

# Seghill First School Newsletter March 2026 edition 4

## Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.2%

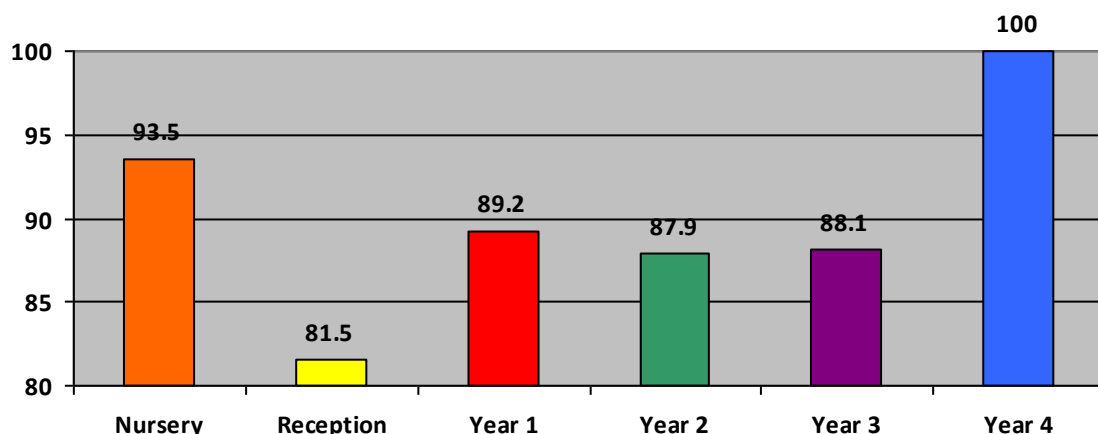
Whole school attendance this week 88.2%

Whole school attendance target 94.8%

Attendance of similar schools 94.6%

Whole school attendance this week was 88.2%. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Blue 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 **Manessa** in Purple class. Well done Manessa.



**Late marks this week**

25 late marks

**This year so far**

841 late marks

## Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



## WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



**Mrs Lyons**

Brandon

**Mrs Lyons**

Lincoln

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

Viveka

**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**

Rosie W

**Miss Winter**

Mila

**Miss Winter**

Gracie

**Mrs Bell**

Emma

**Mrs Bell**

Megan

**Mrs Kembrey**

Jessica

**Mrs Kembrey**

Theo

**Mrs Askew**

Albert

**Mrs Askew**

Charlie

**Miss Chappell**

Theo

**Mrs Ellison**

Ethan

**Staff star**

Mrs Thomas

**Mrs Jose**

Hunter

**Miss Welton**

Luca

## Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week.

**Raya** in Orange class is now 4.

**Mila** in Green class is now 7.

**Emily** and **Leila** in Blue class are both now 9.

Happy birthday Raya, Mila, Emily and Leila. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



## Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

## Good bye and good luck Manjot

We were sad to say good bye to **Manjot** in Year 3 this week. Manjot is moving to a school in Ashington. Good luck Manjot. We will miss you.

### Update from this week

**Year 1** visited the **Grainger Market** for their food tour on Tuesday. The children had a fantastic time traveling to and from town by bus and train and visiting all of the food stalls in the Grainger Market. This visit was planned to enhance their learning in geography on their “where does our food come from?” topic. Mrs Bell said the children were fantastic throughout, and this was echoed by Amy Whitfield, Archie’s mam, who organised the food tour for us. Thank you so much to Amy and to Mrs Bell, Mrs Ellison and Mrs Guillory.

**Year 4** visited **Woodhorn** on Wednesday. This trip was to enhance their learning in history on their “what was the impact of mining in Seghill?” topic. The children took part in a workshop and looked around the museum, particularly at the artefacts linked to mining. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Miss Young.

### Next week

**Mrs Lyons** will be back at work next week following her absence due to her operation. We are really looking forward to having her back.

**Meetings for parents and class teachers** will be taking place as follows next week

	Monday 30 March	Tuesday 31 March
Orange class	2:30pm to 4:30pm	3:30pm to 5:20pm
Yellow class		3:30pm to 5:20pm
Red class	2:30pm to 4:30pm	4:40pm to 5:20pm
Green class	2:30pm to 4:30pm	3:30pm to 5:20pm
Purple class	2:30pm to 4:30pm	3:30pm to 5:20pm
Blue class		

**Mrs Kembrey** will arrange alternative appointments for Reception parents who she does not see on Tuesday 31 March. **Mrs Lyons** will make appointments to see Blue class parents when she returns to work.

Appointments are for **10 minutes** and meetings will take place in the **hall**. Class teachers may ask parents of some children who are receiving additional support in school to meet them outside of these two dates if a longer meeting is required. **Spring term review sheets** will be sent home with your child today. This is so you have time to read the information on the review sheet before meeting with your child’s class teacher.

Mrs Bell has sent home information about the **Easter times tables challenge**. The Easter times tables challenge will take place in school at the beginning of next week.

It’s time to start thinking about your entry into our **family Easter egg gallery**. In previous years, we have had some amazing entries and picking winners is virtually impossible as all entries are always so fabulous.

This year, we have decided not to run a competition, but to ask for decorated eggs to be submitted to our family Easter egg gallery. All entries will receive a prize, a certificate and a photograph on our Facebook page and website. There is no theme, so it’s over to you to dazzle us with your amazing creativity. The deadline for entries is **Tuesday 31 March** so we can organise prizes before the last day of term. Entries submitted on Wednesday 01 April will be included in the gallery but we cannot issue prizes for entries submitted on this date.

**Celebration assembly** will be taking place from 9:00am on **Wednesday 01 April**. Please come to the main entrance after dropping your child off at their classroom. Doors will open at 8:50am. The **front two rows of seats will be reserved for parents and carers of children in Year 1**. This is to allow everyone the chance to sit at the front. Please note that our **gallery of decorated eggs** will be on the **stage**, so parents and carers are asked to sit in the seats provided, rather than standing in front of the stage and the gallery.

Please note that there will be **no after school club** on **Wednesday 01 April** to allow Mr Ruler and the cleaning team time to clean all classrooms before the shut down for the holidays.

Our **after school tuck shop** will be open for business on Wednesday next week, which is the last day of term. The tuck shop will be based under the canopy on the top yard.

## Seghill First School Calendar Spring 2026

<b>Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers</b>	<b>Celebration assemblies</b>
Monday 30 March from 2:30pm	Wednesday 01 April at 9:00am
Tuesday 31 March from 3:30pm	<b>Other school events</b>
<b>School is closed on these dates</b>	Easter times tables challenge starts – week beginning Monday 16 March
Thursday 02 April for staff training	Contributions for the family Easter egg decorating gallery- Tuesday 31 March
Friday 03 April for May Bank holiday	
Monday 06 April to Friday 17 April for the Easter holidays	
<b>School reopens on Monday 20 April.</b>	

### Whole school attendance

Our **whole school attendance continues to be a massive concern**. Whole school attendance this week was 88.2%, which is really low. Our attendance target is 94.8%, and we are a really long way from achieving this target. This week alone, 25 different children have been absent and 55 school days have been missed. Children in Reception were absent for 18.5 days this week.

We know a number of children have been absent this week for **genuine reasons**- having a bug, other illness or medical appointment. However, other children have been **absent without good reason**, including being at the caravan, being on holiday or just not providing any reason for absence.

Thank you to those parents and carers who bring their child to school every day that they are well enough to attend. Further letters will be sent out today to families where there has been no good reason for absence this week.

### Big Walk and Wheel fortnight

We took part in the **Big Walk and Wheel fortnight**.

Children were encouraged to **walk or wheel to school** during the last fortnight.

Class teachers recorded how children travelled to school each day. We sent our school results to the organisers and may be eligible for a prize depending on how many walking and wheeling journeys we recorded.



### Spelling update

Mrs Watson, our English lead, has reviewed **how we teach spellings** and the process of sending spellings home each week. From next term, spellings will no longer be sent home to be learnt at home. Spellings will be **systematically taught and practised** in school. Please continue with the current arrangements for spellings until the end of this term. Next Wednesday will be the last day for spelling tests and we will be collecting in all spelling books on Wednesday.



### Summer term workshops for parents and carers

Our **summer term workshops** for parents and carers will take place as follows-

Tuesday 28 April 9:00am Nursery and Reception;

Wednesday 29 April 9:00am Years 1 and 2;

Thursday 30 April 9:00am Years 3 and 4.

The agenda for each workshop will follow. Parents and carers will have the chance to work alongside their child at the workshops. Workshops will take place in classrooms and there will be a raffle at each workshop.