

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2025 edition 1

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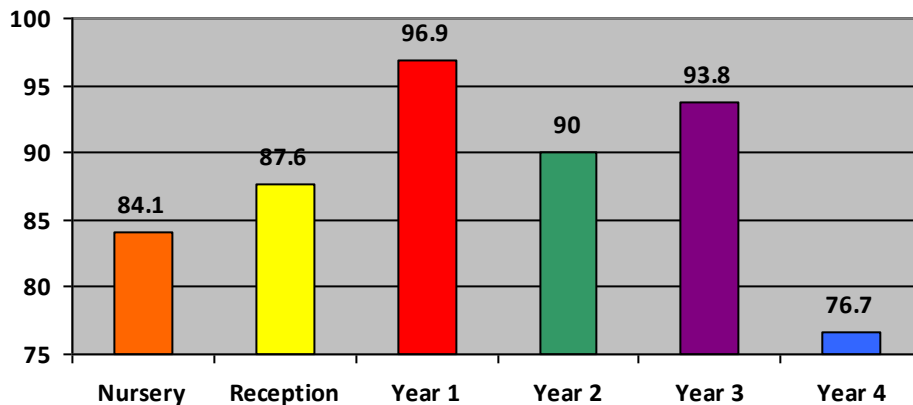
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.4%

Whole school attendance this week 89.8%

Whole school attendance this week is 89.8%, which again, is very poor. **46 school days** have been missed this week. Class of the week this week with 96.9% attendance is Red class. Well done **Red class**. You have the attendance octopus and 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 **Sophie** in Blue class. Well done Sophie.



Late marks this week

23 late marks

This year so far

97 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons

Ollie

Mrs Lyons

Leo

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Vinnie F

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Hallie

Miss Winter

Isaac

Miss Winter

Finnlagh

Mrs Bell

Teddy

Mrs Bell

Grace

Mrs Kembrey

Jessica

Mrs Kembrey

Rosie

Mrs Askew

David

Mrs Askew

Ezra

Miss Chappell

Grace

Mrs Ellison

Gracie

Staff star

Mrs Watson

Mrs Jose

Manessa

Miss Welton

Katie

Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week.

Rosie in Yellow class is 5 this weekend.

Harry in Purple class is now 8.

James in Blue class is now 9.

Happy birthday Rosie, Harry and James. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

We served a **special school meal** yesterday. Mrs Rogage made homemade **cheese and tomato pizza with chips** and beans followed by a **special iced donut**.

Golden tickets were hidden underneath the plates. One child in every class won a **special prize** if they found a golden ticket under their plate.

Our lucky winners were Blake, Ivy, Megan, Mila, Eabha and Freya. Well done.



Today we hosted our first **Funky Feet Friday**, when all children and staff were invited to wear either their **favourite shoes**, or to **bling some shoes or boots** and wear them to school. We have been absolutely amazed by your creativity. Prizes for the most creative entries went to David and Albie in Orange class, Katie and Jessica in Yellow class, Grace and Harry in Red class, Jax and Gracie in Green class, Sam and Hunter in Purple class and Ollie and Logan in Blue class. Well done to everyone who took part.

Taking part in Funky Feet Friday was part of our involvement in Walk to school Month. All children have been given a **My Walking Week Diary** and asked to complete it at home. All completed entries will receive a prize.

Next week

Teachers are preparing for **meetings with parents and carers** during the last week of this half term. They will be sharing the **appointment slots** with you from Monday next week. All teachers will be available to see parents and carers on **Thursday 23 October** from 2:30pm. Slots are available to see class teachers on **Monday 20 October** from 3:30pm, except for children in Yellow class, who will be invited to meet with Mrs Kembrey from 1:15pm on **Wednesday 22 October**.

We will be sending out letters about our **autumn term B extra curricular clubs** next week. Clubs in autumn term B will be choir club, Christmas crafty club, NUFC sports club and times tables drop-in club. Details of all clubs and how to book a place for your child are included in the letter you will receive next week.

Next week it is **week 2** of our **Walk to school Month**. We want the children to **walk to school** as many times as they can. Class teachers will be recording how the children get to school each day to see how many walking journeys we can record for our school. We know that some children live quite far from school, so walking to school may not be possible for them. If you do live within walking distance, let's see how many walking journeys we can do.



Change to our governing body

Our Chair of Governors, **Mrs Steph Hall**, has come to the end of her term as a governor at our school and decided to step down from her role as Chair of Governors. Steph joined our governing body as a governor and later became chair of governors. She has supported us and challenged us as we have moved forward on our school improvement journey. There have been some bumps in the road to get to the strong position that we currently hold, but Steph was steadfast in her role as chair of governors throughout. Challenging times and other situations have led to me working closely with Steph and the whole governing body to navigate a way through, and I will very much miss Steph's support, expertise and passion. She was always on the end of the phone and was always able to provide help and advice.

On behalf of us all, I thank Steph for all of her work, time and kindness. She will be very much missed, but I wish her well with all of her new plans, including painting, travels and time with the family.

Our current vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Marie-Anne Dowson, has agreed to be our Chair of Governors. Marie-Anne knows our school well and has a wealth of knowledge in her own role as a school business manager. Mrs Pamela Knowles, our former deputy headteacher, has agreed to become Vice Chair of Governors. I am sure that they will work very well together and do a marvellous job.

Funky Feet Friday



Seghill First School annual calendar- autumn 2025

Other school events	Fundraising and community events
Santa's reading challenge – Monday 01 December	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 07 November
School nursing team flu vaccinations for Nursery to Year 4 – Tuesday 02 December	Non uniform for Children in Need – Friday 14 November
Autumn term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Non uniform for Christmas fayre – Friday 21 November
Monday 20 October from 3:30pm	Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 05 December
Thursday 23 October from 2:30pm	Christmas Fayre – Friday 12 December from 3:15pm
Celebration assembly	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 17 December 3:30pm
Friday 24 October 2:30pm	Christmas
Topic homework	Christmas post boxes open - Monday 15 December
Given out Friday 17 October	Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 15 December 9:00am and 2:30pm
Deadline Wednesday 12 November	Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 16 December 9:00am
School is closed on these dates-	Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 16 December 1:00pm
Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October for the half term holidays.	Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 17 December
Monday 22 December to Friday 02 January for the Christmas holidays.	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 17 December 1:00pm
	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 18 December 1:00pm
	All children pantomime day – Friday 19 December

School uniform policy change

At our governing body meeting this week we reviewed a number of policies, including our **school uniform policy**. Governors have agreed to change the policy, which now says children can wear **plain black flat heeled school shoes or plain black trainers** to school.

We previously had a no trainers policy for school. We have listened to **feedback from parents and carers** who have said that buying trainers to wear two days a week for PE lessons and school shoes for three days a week is causing financial strain.

Children can of course continue to wear school shoes. There is no expectation that anyone should go out and buy trainers for school. We know that some children have quite brightly coloured trainers for PE. There will be a transitional stage between now and what will happen when your child grows out of their current school shoes and trainers. If you want your child to wear trainers for school and PE, please buy plain black trainers the next time you buy new ones. If you want your child to wear trainers for PE and shoes for school, please continue to do so.

A copy of the **school uniform policy** is on the school website. Please speak to me if you have any comments regarding this policy change.