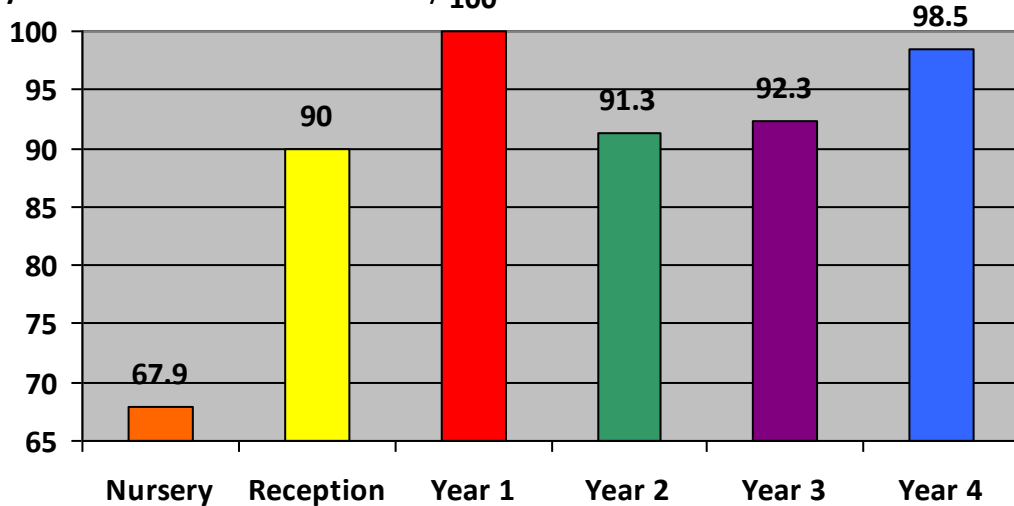


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Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 95.4%	National average attendance year to date 95.3%
Whole school attendance this week 94.8%	National average attendance this week 94.2%

Whole school attendance this week was 94.8%. Class of the week this week is **Red class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Red 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 **Harry** in Green class. Well done Harry.



Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Noah	Mrs Lyons	Dominic
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Lincoln	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Brandon and Emily
Miss Winter	Eabha	Miss Winter	Hunter
Mrs Bell	Ethan	Mrs Bell	Mila
Mrs Kembrey	Henry	Mrs Kembrey	Rebeun
Mrs Askew	Jessica	Mrs Askew	Charlie
Miss Chappell	Ollie	Mrs Jose	Abel
Staff star	Mrs Bell	Mrs Miller	Zack
		Miss Welton	Grace W

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Manessa in Green class is now 7.

Jimmy in Green class is now 7.

Happy birthday Manessa and Jimmy

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.

School menu

Next week we will be on the **week 2 menu**. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

Seghill First School annual calendar autumn 2024

Christmas	Fundraising and community events
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	Reception and year 1 church visit - Wednesday 11 th 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 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January for the Christmas holidays and Monday 06 January 2025 due to a staff training day.	

Punctuality reminder

This week we recorded **22 late marks**. Last week we recorded **42 late marks**. So far we have had **248 late marks since September**.

Christmas jumper / top reminder

Children in **key stages 1 and 2** are asked to wear a **Christmas jumper or top** with usual school bottoms on **Monday 16 December** for their Christmas performance.

Children in all year groups are asked to wear a **Christmas jumper or top** with usual school bottoms on **Wednesday 18 December** for their Christmas lunch.

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 were sent home last Friday. 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.

Thank you to everyone who came to school in **non-uniform** today and brought 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.

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 family pass;
- Northern Lights family ticket*.
- £85 Family portrait shoot with print
- Two tickets to Beamish
- Large Stitch plush toy

Prizes marked with * are available for selected dates chosen by the

Early Years Christmas treat

On Wednesday children in **Yellow and Orange class** went to the **Northern Stage** to see Wolf. The children had an excellent time and really loved the story. They also loved the experience of seeing the story performed by actors in a **real live theatre setting**. The children were provided with this opportunity as part of planned **personal development** opportunities. We used fundraising money to make this opportunity free of charge to all children.

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 started on Monday. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, sent out information about the reading challenge and the children have their bookmarks for the challenge. 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 performance tickets

Orders and payments for **Christmas performance tickets** for all year groups are still available on **School Gateway** until **Monday 09 December**. Please make sure that you have ordered and paid for your performance tickets by then.

Movie night tickets

Orders and payments for **movie night tickets** for children in years 1 to 4 are still available on **School Gateway** until **Monday 09 December**. Please make sure that you have ordered and paid for your movie night tickets by then.

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.

Reception and Year 1 church visit

Yellow and Red class are visiting **St Mary's Church in Holywell** to enhance their understanding and to give them opportunities to see a sacred place and artefacts linked to their topic of Christianity.

The visit will take place on **Wednesday 11 December**. We will be leaving school after registration and will be back by lunchtime, so there are no changes to the usual arrangements for dropping off or lunchtime.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2024

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



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

Christmas treats during the last week

Mrs Rogage will be cooking some extra **Christmas treats** during the last week of term. These treats will be **biscuits, muffins or cakes** and will be on sale after school every day during the last week of term. She will be cooking something different each day.

Biscuits and cakes will cost 50p each. If you would like to buy a little treat to eat on the way home or to take home to have later, please bring **cash** to school at home time. We will either be outside on the **top yard** or on **Cheviot View** between the Red and Green class doors.

