

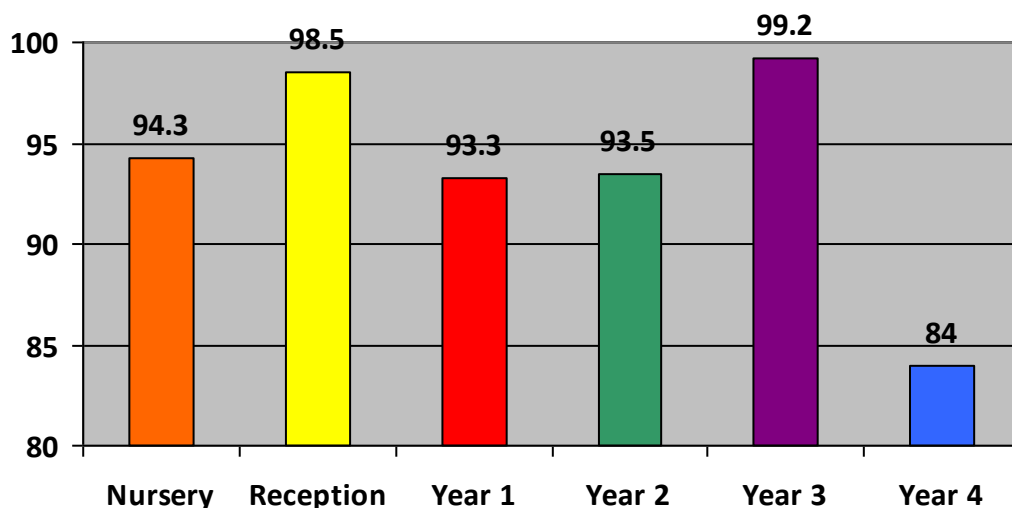
# Seghill First School Newsletter March 2025 edition 1

*Safe, Supported, Successful*

## Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.4%	National average attendance year to date 94.1%
Whole school attendance this week 92.9%	National average attendance this week 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week was 92.9%. Class of the week this week is **Purple class** with 99.2% attendance. Well done **Purple 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 **Ethan** in Green class. Well done Ethan.



**Late marks  
This week**

25 late marks

**This year so far**

525 late marks

## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Freddie	Mrs Lyons	Willow
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	James	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Freya
Miss Winter	Jorja	Miss Winter	Edie
Mrs Bell	Jax	Mrs Bell	Jaxson
Mrs Kembrey	Teddy	Mrs Kembrey	Elijah
Mrs Askew	Albert	Mrs Askew	William
Miss Chappell	Bailey	Mrs Ellison	Ahmed
Staff star	Mrs Lyons	Mrs Jose	Rosie S
		Miss Welton	Dakota

## Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week.

**Hadia** in Red class was 6 this week.

**Zack** in Green class was 7 this week.

**Bailey** in Blue class will be 9 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Hadia, Zack and Bailey.

We hope your birthdays are special and fun.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

## School meals

Next week we will

be on the **week 2**

**lunch menu**. A

copy of the menu is

on the front page of

the school website.

### Events coming up this half term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
Tuesday 08 April Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March Mother's Day lunch and afternoon tea
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Celebration assemblies
Tuesday 01 April from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Thursday 10 April at 9:00am
Wednesday 02 April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	Other school events
School visits	Monday 31 March Easter tables challenge starts
Wednesday 26 March Year 3 visit to Vindolanda	Wednesday 09 April Easter egg decorating competition deadline
Thursday 03 April Year 4 visit to Woodhorn	<b>School is closed on these dates-</b> Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day. Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.
Friday 04 April Year 1 visit to the Grainger Market	

### Update from this week

Children in Nursery and Reception had a brilliant time **making and eating pancakes** on Tuesday, celebrating Shrove Tuesday. We hope you saw the pictures on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **World Book Day coffee morning** and shared reading session yesterday. It was great to see so many of you there. Congratulations to Jimmy and Hunter, both in Year 2, who each won a **£10 book voucher** in the raffle.

We raised **£150** from the £1 entry fee and the raffle. Mrs Watson will be using this money to **buy new books** for the children. We will let you know what she has chosen when she has spoken to the other staff and the children about their wish lists.

Each class has been taking part in the **door decorating competition**. Who was the winner? Please see the pictures on page 4 and judge for yourselves. They are all fantastic.

Children in Years 2 to 4 took part in a virtual author visit with the author and poet **Joseph Coelho** on Wednesday. Joseph was the Children's Laureate from 2022 to 2024. Some of you with older children may remember that our children went to a workshop with Joseph Coelho at the Hexham Book Festival a couple of years ago.

Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a free copy of one of the **£1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

It has been lovely to see children taking part in **extra curricular clubs** this week. We have clubs for chess, spring crafts, NUFC and environment this half term, with choir club starting next week.

### Topic homework

Your child was given their **February half term topic homework** three weeks ago. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **next Wednesday- Wednesday 12 March**. We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have **at least three pieces of high-quality work** which they can be very proud of.

### Wear Black and White on Friday 14 March

Children and staff are invited to wear **black and white non uniform** next Friday to show our support for Newcastle United in advance of their Caraboa Cup final on Sunday 16 March. Please do not go out and buy a NUFC strip- any black and white items are fine.



## British Science Week

**British Science Week** will be taking place during **week beginning Monday 10 March**. Miss Winter is working with the rest of the staff team to plan a range of activities for the children linked to British Science Week. The theme for this year is change and adapt.

Miss Winter is running a **Science Selfie Competition** during Science Week. Please see her advert about what to do and how to share your science selfie with her. A winner will be chosen from every year group, so get your thinking caps on to see how you can let your scientist skills shine.

We'll let you know what the children have been doing during British Science Week through our future newsletters.

## Science Selfie Competition!



7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March is British Science Week! The aim of the week is to show children that science is all around us and is part of everyday life. This year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'.

To celebrate this, we are launching a 'Science Selfie' competition! Simply take a photo of yourself enjoying science outside of school. It could be doing an experiment at home or finding science outside. Be as creative as you like – remember science is everywhere!

A winner will be chosen from each year group to receive a prize.

All entries must be emailed to Miss Winter at [lucy.winter@school360.co.uk](mailto:lucy.winter@school360.co.uk) by 3pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.



## Mother's day lunch and afternoon tea

This year we are offering **Mother's Day lunch** on **Thursday 27 March** and **Mother's Day afternoon tea** on **Friday 28 March**.

We are offering these opportunities for Mother's Day on two different days so that we can provide the best possible experiences to our guests.

Our special **Mother's Day menus** are-

Thursday 27 March Homemade Margarita pizza, salad and chips followed by a chocolate cookie

Friday 28 March selection of homemade afternoon tea goodies

A meat free alternative will be available on request.

Meals cost **£4.50**. If you would like to attend either event, please use the booking system on School Gateway. In the payments section, please pick either Thursday 27 March Mother's Day lunch OR Friday 28 March Mother's Day afternoon tea. Add your choice to the basket and then pay. If you would like a **meat free choice** on Friday, please email Miss Best at [schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk) so it is pre-ordered for you. The payment portal is open now and will close on **Friday 21 March**. We will not be reopening the payment portal after this date as the food has to be ordered by then.

Places for each event are limited to 40 guests per day. If children do not have contact with their mam they are welcome to invite a **special female from their family**, such as an aunt, grandma or important female family friend. We can only accommodate one guest per family and guest can only attend one of the events.

On Thursday, children will be provided with their school meal and will be able to eat their lunch sitting with their guest. On Friday, children will be provided with their school meal at lunchtime as normal. They will be able to sit with their guest while their guest has their afternoon tea. We are not providing afternoon tea for the children.

Children should ask for a school meal or packed lunch as normal during registration on both days. If your child is in **Orange class** and they do not usually stay for lunch, please make sure that they ask for a school meal on that day or provide a packed lunch for them.

You will be issued with a ticket before the events. Lunch will be served between 11:45am and 1:00pm on Thursday and afternoon tea will be served between 2:30pm and 3:15pm on Friday. There will be more than one sitting for lunch on Thursday. The timing for your lunch will be on your ticket for Thursday.





Yellow and Orange class Jack and the Beanstalk



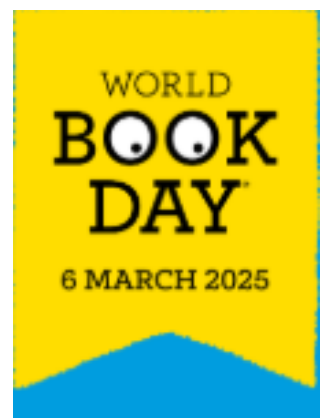
Red class A Squash and a Squeeze



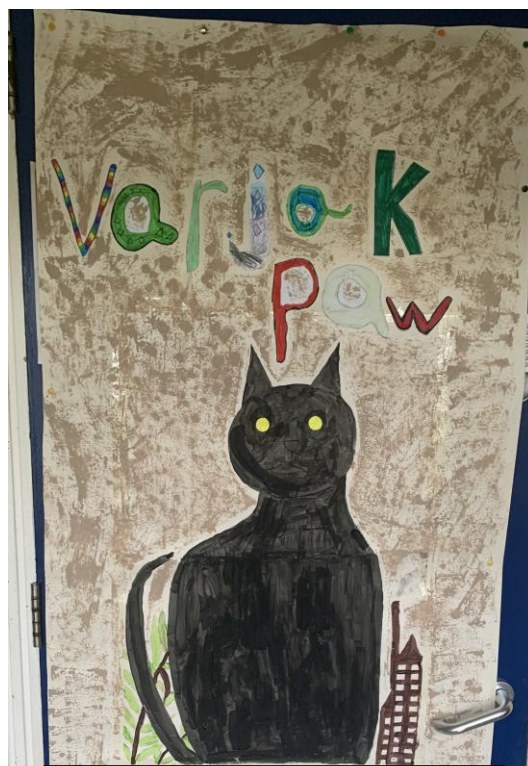
Green class George's Marvellous Medicine

**World Book Day decorate the classroom door competition**

As you can see, all of the classes and teachers have gone "all out" to decorate their classroom door as a book cover. What a brilliant idea and a fantastic job they have all done. Which one do you like best?



Purple class Charlie changed into a Chicken



Blue class Varjak Paw