 93.8%

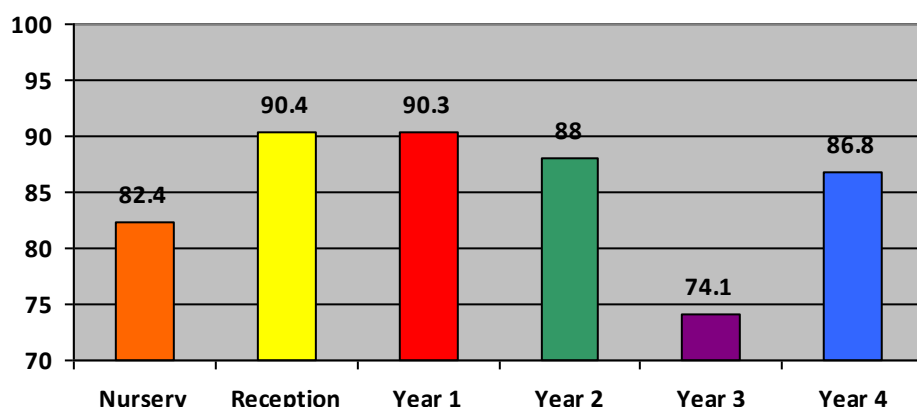
National average attendance year to date 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week 86.4%

National average attendance this week 92.0%

Whole school attendance this week was 86.4%, which is the second week of very poor attendance overall. Class of the week this week again is **Yellow class** with 90.4% attendance. Well done **Yellow 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 **Isaac** in Blue class. Well done Isaac.



Late marks this week

29 late marks

This year so far

785 late marks

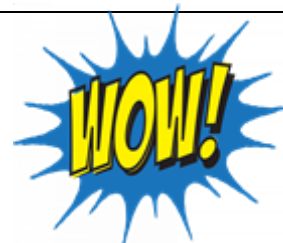
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



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| Mrs Lyons | Francesca | Mrs Lyons | Bailey |
| Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas | Charlie | Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas | Sophie |
| Miss Winter | Luciana | Miss Winter | Thomas |
| Mrs Bell | Brogan | Mrs Bell | Isabella |
| Mrs Kembrey | Vinnie | Mrs Kembrey | Faye |
| Mrs Askew | Faith | Mrs Askew | Oscar |
| Miss Chappell | Leo | Mrs Ellison | Elijah |
| Staff star | Mrs Lyons | Mrs Jose | Rowan |
| | Miss Winter | Miss Welton | Kodi |

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Marnie in Blue class was 9 this week.

Happy birthday Marnie. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



School uniform

As the weather gets better (hopefully!) children often want to take off their jumper or cardigan. It is impossible to match children with their own jumper or cardigan when they are not named. Please can you ensure that **all jumpers and cardigans are named**.

Events coming up next term

| Class assemblies | Fundraising and community |
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| Year 3 class assembly – Monday 12 th May 2.45pm | Games night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 21 st May 3.15pm |
| Year 2 class assembly – Thursday 5 th June 2.45pm | Non uniform for Seghill Gala fund – Friday 23 rd May |
| Year 1 class assembly – Wednesday 18 th June 9.00am | Non uniform for summer fayre – Friday 6 th June |
| Nursery and Reception class assembly – Friday 4 th July 9.00am | Father's Day lunch – Thursday 12 th June |
| Year 4 leavers assembly – Thursday 17 th July 9.00am | Father's Day lunch – Monday 16 th June |
| Celebration assemblies | Non uniform for summer fayre - Friday 20 th June |
| Friday 23 rd May – 2.30pm | Non uniform for summer fayre – Friday 4 th July |
| Friday 18 th July – 9.00am | Summer fayre – Tuesday 15 th July 3.15pm |
| Sports days | Other school events |
| Nursery and Reception sports morning – Tuesday 24 th June 9.00am | Year 1 synagogue visit- Thursday 15 th May |
| Year 1 to Year 4 sports afternoon – Thursday 26 th June 2.00pm | Year 2 and Year 3 mosque visit- Thursday 15 th May |
| School is closed on these dates- | Wobbly Mornings workshop- Wednesday 21 st May at 2:15pm |
| Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May for the half term holidays. | Year 2 visit to Bamburgh- Tuesday 03 June |
| Monday 21 July to Friday 29 August 2025 for the Summer holidays. | Whole school visit – Friday 13 th June |
| | Reception new starters meeting for parents and carers- Tuesday 17 th June |
| | Year 4 transition week – Monday 7 th July to Friday 11 th July |
| | Year 4 leavers party – Thursday 17 th July 6.00pm |

Class coffee mornings

Thank you to everyone who came to our **class coffee mornings** this week. The format of the class coffee mornings in Nursery to Year 3 was **workshops for parents and their children** with a **maths focus**. We hope you found the strategies we demonstrated and the tips we shared with you useful. Winners from each class coffee mornings are-

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| Orange | Evaya |
| Yellow | Elijah |
| Red | Ethan |
| Green | Kora |
| Purple | Charlie |
| Blue | Angel |

Prize winners have now received their prizes. Here are our raffle ticket prize winners from our coffee mornings.



Summer uniform

Hopefully we will continue to see lots of this lovely weather and children can wear summer uniform if they chose to. Here is a reminder of our policy on school uniform and seasonal variations-

School uniform

red sweatshirt or cardigan*
white or red polo top*

grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore
black flat heeled shoes or boots

Items marked with * carry the school logo and can be bought from the school office.

Seasonal variations

In the summer children may wear a red gingham school dress or black or grey shorts (short school trousers). They can also wear flat heeled sandals with socks in the summer. Open-toe sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for school.

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit, especially **jumpers, cardigans and coats**, are **clearly named**.

Jewellery

We would prefer it if children did not wear jewellery to school. However, children can wear a **watch**. Children with pierced ears can wear **one pair of small, plain stud earrings**. All other forms of jewellery are not allowed.

Update from this week

Thank you to everyone who came to school dressed in red, white and blue to commemorate VE day on **Thursday 08 May**.

At lunchtime we had a **garden party** and we ate our lunch together in the hall. Unfortunately, the weather stopped us from eating outside in the middle garden. We talked to the children about the significance of VE Day and they all listened carefully with great interest.

Children in **Year 4** have had another busy week this week. Following their residential trip last week, they have been **cycling** with Mrs Lyons and Richard Rothwell. Our aim for **all children to be able to safely ride a bike by the time they leave Year 4**.

The children were split in to two groups. Group 1 worked on the yard and in the local area all day on Tuesday and on Wednesday morning. They completed a 7.5 mile ride on Tuesday afternoon then a 16.5 mile ride on Wednesday morning to the Royal quays. Some of the children could not ride a bike or had not completed a bike ride before. Clocking up a total of 24 miles is an amazing achievement.

Group 2 worked with Richard and Mrs Lyons on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. They also worked on the yard and in the local area then they completed a 21.5 mile bike ride to the Royal Quays and back via an extended route. What a fantastic achievement.

Very well done to all the boys and girls. We are very proud of you all. Thank you to Richard for all of his help and support. A special thanks goes to Mrs Lyons, who spent 3 days outside and clocked up over 45 miles in bike rides this week.

Non uniform and Celebration Assembly reminder Friday 23 May

On Friday 23 May children and staff are invited to **wear non-uniform** in aid of **Seghill Gala**. All money raised will go directly to the gala committee. Please remember that this is a normal school day. Children still need to bring their reading book and reading record to school and all lessons will go ahead as normal.

Parents and carers are invited to attend our **Celebration Assembly** on Friday 23 May. Doors will open at 2:20pm and assembly will start at **2:30pm**.

Little ones are welcome to attend, but please do take them out for a walk around school if they are unsettled. We don't want to leave any of the little ones out, but it is very hard for the children in school to concentrate on their role in the assembly and to listen carefully to others when little ones are unsettled.

Year 3 class assembly

We hope parents and carers of children in Year 3 can join us for their **class assembly** on **Monday 12 May**.

Class assembly starts at 2:45pm and doors open at 2:40pm.

Father's day lunch

We will be sending out information about the arrangements for **Father's day lunches** in next week's newsletter.

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.

Games night Wednesday 21 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4

On **Wednesday 21 May** we are offering a games night to children in Years 1 to 4. Children are invited to bring games into school, and play with friends until 5pm.

If you would like your child to stay for games night, please book a ticket for them via **School Gateway**. Tickets cost **£3.00**, which includes a biscuit and a drink. The payment tab is now open in School Gateway- School Gateway, payments, Games night Wednesday 21 May 2025 Years 1 to 4 then give consent and pay £3.00.

The deadline for payments is **Monday 19 May**. Children are encouraged to bring in board games and games that can be played with one or more other players. Please don't send in electronic games or devices.

As we are offering games night, we will not be offering after school club on Wednesday 21 May.

Leave of absence during term time requests

As we move into the summer term, we tend to receive an increased number of **leave of absence during term time requests**. We do completely understand that the cost of family holidays during the school holidays can be astronomical. However, we have a **legal duty** to follow the law around attendance, including only authorising leave of absence requests that have evidence of exceptional circumstances and referring to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued for all unauthorised leave of absence requests.

Parents and carers requesting leave of absence during term time must submit the request at least **two weeks** in advance using the leave of absence during term time form.

The only leave of absence during term time requests that will be authorised are those where **evidence** of exceptional circumstances is provided.

Leave of absence that is taken **without a leave of absence request form** being submitted will not be authorised and will trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.

Leave of absence that is taken which **has not been authorised** is extremely likely to trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.

Year 4 cycling

Here are just a couple of pictures from our Year 4 cycling trips this week. Please see our school Facebook page for all of the photographs.

