

# Seghill First School Newsletter February 2025 edition 1

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**Attendance**

<b>Whole school attendance year to date 94.5%</b>	<b>National average attendance year to date 94.4%</b>
<b>Whole school attendance this week 94.6%</b>	<b>National average attendance this week 94.8%</b>

Whole school attendance this week was 94.6%. Class of the week this week is **Purple class** with 98.5% attendance. Well done **Purple class**. You have the attendance octopus and you have had a dip in the sweet box. Blue class also had 98.5% attendance, but they had 5 late marks, whereas Purple class had no late marks. 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 **Zack** in Green class. Well done Zack.

Year Group	Attendance %
Nursery	76.4
Reception	97.7
Year 1	91.7
Year 2	89.6
Year 3	98.5
Year 4	98.5

Late marks

**This week**  
30 late marks

**This year so far**  
437 late marks

<p><b>Star of the week</b></p> <p>Our Stars of the Week are-</p>		<p><b>WOW winners</b></p> <p>Our Writers of the Week are-</p>	
<b>Mrs Lyons</b>	Francesca	<b>Mrs Lyons</b>	Marnie
<b>Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas</b>	Leila	<b>Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas</b>	Frankie
<b>Miss Winter</b>	Rowan	<b>Miss Winter</b>	Luciana
<b>Mrs Bell</b>	Rosie	<b>Mrs Bell</b>	Ethan
<b>Mrs Kembrey</b>	Alice	<b>Mrs Kembrey</b>	Faye
<b>Mrs Askew</b>	Cole	<b>Mrs Askew</b>	Ivy
<b>Miss Chappell</b>	Owen	<b>Mrs Ellison</b>	Brogan
<b>Staff star</b>	Miss Best	<b>Mrs Jose</b>	Sam
		<b>Miss Welton</b>	Kora H

**Birthdays**

We have three birthdays in school this week.

**Sam** in Green class is 7 this week.  
**Logan** in Purple class is 8 at the weekend.  
**Mason** in Blue class is 9 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Sam, Logan and Mason. We hope your birthday is special and fun.

**School meals**

Next week we will be on the **week 2 lunch menu**.

A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

## Events coming up this term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
<b>Tuesday 08 April</b> Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	<b>Friday 07 February</b> NSPCC Number Day
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	<b>Friday 21 February</b> Non uniform for school funds
<b>Tuesday 01 April</b> from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	<b>Thursday 06 March</b> World Book Day coffee morning at 9:00am
<b>Wednesday 02 April</b> from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	<b>Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March</b> Mother's Day lunch
Other school events	Celebration assemblies
<b>Friday 07 February</b> NSPCC Number Day	<b>Friday 21 February</b> at 2:30pm
<b>Monday 31 March</b> Easter tables challenge starts	<b>Thursday 10 April</b> at 9:00am
<b>Wednesday 09 April</b> Easter egg decorating competition deadline	
<b>School is closed on these dates-</b> Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February 2025 for the half term holidays. Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day. Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.	

## NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to all the children and staff who came in non uniform today and made a donation to the **NSPCC Number Day**.

Mrs Bell planned activities for all children to complete in their maths lessons. It was great to see the children getting stuck into all of their maths challenges this morning.

We raised **£80** for the NSPCC. Thank you so much for your donations.



## Celebration assembly

We hope you can join us for our **Celebration Assembly on Friday 21 February** from 2:30pm in the school hall. It is always lovely to see and hear what the children have been learning.

## Spring B clubs

Letters will be sent home next week about clubs which will be taking place in **spring term B**. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the instructions on the letter. We need a **signed reply slip** for any child who wants to take part in a club. Please make any payments on School Gateway by the deadline. You will get a letter to confirm your child's place at the club.

## Asda cashpot

Thank you to everyone who has supported our cashpot at Asda. We have raised an amazing **£297.80**. We are hoping to get the money by the end of term. We will let you know what we have decided to buy with the money.

## Free School meals reminder

Parents and carers in all year groups can apply for **Free School Meals** quickly and easily online by completing the [free school meals application form](#)

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will get **free school meals, free milk and a voucher every holiday**. The next round of vouchers will go out just before the end of this half term. Don't miss out if you are entitled. The information about eligibility for Free School Meals can be found [here](#)

### Update from this week

We have had some lovely additional activities going on in school this week to enrich the children's understanding.

Children in **Red, Yellow and Orange class** were visited by **officers from the fire service** yesterday afternoon. The children absolutely loved seeing the fire officers, who brought their fire fighting equipment and the fire engine. What a lovely opportunity for our children to learn about people who help us, how to stay safe and the potential career that they could have in the fire service. Please see the photos overleaf.

All children and staff were invited to wear **non uniform** today to support the **NSPCC Number Day**. As always, the response to this was excellent. Thank you for your donations. It is really amazing to see the level of support for this charity which provides services across England to help give children and young people the support they need to thrive.

Children in **Green class** are visiting the **Seghill Community Centre** this afternoon. The visit is linked to the children's Local History Study - What was it like to work in the mines in Seghill? The children are learning about what it was like to work in the mine. Mrs Thomas, our history lead, has organised the visit for Green class. We will tell you more about this in next week's newsletter.

Staff are finalising the details of our **extra curricular clubs** for next half term. We will write to you next week about next half term's clubs.

### Ford Castle payment reminder

Children in Year 4 are going on our **annual residential visit** to **Ford Castle** at the end of April. The total cost to parents is £130. School has paid more than £100 per child to subsidise the cost. Please can all **outstanding balances** be **paid in full on School Gateway by Friday 04 April**. Thank you.

### Advance notice of World Book Day

Staff have planned activities to take place on **World Book Day on Thursday 06 March**.

Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a free copy of one of the **£1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Please note that **we will not be dressing up** this year for World Book Day. We agreed some time ago that we would dress up every other year, and as we dressed up last year, we won't be dressing up this year.

The **coffee morning** will be taking place in the hall on Thursday 06 March from **8:45am**. Please drop your child off at their classroom door and come to the hall.

Hot drinks and juice will be available. In order to limit the financial burden on parents and carers, we will be charging **£1 per adult** to enter the coffee morning, but there will be **no charge for hot drinks**. Children will also be provided with a drink **free of charge** by school. There will be a **raffle** with World Book Day themed prizes.

In the past we have organised a book swap or book sale for World Book Day. This year we would like to do something different. Parents and carers will have the chance to enjoy a drink with their child in the hall, then move to the classroom to share a book with their child. Each class is taking part in the **decorate your door competition**. Children and staff will be decorating their classroom door in a book theme. We will share pictures of the doors on the newsletter the day after World Book Day. Which class will have the best decorated door?

All money raised from the entry fee and the raffle will be used directly to buy books for our children. We hope you can join us for our World Book Day coffee morning.



