

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2025 edition 2

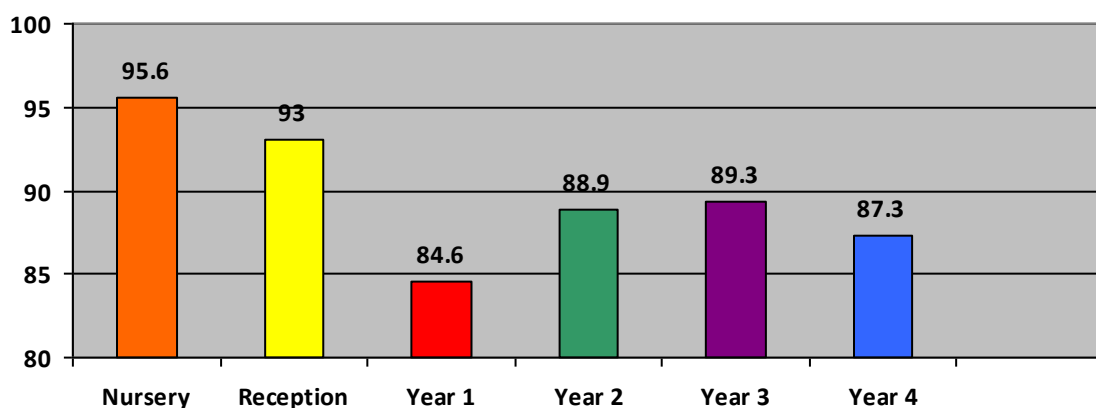
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.3%

Whole school attendance this week 89.1%

Whole school attendance this week was 89.1% which again is extremely low. Class of the week this week again is **Orange class** with 95.6% attendance. Well done **Orange 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 **Luca** in Orange class. Well done Luca.



Late marks this week

37 late marks

This year so far
429 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Leo	Mrs Lyons	Lincoln
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Kora	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Sam
Miss Winter	Carter	Miss Winter	Rosie
Mrs Bell	Alice	Mrs Bell	Elijah
Mrs Kembrey	Freddie	Mrs Kembrey	Kaia
Mrs Askew	Albert	Mrs Askew	Albie
Miss Chappell	Ollie	Mrs Jose	Jimmy
Staff star	Miss Watson	Mrs Ellison	Katie
		Miss Welton	Faith

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Manjot in Purple class is now 8.

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



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Reminder

Mrs Rogage will be making and serving a delicious **Christmas lunch** on **Wednesday 17 December**. We will not be serving jacket potatoes on this day. Children are asked to wear a **Christmas jumper** or **Christmas top** on Wednesday please.





Update from this week

Today we say goodbye to **Miss Watson** who has been teaching in the Year 3 class alongside Mrs Thomas and Mrs Watson. Miss Watson will be back after the Christmas holidays to complete the rest of her placement.

We hope to see you all at our **Christmas fayre** straight after school tonight.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Monday 15 December	Santa's reading challenge ends	
Monday 15 December	Key stage 1 and 2 concerts at 9:00am and 2:30pm	
Monday 15 December	First day for bringing in Christmas cards	
Tuesday 16 December	EYFS performance from 9:00am	
Tuesday 16 December	Yellow and Orange class Christmas party (after lunch)**	
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas lunch	
Wednesday 17 December	Red and Green class Christmas party (after lunch)	
Wednesday 17 December	Movie night for children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class 3:15 pm – 5:15pm	
Thursday 18 December	Purple and Blue class Christmas party (after lunch)	
Thursday 18 December	Class of the term (to be announced) can wear non-uniform	
Friday 19 December	Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (morning) EYFS pantomime (afternoon)**	
Friday 19 December	Pyjama day	

**** Morning Nursery children please attend all day**
 **Please wear a Christmas top or Christmas jumper for this event instead of a school jumper / cardigan. Normal school bottoms please!**

Advance notice of class coffee afternoons in January 2026

Our **class coffee afternoons** will be taking place during the second week of term in January. The format of the class coffee afternoons this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**. Teachers will be planning workshops. We will let you know the focus soon. Parents will be able to work with their children at the workshops. A raffle ticket will be given to every adult who attends and there will be a prize draw for each class.

The dates and times are-

Monday 12 January Purple and Blue class 2:30pm;

Tuesday 13 January Red and Green class 2:30pm;

Thursday 15 January Orange and Yellow class 2:30pm;

Coffee afternoons will take place for each key stage at the date and time above, although each class will be working separately in their workshop. Please come to the school office and we will take you to the classroom.

After school club and Christmas events

We offer after school club from Monday to Friday until 5:30pm every week. There are times that we are unable to offer this service. Please note that there will be **no after school club** on the following days-

- Wednesday 17 December (due to film night);
- Friday 19 December (to allow Mr Ruler and the cleaning team to clean the school and all classrooms before the shut down for the Christmas holidays).

Christmas reminders

Christmas performances

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our **Christmas concerts** on **Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December**. The children and staff have been working very hard to get everything ready for the performances. **Children in key stages 1 and 2** have been asked to wear their **Christmas jumper** or Christmas top for their performances on Monday instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms). They are not dressing up. **Children in Early Years** will be **provided with a costume** by school. We do not expect families to provide costumes for the concerts.

Doors open at **8:45am** for the morning performances and **2:15pm** for the afternoon performance. Tickets will be sent home with your child today. Your tickets will show your seat numbers. **Please sit in the numbered seat that you have been given**. There are no spare seats. Seating has been allocated in the order that payments were received on School Gateway.

We will be selling **raffle tickets** at all three performances. Please bring **cash** if you would like to be involved.

On Tuesday we will be selling **photographs** of children in Yellow and Orange class in their Christmas performance costumes at **50p each**. Please bring **cash** if you would like to buy photographs.

Please note that **live streaming and/or filming of the performances is not permitted**. We have a number of children whose parents and carers have specified that they do not want their child's image shared in any way. Please do not take photographs. At the end of the performance, children will have the chance to see their adults and this will be the time when you can take pictures of your own child.

Please remember that **Cheviot View and Parker Place are pedestrian zones**. There is no parking on either of these streets for guests coming to our performances. A small number of spaces may be available on the grassed area at the back of the Institute, but leaving the car at home and walking is the best option.

Christmas cards

Please wait until **Monday 15 December** before bringing your Christmas cards in. Each teacher will arrange for the cards to be given out, including cards that are for children in other classes and for staff. Lists of **children's first names and surname initial** for your child's class have been sent home this week.

Arrangements for Christmas parties

We have organised parties for children in all year groups to take place in key stage groups. We will provide a treat for the children. Please do not send in any food or drinks for your child's party. All parties will take place after lunch in the hall and all children will go home at 3:15pm as normal.

Tuesday 16 December Orange and Yellow class party

Children in Orange and Yellow class will have their party on **Tuesday 16 December**. Children should come to school in **party clothes**. 15-hour Nursery children should come to school for the whole day if they would like to stay for the party in the afternoon.

Wednesday 17 December Red and Green class party

Children in Red and Green class will have their party on **Wednesday 17 December**. Children should come to school in their **Christmas jumper** (for Christmas lunch) and bring party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch if they want to get changed for the party.

Thursday 18 December Purple and Blue class party

Children in Purple and Blue class will have their party on **Thursday 18 December**. Children should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch.



Christmas reminders continued

Movie night

We will be hosting **movie night** on **Wednesday 17 December** for children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class after school until 5:15pm. Tickets will be sent home next week.

We will ask the children to pick two movies, and then to watch one of them. Please collect your child from the Green class classroom door at 5:15pm.

Class of the term attendance reward

On Wednesday 17 December we will be announcing the **class of the term** with the best attendance. This class will be invited to **wear non-uniform** on **Thursday 18 December**.

Christmas treats for our children

Staff have arranged special Christmas treats for all children. This year, we have booked a **travelling theatre company** to come to school on **Friday 19 December** and perform a **pantomime** for the children. The timings are-

- Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (morning)
- EYFS pantomime (afternoon).

15-hour Nursery children should come to school for the whole day if they would like to stay for the pantomime in the afternoon.

Children are invited to come to school in their **pyjamas** on **Friday 19 December**. We will also be providing **hot chocolate** for them.

We are using money from our fundraising activities to pay for both of these treats, so parents and carers **will not be asked to contribute** anything towards the cost of the pantomime.

I hope you agree that this is an excellent use of our fundraising money, and hopefully the children will really enjoy seeing a live performance.

Friday 19 December arrangements

School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 19 December. It is not a "toy day".

Revised arrangements for Breakfast Club and After School Club

From 01 January 2026 we have revised our arrangements for Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Breakfast Club

Places are available to book in advance at Breakfast Club as they are now. We are increasing the cost of Breakfast Club from £3.50 to **£4.00 per session**.

After school club

We are introducing a new two-tier system for booking After School Club slots-

- **one hour** of childcare at after school club from 3:15pm to 4:15pm will cost **£5.00**;
- **more than one hour** of childcare at after school club from 3:15pm until after 4:15pm will cost **£8.00**.

Both of these booking options will be available on School Gateway. Parents and carers can pick the appropriate option at the time of booking.

This is the first price increase since we started to offer wraparound services 15 years ago.

Please see **Miss Best** in the school office if you have any queries.