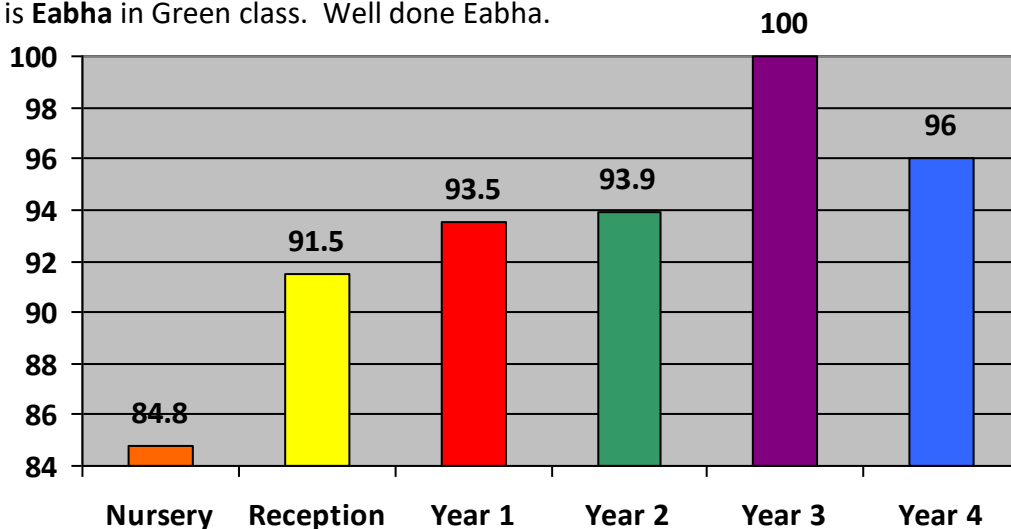


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Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 95.4%	National average attendance year to date 95.4%
Whole school attendance this week 94.9%	National average attendance this week 95.3%

Whole school attendance this week was 94.9%. Class of the week this week again is **Purple class** with 100% 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 **Eabha** in Green class. Well done Eabha.



Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Charlie C	Mrs Lyons	Theo
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Charlie W	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	James
Miss Winter	Edie C	Miss Winter	Rowan
Mrs Bell	Harley	Mrs Bell	Amy
Mrs Kembrey	Harry F	Mrs Kembrey	Alice
Mrs Askew	Kade	Mrs Askew	Katie
Miss Chappell	Edie C	Mrs Jose	Elena
Staff star	Miss Best	Mrs Miller	Will
		Mrs Ellison	Isaac B
		Miss Welton	Kodi

Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week.

Henry in Yellow class is now 5.

Amelia in Blue class is now 9.

Vinnie in Green class is now 7.

Happy birthday Henry, Amelia and Vinnie.

We hope your birthdays are special and fun.



Parent helpers

Our fundraisers are working very hard to get everything prepared for Christmas. We would love to have some **new parent helpers** to work alongside them. Please let Miss Chappell know if you could spare a couple of hours of your time.

Welcome Harry and Kade

We would like to extend a **warm welcome** to **Harry and Kade**, who joined Red and Orange class last week.

Seghill First School annual calendar autumn 2024

Christmas	Fundraising and community events
Early Years Christmas treat- details to follow – Wednesday 4 th December	Non uniform for Christmas Fayre bottle tombola– Friday 6 th December
Christmas post boxes open - Monday 16 th December	Christmas Fayre – Friday 13 th December from 3.15pm
Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 16 th December 9.00am and 2.30pm	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 18 th December 3.30pm
Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 17 th December 9.00am	Other school events
Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 17 th December 1.00pm	Santa’s reading challenge – Monday 2 nd December
Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 18 th December	Celebration assemblies
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 18 th December 1.00pm	Friday 20 th December 9.00am
Years 1 to 4 Christmas treat- details to follow – Thursday 19 th December	
Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 19 th December 1.00pm	

School is closed on these dates-
 Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January for the Christmas holidays and Monday 06 January 2025 due to a staff training day.

Punctuality reminder

This week has been a particularly bad week for poor punctuality. We have recorded **42 late marks this week**. So far we have had **226 late marks since September**.

As per our punctuality reminders on previous newsletters, we are not referring to the occasional or one-off lateness where something genuine has happened. We know that the vast majority always get their children here on time. However, there are children who are late most days or once or twice every week. This is not acceptable and I will be writing to the parents and carers of those children directly. If you are struggling with getting here on time, please speak to us and we will see what we can do to help.

Christmas Lights 2024 competition winner

Children in Year 4 took part in the annual **Christmas lights competition** again this year. The top three entries came from **Katie, Owen** and **Bailey**. The big switch on took place in the village last Friday. The winning design was made by Owen. His Rudolph design has been made into a Christmas light which is on display in our village. Congratulations to **Owen**. What a brilliant achievement.

Christmas fayre

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **Friday 13 December** straight after school.

We will have our tombolas set out in the hall and tickets arranged into packs of 5 in advance, which worked very well the last time. In addition to the tombolas, there will be other stalls and attractions.

Christmas raffle and non-uniform days

Raffle tickets will be sent home today. Please return the **right-hand side strips to school with £2.00** in the envelope provided by **Monday 09 December**. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fayre. Please see Miss Best in the office if you want extra raffle tickets.

We are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform** on one more Friday, **Friday 06 December**, and to bring in a donation for the **bottle tombola** or raffle. The more donations we receive the more prizes there will be to win and the greater your chance of winning.

School menu

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

Reminder about changes to the school menu

We have added **two additional options** to our existing school menu.

Week 1 on Wednesdays- we will now be serving pasta bolognese **or** pasta in a tomato sauce;

Week 1 on Thursdays- we will now be serving sweet chilli chicken wrap **or** BBQ chicken wrap. Children in Nursery and Reception will also have the choice of a cheese or ham wrap. A copy of the revised menu is on the front page of the school website.

Christmas raffle prizes

We have lots of **fantastic prizes** for the Christmas raffle including-

- NUFC tickets*;
- Edinburgh Zoo voucher;
- Delta Force Paintball voucher;
- Alnwick garden voucher;
- Theatre Royal Pantomime voucher*;
- Northumberland Zoo voucher;
- £30 Huggg leisure voucher;
- Mulligan's Crazy Golf voucher;
- Northern Lights family ticket*.
- £85 Family portrait shoot with print

Prizes marked with * are available for selected dates

Reminder for all Nursery families about applications for Reception places

Parents and carers of children in Nursery must apply for a place for their child in Reception. This is done online via the School Admissions portal. Please follow this link- [school admissions portal](#)

Applications must be made by **15 January 2025**. Please don't miss this deadline. Sometimes parents and carers assume that their child will get a place in Reception due to them having a place in Nursery. This is untrue. 16 April 2025 is National Offers Day, when parents and carers are informed by Northumberland County Council which school their child is being offered a place in from September 2025.

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 02 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, has sent out more information about the reading challenge today. It is important that children continue to read in the run up to Christmas as part of their normal routine, as this maintains fluency and interest in books. We know it can be difficult to fit everything in at this time of year, but hopefully, the "**little and often**" approach is more manageable than reading lots of pages once a week. Please do make sure that you **sign your child's reading record** after they have read so we can stamp their Santa's reading challenge bookmark.

Christmas song writing competition

Mrs Askew was thrilled to receive so many fabulous entries to the **Christmas song writing competition**. Well done to **Isabella, Will, Archie, Edison, Rosie W, Elena, Freya** and **Sophie** for submitting an entry. You will receive a certificate and some sweets for your hard work.

It was really hard to only pick one entry form so many lovely songs. However, Mrs Askew picked the Christmas song written by **Will** in Green class. Well done Will. Your prize is a certificate, some sweets and a voucher. Your song will be learnt by all the children and sung at our celebration assembly and at the key stages 1 and 2 Christmas performances.

Advance notice of class coffee afternoons in January 2025

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 with a **literacy focus**. 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 for each class. The dates and times are-

Monday 13 January Purple and Blue class 2:30pm;

Tuesday 14 January Red and Green class 2:30pm;

Wednesday 15 January Orange and Yellow class 12:30pm.

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.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Friday 29 November	Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child
Monday 02 December	Santa's reading challenge starts
Wednesday 04 December	Yellow and Orange class Christmas treat visit to the Northern Stage**
Friday 06 December	Non-uniform donations for the bottle tombola or raffle.
Monday 09 December	Return raffle tickets and money to school
Monday 09 December	Deadline for all payments for performance tickets and movie night tickets
Friday 13 December	Christmas fayre
Monday 16 December	Santa's reading challenge ends
Monday 16 December	Key stage 1 and 2 concerts at 9:00am and 2:30pm 
Monday 16 December	First day for bringing in Christmas cards
Tuesday 17 December	EYFS performance from 9:00am
Tuesday 17 December	Yellow and Orange class Christmas party**
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas lunch 
Wednesday 18 December	Movie night for children in Red, Green, purple and Blue class
Wednesday 18 December	Red and Green class Christmas party
Thursday 19 December	Purple and Blue class Christmas party
Thursday 19 December	Red, Green, Purple and Blue class Christmas treat trip to Vue cinema
Friday 20 December	Celebration assembly at 9:00am

** Morning Nursery children please attend in the afternoon instead of the morning.



Please wear a Christmas top or jumper for this event instead of a school jumper / cardigan. Normal school bottoms