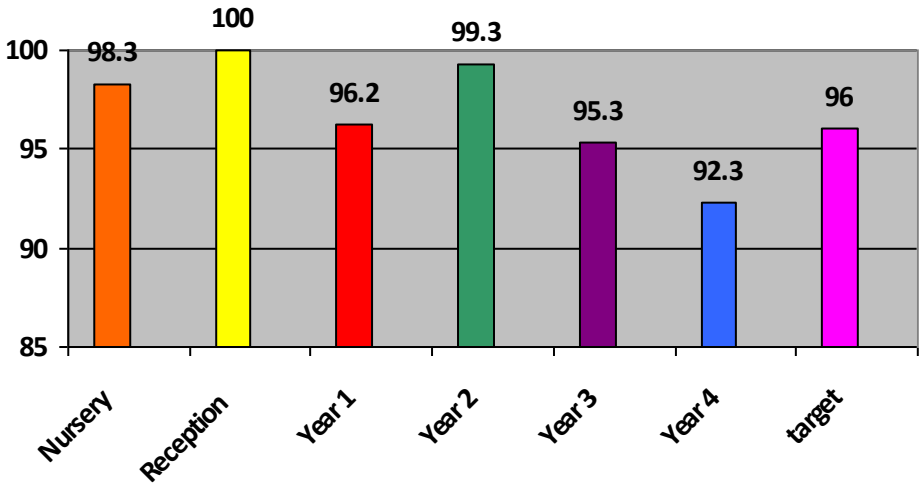
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Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is **96%.** Class of the week this week is **Yellow class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Yellow 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 **Freddie** in Red class. Well done Freddie.



Late marks this week
39 late marks

This year so far
243 late marks

Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week.

Please check back next week for our birthday boys and girls.



Next week's menu

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



Week 1		Week 2	
Mrs Lyons	Hadia	**Mrs Lyons**	Abel
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Carter M	**Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas**	Jaxson
Miss Winter	Vinnie G	**Miss Winter**	Grace
Mrs Bell	Kora H	**Mrs Bell**	Will B
Mrs Kembrey	Ezra	**Mrs Kembrey**	David
Mrs Askew	Roman	**Mrs Askew**	Madison
Miss Chappell	Jimmy	**Mrs Ellison**	Albert
Staff star	Mrs Ellison	**Mrs Jose**	Zack Y
		Miss Welton	Jimmy

WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



This week



We were very proud of all of our children on Wednesday as we all joined together to observe **two minutes of silence** in the hall. It is so important that we continue to remember and show our gratitude for the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

The **local authority drop in event** took place in the school hall on Wednesday. Thank you to the one parent who attended. We hope that it provided an opportunity to discuss any issues and ask questions about their proposal.



Thank you so much to everyone who wore non uniform today and made a donation for **Children in Need**. We raised £132.00 Your donations will go directly to this charity that does so much good work for children who are struggling to thrive and to be the best they can be.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their **autumn term Topic Homework**. We have been amazed by your excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings.

Next week



Week beginning Monday 16 November is **anti-bullying week**. Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. We will send out more information about this event in our next newsletter. This year the theme is break the silence. Children and staff are invited to wear **odd socks** on **Monday 16 November**. You can go as big as you like with this! We are looking forward to seeing your creativity! We will have a parade of odd socks in Star of the Week assembly on Monday afternoon.

On **Friday 20 November** we have our first **non-uniform day** in aid of our Christmas fayre. Please come to school wearing non-uniform and bring in a donation for the Christmas fayre **chocolate and sweety tombola**. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Later this half term

Week beginning Monday 23 November is our annual **music week**. Our music lead, Mrs Askew, has organised events and activities to take place during the week. There will be a free **theatre workshop** for all year groups with staff from Razzamataz Theatre School, which is based in Bedlington. There will be a **whole school assembly** at 9:00am to end the week on Friday with **professional singer Sarah Dover**. Parents and carers are invited to join us for assembly on **Friday 20 November at 9:00am** to watch Sarah perform. Please drop your child off at the classroom and come to the school office.

The rest of this newsletter is dedicated to all of the **arrangements for Christmas** and the events and activities between now and the end of term.

The arrangements may sound a bit prescriptive but we need to ask you to work with us to make sure we can offer these events and activities safely with the staff that we have available in school. We are a small staff team and we all wear many different hats in school. Please check the deadlines- they are there to make sure everything is done and organised in time and on time.

We are sending out a paper copy of the Christmas arrangements to everyone so hopefully you can keep track of what is going on. Hopefully, page 3 will be especially useful, and ideal for sticking on the family noticeboard or fridge door.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2026

Friday 20 November	Non-uniform day- donations for the **chocolate and sweety tombola** or raffle
Friday 27 November	Let Miss Best know if your child DOES NOT want a Christmas lunch
Friday 27 November	Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child
Friday 27 November	Non-uniform day- donations for the **general tombola** or raffle
Monday 30 November	Santa's reading challenge starts
Friday 04 December	Non-uniform day- donations for the **bottle tombola** or raffle.
Monday 07 December	Return raffle tickets and money to school
Monday 07 December	Deadline for all payments for performance tickets and movie night tickets
Friday 11 December	Christmas fayre starts straight after school
Monday 14 December	Santa's reading challenge ends
Monday 14 December	Key stage 1 and 2 concerts at 9:00am and 2:30pm 
Monday 14 December	First day for bringing in Christmas cards
Tuesday 15 December	EYFS performance from 9:00am
Tuesday 15 December	Yellow and Orange class Christmas party (after lunch)**- **come to school in party clothes**
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas lunch 
Wednesday 16 December	Red and Green class Christmas party (after lunch)- **come to school in party clothes**
Wednesday 16 December	Movie night for children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class 3:15 pm – 5:15pm
Thursday 17 December	Purple and Blue class Christmas party (after lunch)- **come to school in party clothes**
Thursday 17 December	Class of the term (to be announced) can wear non-uniform
Friday 18 December	EYFS pantomime (morning) Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (afternoon)
Friday 18 December	Pyjama day

****** **Morning Nursery children please attend all day**



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



Christmas lunch

We are delighted to be able to offer a traditional Christmas lunch to children this year on **Wednesday 16 December**. Our Christmas lunch is always extremely popular as Mrs Rogage does such an amazing job.

We will be serving roast turkey with all the trimmings- chipolata sausage, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Brussels sprouts and gravy. A vegetarian option is available. Dessert will be some festive cookies.

We are assuming that **all children,** apart from 15-hour Nursery children, want a school Christmas lunch. If you **want a school Christmas lunch for your child you do not need to do anything**.

If you **do not want a school Christmas lunch** for your child you must let Miss Best in the school office know by **Friday 27 November**. Please send Miss Best an email at schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk to let her know. This must be done by **Friday 27 November** as this is the date that Mrs Rogage must submit her food orders to meet the deadlines set by her suppliers.

Please note that we are not serving jacket potatoes on this day. Please provide a packed lunch if you do not want a Christmas lunch for your child.

Parents of children in Yellow, Red and Green class do not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who are entitled to Free School Meals do not have to pay for this meal. Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who pay for their child's meals should pay £2.40 in the normal way via School Gateway.

Children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper or top on Wednesday 16 December** instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms) to make our Christmas lunch super special.

Christmas raffle and non-uniform days

Raffle tickets will be sent home on **Friday 27 November.**

Please return the **right-hand side strips to school with £2.00** in the envelope provided by **Monday 07 December**. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fayre. Please see Miss Best in the office if you want extra raffle tickets.

We are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform** on three Fridays and to bring in a donation for the tombola or raffle each time-

- **Friday 20 November**- Non-uniform donations for the **chocolate and sweety tombola** or raffle.
- **Friday 27 November**- Non-uniform donations for the **general tombola** or raffle.
- **Friday 04 December**- Non-uniform donations for the **bottle tombola** or raffle.

The more donations we receive the more prizes there will be to be won and the greater your chance of winning.

Christmas fayre

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **Friday 11 December straight after school.**

We will have our bottle and general tombolas set out in the hall and tickets arranged into packs of 5 in advance, which works very well. In addition to the tombolas, there will be other stalls and attractions.

Refreshments and the chocolate and sweety tombola will be available in the dining room. The choir will be singing and the raffle will be drawn at the end of the fayre.

Christmas cards

Please wait until **Monday 14 December** before bringing your Christmas cards in. Each teacher will arrange for the cards to be given out, including cards that are for children in other classes and for staff.

Lists of **children's first names and surname initial** for your child's class will be sent home by Friday 11 December to use to address Christmas cards.

Tickets for Christmas performances

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our Christmas concerts this year.

The dates and times are-

- Monday 14 December Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert at 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am).
- Monday 14 December Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert at 2:30pm (doors open at 2:15pm).
- Tuesday 15 December Yellow and Orange class concert at 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am).

Attendance at the concert will be by ticket only so we adhere to the maximum capacity of the hall. Tickets cost 50p each. If you would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and you will find the options for **Yellow and Orange concert 2026** and **Red, Green, Purple and Blue concert 2026**. Specify the number of tickets you would like (maximum 2 per family per concert for key stage 1 and 2 and 4 per family for EYFS), tick **add to basket** and pay via School Gateway. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Monday 07 December**, which is the deadline for bookings and payments.

Photographs of children in **Yellow and Orange class** in their **Christmas costume** will be on sale at the Early Years concert **Tuesday 15 December** priced at 50p each.

Movie night on Wednesday 16 December

Children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:15pm for movie night on **Wednesday 16 December**. We will ask the children to pick two movies, and then to watch one of them. Tickets cost **£3.00** and include a film, sweets and a drink.

If your child would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and you will find the option for **Movie night December 2026**. Tick the box to give consent for your child to attend, click **add to basket** and pay £3.00 via School Gateway. There will be no after school club on Wednesday 16 December. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Monday 07 December**, which is the deadline for permission and payments.

Costumes for the Christmas concert

Children in key stages 1 and 2 are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper or top for their Christmas concerts** instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms). They are not dressing up. Children in Early Years will be provided with a costume by school. We do not expect families to provide costumes for the concerts.

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 30 November**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, will be sending out more information about the reading challenge soon. 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.

Payment deadline

The payment portal for tickets for the Christmas performances and movie night is open.

The deadline for payment for the Christmas performances and movie night is **Monday 07 December**. **This gives more than 3 full weeks for payments to be made.** The payment portals on School Gateway will close on **Monday 07 December** and they will then disappear from your options on School Gateway.

After school club and Christmas events

We offer after school club from Monday to Friday until 5:30pm every week. There are times that we are unable to offer this service. Please note that there will be **no after school club** on the following days-

- Friday 11 December (all staff are needed at the Christmas fayre)
- Wednesday 16 December (due to film night);
- Friday 18 December (to allow Mr Ruler and the cleaning team time to clean all classrooms before the shut down for the Christmas holidays).

Arrangements for Christmas parties

We have organised parties for children in all year groups to take place in key stage groups. We will provide a treat for the children. Please do not send in any food or drinks for your child's party. All parties will take place after lunch in the hall and all children will go home at 3:15pm as normal.

Tuesday 15 December Orange and Yellow class party

Children in Orange and Yellow class will have their party on **Tuesday 15 December**. **Children should come to school in party clothes**. 15-hour Nursery children should come to school for the whole day if they would like to stay for the party in the afternoon.

Wednesday 16 December Red and Green class party

Children in Red and Green class will have their party on **Wednesday 16 December**. **Children should come to school in party clothes.**

Thursday 17 December Purple and Blue class party

Children in Purple and Blue class will have their party on **Thursday 17 December**. **Children should come to school in party clothes.**

Christmas treats

We are offering our special Christmas treats again this year. These includes **reindeer dust, hot chocolate cones and grinch pills.**

Christmas treats will be available to buy at the **Christmas fayre** on Friday 11 December.

Parent helpers

Miss Best is working very hard to get everything prepared for the Christmas fayre. This is all done in addition to her every day job. We would love to have some **new parent helpers** to work alongside them. Please let Miss Chappell or Miss Best know if you could spare a couple of hours of your time.

Christmas treats for our children

Staff have arranged special Christmas treats for all children.

This year, we have booked a **travelling theatre company** to come to school on **Friday 18 December** and perform a **pantomime** for the children. The timings are-

- EYFS pantomime (morning)
- Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (afternoon).

Children are invited to come to school in their **pyjamas** on **Friday 18 December.** We will also be providing **hot chocolate** for them.

We are using money from our fundraising activities to pay for both of these treats, so parents and carers **will not be asked to contribute** anything towards the cost of the pantomime.

I hope you agree that this is an excellent use of our fundraising money, and hopefully the children will really enjoy seeing a live performance.

Spare Christmas jumpers

If you have any **Christmas jumpers** that your child has grown out of, we would be very happy to receive them. These will be given out to children who do not have a Christmas jumper or to those children who arrive at school without a Christmas jumper on Christmas lunch day, their party day or for the key stage 1 and 2 performances.

