

# Seghill First School Newsletter May 2025 edition 3

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## Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 93.7%

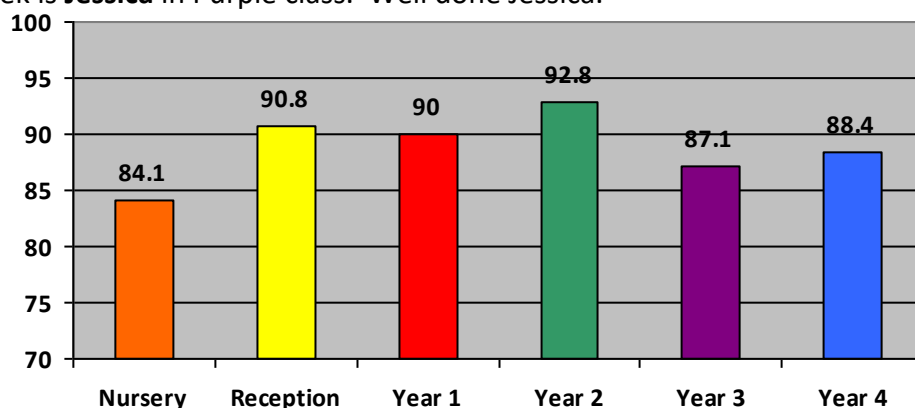
National average attendance year to date 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week 90.1%

National average attendance this week 95.5%

Whole school attendance this week was 90.1%, which is the THIRD week of very poor attendance overall. Class of the week this week is **Green class** with 92.8% attendance. Well done **Green 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 **Jessica** in Purple class. Well done Jessica.



**Late marks this week**

38 late marks

**This year so far**

823 late marks

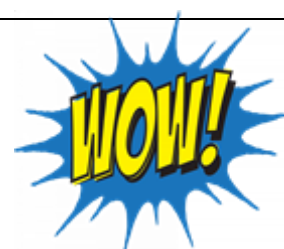
## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Dominic	Mrs Lyons	Amelia
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Freya	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Emily
Miss Winter	Will	Miss Winter	Caleb
Mrs Bell	Rosie	Mrs Bell	Ethan
Mrs Kembrey	Henry	Mrs Kembrey	Alice
Mrs Askew	Carter	Mrs Askew	Ivy
Miss Chappell	Ella	Mrs Ellison	Amy
Staff star	Miss Welton	Mrs Jose	Brogan
		Miss Welton	Charlie

## Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

**Faith** in Orange class was 4 this week.

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



Happy birthday Faith and Finnlagh. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.

## 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**.

Children can order a **jacket potato** with a cheese, beans or tuna filling as long as they ask for one during registration.

## Events coming up next term

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

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

The deadline for payments for games Night is **Monday 19 May**. 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. Please follow School Gateway, payments, Games night Wednesday 21 May 2025 Years 1 to 4 then give consent and pay £3.00.

## 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.

### Update from this week

Children in **Purple class** started off the week with their **class assembly** on Monday afternoon in great style. The children told us about their learning from their visit to Vindolanda and shared their trumpet skills via a music lesson. They also tested us with a tricky quiz about the facts they had learnt at Vindolanda to check that we had been listening.

It was fabulous to see all of the children joining in and looking and sounding so confident. You've set a very high bar of the others to follow. Great job Year 3 and Mrs Thomas.

Our next class assembly is for Green class on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2:45pm

Year 1 visited the **synagogue** in Gosforth on Thursday morning. The children had a brilliant time. They saw many Jewish artefacts including the synagogue's Torah scroll. Lesley from the synagogue told us that they don't normally have children as young as Year 1 at the synagogue for school visits. However, she said she was absolutely amazed by how much our children already knew about Judaism, how relevant their questions were and their level of interest. This is so pleasing to hear and echoes what was said about our Year 1 children when they visited the Grainger Market.

Year 2 and Year 3 visited the **Whitley Bay Islamic Cultural Centre** on Thursday afternoon. Miss Winter said that Year 2 and 3 had a fabulous time at the mosque. They observed a prayer session and looked inside the Qur'an. The children then asked to join in with the prayer movements. Mrs Watson said that the children were really interested in everything they saw and heard. Our host Syed was very impressed with the children's knowledge of Islam. Again, it is so great to hear that our children in Years 2 and 3 have gone out of school to visit a place of worship and been excellent ambassadors for our school.

Feedback from both visits clearly shows that **RE teaching in school is very good**, as the hosts of our visits yesterday would not have been as impressed as they were with the children's knowledge of two world religions.

It was lovely to see **Mrs Miller** in school for a visit this week. Mrs Miller retired at Christmas, but called in to see everyone on Wednesday. She is enjoying spending more time with her family, but loved seeing all of the children and staff again.

**Mrs Baptie**, one of our lunchtime supervisory assistants, is leaving us at the end of next week. She has secured a position as a teaching assistant in a local Nursery, which is something that she has been training for. We thank Mrs Baptie for all of her hard work and wish her well in her new job.

Mrs Rogage and Miss Best have been working hard this week on the menus for **Father's day breakfast and lunch**. Please see overleaf for all of the details. We are really looking forward to welcoming our dads, grandads, uncles, brothers or a special male members of our families to one of these events.

Today we are sending home a copy of our **term dates and school holidays** for next academic year 2025 to 2026. This is being provided for all children in Nursery to Year 4. Please make a note of the dates so you know we are at school and the holiday dates.

We are still having difficulty at the end of every outdoor and PE session to match children to their jumper or cardigan. It is impossible to match children with their own jumper or cardigan when they are not named. We have asked for your support with this a number of times already. Please can you ensure that all **jumpers and cardigans are named**.

Let's hope the sun continues to shine this weekend and we can all enjoy some time outdoors enjoying the good weather!

### Father's day breakfast and lunch

This year we are offering **Father's Day breakfast at 9:00am on Thursday 12 June** and **Father's Day lunch at 12 noon on Monday 16 June**. We are out on a whole school visit on Friday 13 June.

Father's Day breakfast and Father's Day lunch are for dads, grandads, uncles, brothers or a special male from your family. We can only accommodate one guest per family and your guest can attend one of the events.

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

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

Thursday 12 June bacon sandwich and a hot drink  
Monday 16 June beef burger, chips and salad followed by a cookie  
A meat free alternative will be available on request.

#### Thursday

On Thursday, children can be provided with a bacon sandwich to eat while sitting with their guest. This is entirely optional. A bacon sandwich for a child costs **£2.00**. A bacon sandwich and a hot drink for guests cost **£4.00**.

#### Monday

On Monday, children will be provided with their school meal and will be able to eat their meal while sitting with their guest. Meals for guests cost **£4.50**.

### How to book a ticket

If you would like to attend either event, please use the booking system on School Gateway. In the payments section, please pick either **Thursday 12 June Father's Day breakfast** OR **Monday 16 June Father's Day lunch**. Add your choice to the basket and then pay. If you would like a **meat free choice**, please email Miss Best at [schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk](mailto:schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk) so it is pre-ordered for you. The payment portal is open now and will close on **Friday 06 June**. We will not be reopening the payment portal after this date as the food has to be ordered by then.

### Arrangements

Breakfast will be served at 9:00am on Thursday 12 June. Please drop your child off at their classroom and come to the school hall.

Lunch will be served between 11:45am and 1:00pm on Monday 16 June. There will be more than one sitting for lunch on Monday. The timing for your lunch will be on your ticket.

Places for each event are limited to 40 guests per day. You will be issued with a ticket before the events.

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 Monday 16 June or provide a packed lunch for them.

### Does your child have wobbly mornings?

Children can find mornings tricky due to lots of different reasons. For parents and carers, it can be really hard to know how to deal with these mornings without getting stressed and upset.

We have organised a **Wobbly Mornings workshop** for parents and carers to attend on **Wednesday 21 May** from **2:15pm**. The meeting will be led by Michelle Clapperton, who is an Education Welfare Officer. She will give top tips on how to try to plan ahead to avoid wobbly mornings and how to deal with them when they do happen. There will be lots of informal opportunities to chat to Michelle and other parents and carers to get tips and support. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you will be able to join us.