

Seghill First School Newsletter July 2026 edition 3

Attendance

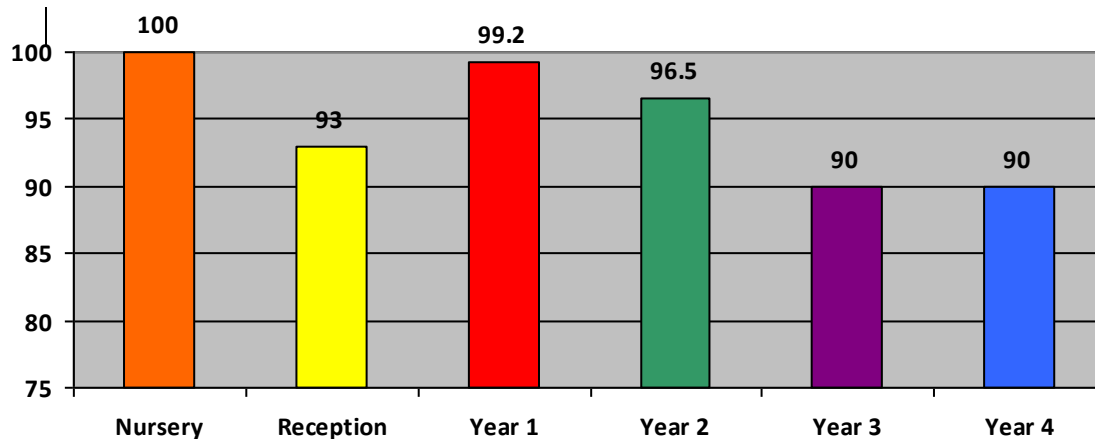
Whole school attendance year to date 92.2%

Whole school attendance this week 93.4%

Whole school attendance target 94.8%

Attendance of similar schools 94.6%

Whole school attendance this week was 93.4%. Class of the week this week is **Orange class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Orange class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box.



Late marks this week

23 late marks

This year so far

1188 late marks

Blue class are the class of the term, with 96% attendance. Their reward is to wear non-uniform today. Red class are the class of the half term, with 94.9% attendance. Their reward is extra Golden Time next half term with Miss Winter. Well done, Red class.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons

Charlie

Mrs Lyons

Haniyeh

Mrs Watson & Mrs Thomas

Rosie

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Zac

Miss Winter

Esmee

Miss Winter

Isaac

Mrs Bell

Megan

Mrs Bell

Alice

Mrs Kembrey

Kelbie

Mrs Kembrey

Lillie-Mae

Mrs Askew

Albie

Mrs Askew

Louie

Miss Chappell

Esmee

Mrs Jose

Faith

Staff star

Miss Best

Miss Welton

Raya

Mrs Ellison

Isaac

Birthdays

We have lots of birthdays in school this week and during the 6 week's holiday.

This week-

Isaac in Green class is now 7.

During the school holidays-

Luca and **Isabella** in Orange class will be 4.

Kaia, **Theo** and **Bobby** in Yellow class will be 5.

Faye and **Grace** in Red class will be 6.

Brogan in Green class will be 7.

April, **Abel** and **Edie** in Purple class will be 8.

Lincoln and **Leo** in Blue class will be 9.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Outstanding balances for school meals, Nursery fees and wraparound

All **outstanding balances** for school meals, Nursery fees and wraparound (breakfast club and after school club) **must be paid by the end of today**. Please see Miss Best in the school office if you are unsure if this applies to you or if you are experiencing difficulties.

Update from this week

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete and return your child's **annual report reply slip**. It was lovely to read all of your comments.

Our **Year 4 children** had their last week in our school before their move to middle school. We had our very emotional Year 4 leavers' assembly yesterday morning and the Year 4 leavers' party last night. We say a massively fond farewell to Freya, Leila, James, Lincoln, Leo, Emily, Charlie, Ollie, Sophie and Brandon and wish them all the very best of luck at middle school and beyond.

It was lovely to round off the year with our **whole school celebration assembly** this morning at 9:00am. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend this assemblies and all of our assemblies and events for parents and carers this year.

Next term

We have two training days on Tuesday 01 and Wednesday 02 September. School reopens to pupils in Reception to Year 4, plus 5 term Nursery children, on **Thursday 03 September**.

Next term we will start on the **week 1** lunch menu. The menu has been revised and a copy of the menu will be added to the front page of the **school website**. If your child does not like the dish of the day, they can order a jacket potato or bring in a packed lunch from home.

We have agreed all of our dates from next academic year. These will be shared with you in our first newsletter of the autumn term.

Class workshops will be taking place in week 2 on these dates at 9:00am-

Tuesday 08 September	Year 3 Purple class
Wednesday 09 September	Year 2 Green class
Thursday 10 September	Year 1 Red class
Thursday 10 September	Nursery Orange class and Reception Yellow class
Friday 11 September	Year 4 Blue class

Parents and carers will have a chance to work alongside their child at the class workshops.

Children have brought home a copy of the **information booklet for parents and carers September 2026**. Please read this and keep it handy for reference throughout the year.

The children, staff and governors of Seghill First School wish you all a very happy summer holiday.



Annual review

The children are, as ever, the beating heart of everything we do, and they have done us proud this year. It is easy to forget amongst all of the daily comings and goings and ups and downs just how good our children are. It sometimes isn't until we visit other schools, or go to other places and see other schools, that we are reminded of our children's many strengths and talents. Our Year 4 children moving to middle school are doing so full of knowledge, enthusiasm and happy memories of their time with us and that's the way we would always want it to be.

We are very well supported by the very vast majority of parents and carers who prioritise their child's education and work with us as much as they can. The work we do is generally very highly appreciated and events for parents and carers are very well attended.

I also feel very lucky to work with such a great staff team. They can find a solution to every problem, go above and beyond for every child and support the children, their colleagues and me in an unbelievable manner. I take my hat off to you all. I thank every single one of you for everything you do and how well you do it. They make this school a special place and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else or work with anyone else.

Our governing body has continued to provide a high degree of both support and challenge to me and all school leaders. I always know that there is someone at the end of the phone or an email, and when I do seek help, there is always a helpful and supportive response. I thank you all for your time as volunteers and everything you do to ensure that we meet our school motto of "safe, supported, successful".

This year, I am really proud of the enriching opportunities and experiences we have provided for our children. They really are a credit to our school and demonstrate our commitment to enrichment and personal development. In these difficult financial times, it is hard to continue a programme as wide as we've had this year, but we are committed to developing our visits and visitors as we move forward. We have worked really hard on improving the type of tasks we give children to show their knowledge, skills and understanding. This will continue to develop next year so children can show us what they know and what they can do in a variety of different ways.

We have tried to use our school Facebook page to showcase our school and provide a window into the fabulous things we do in school. Looking back over our posts this year, I would definitely want my child to come here if I was a prospective parent.

Again, this year, managing the aging school building has brought about a number of challenges. There doesn't seem to be any sort of long-term plan from the local authority to support schools where buildings are no longer fit for purpose. I do worry that our building will be the cause of further problems in the future and we certainly do not have the money available to do anything about it.

Our other biggest challenge is the poor attendance and punctuality of some children. Poor attendance and punctuality are completely counteractive to every aspect of our work in school. Our attendance is significantly below national average attendance and the attendance of statistically similar schools. We really do need parents and carers to address this next year to ensure that their child does not continue to be disadvantaged by repeatedly missing school. All children have a target of 96% attendance next year unless they have a medical condition which may lead to additional absences.

I hope you all have a brilliant summer. Good luck to all of Year 4s who are off to middle school. You'll love it and you will be fantastic. I feel very privileged to be the headteacher of this school. I am looking forward to the summer break then getting ready to go again in September!

Tracey Chappell
Headteacher

