

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2025 edition 1

Safe, Supported, Successful

Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.1%

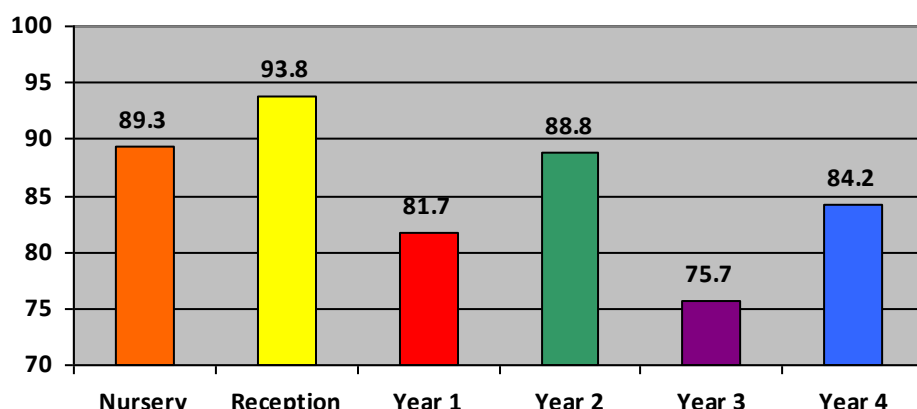
National average attendance year to date 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week 85.1%

National average attendance this week 92.0%

Whole school attendance this week was 85.1%. Class of the week this week again is **Yellow class** with 93.8% 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 **Isabella** in Red class. Well done Isabella.



Late marks

This week

32 late marks

This year so far

756 late marks

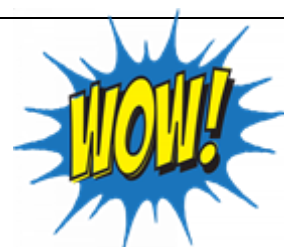
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Theo	Mrs Lyons	Ella
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Emily	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Ollie
Miss Winter	Hallie	Miss Winter	Freddie
Mrs Bell	Rosie	Mrs Bell	Harley
Mrs Kembrey	Elby	Mrs Kembrey	Teddy
Mrs Askew	Cole	Mrs Askew	William
Miss Chappell	Mason	Mrs Ellison	Ahmed
Staff star	Mrs Jose	Mrs Jose	Isabella
		Miss Welton	Evaya

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Freddie in Green class was 7 this week.

Happy birthday Freddie. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



School meals

Next week we will be on the week 2 lunch menu. Please see page 3 for the **change of menu** on Thursday 08 May for VE Day.

Events coming up next term

Summer coffee mornings	Fundraising and community
Nursery and Reception coffee morning – Tuesday 6 th May 8:50am	Games night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 21 st May 3.15pm
Year 1 and 2 coffee morning – Wednesday 7 th May 8:50am	Non uniform for Seghill Gala fund – Friday 23 rd May
Year 3 coffee morning – Thursday 8 th May 8:50am	Non uniform for summer fayre – Friday 6 th June
Year 4 coffee morning – Friday 9 th May 8:50am	Father's Day lunch – Thursday 12 th June
Class assemblies	Father's Day lunch – Monday 16 th June
Year 3 class assembly – Monday 12 th May 2.45pm	Non uniform for summer fayre - Friday 20 th June
Year 2 class assembly – Thursday 5 th June 2.45pm	Non uniform for summer fayre – Friday 4 th July
Year 1 class assembly – Wednesday 18 th June 9.00am	Summer fayre – Tuesday 15 th July 3.15pm
Nursery and Reception class assembly – Friday 4 th July 9.00am	Other school events
Year 4 leavers assembly – Thursday 17 th July 9.00am	Year 4 residential trip – Wednesday 30 th April to Friday 2 nd May
Celebration assemblies	Year 4 cycling with Richard Rothwell – Tuesday 6 th May to Thursday 8 th May
Friday 23 rd May – 2.30pm	Red, white and blue day to celebrate VE Day- Thursday 8 th May
Friday 18 th July – 9.00am	Year 1 synagogue visit- Thursday 15 th May
Sports days	Year 2 and Year 3 mosque visit- Thursday 15 th May
Nursery and Reception sports morning – Tuesday 24 th June 9.00am	Year 2 visit to Bamburgh- Tuesday 03 June
Year 1 to Year 4 sports afternoon – Thursday 26 th June 2.00pm	Whole school visit – Friday 13 th June
School is closed on these dates-	Reception new starters meeting for parents and carers- Tuesday 17 th June
Monday 05 May for the May Bank holiday. Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May for the half term holidays. Monday 21 July to Friday 29 August 2025 for the Summer holidays.	Year 4 transition week – Monday 7 th July to Friday 11 th July
	Year 4 leavers party – Thursday 17 th July 6.00pm

Reminder summer term A PE days

Nursery Orange class	Wednesday
Reception Yellow class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 Red class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 Green class	Monday and Thursday
Year 3 Purple class	Monday and Thursday

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers or shorts, trainers and their school sweatshirt or cardigan** to school on their PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE. Children cannot wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings they should not wear them on PE days. Year 4 are at Ford Castle and taking part in cycling next half term, so they don't have PE in summer term A.

VE Day celebrations Thursday 08 May

In order to commemorate VE day, we are asking children and staff to dress in **red, white and blue** on **Thursday 08 May**.

This year it is the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We will be talking to children about the significance of VE Day.

At lunchtime we will be having a **garden party** and we will all be eating our lunch together outside (weather permitting). The menu for the day will be a **packed lunch**. Sandwiches will be made to order by Mrs Rogage and the choices are cheese, tuna or ham. Your child will be asked to state their choice of sandwich during registration next Thursday. Please note that we are not serving hot meals on VE Day. If you do not want a packed lunch from school for your child, please provide them with a packed lunch.



Summer uniform

Hopefully we will continue to see lots of this lovely weather and children can wear summer uniform if they chose to. Here is a reminder of our policy on school uniform and seasonal variations-

School uniform

red sweatshirt or cardigan*
white or red polo top*

grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore
black flat heeled shoes or boots

Items marked with * carry the school logo and can be bought from the school office.

Seasonal variations

In the summer children may wear a red gingham school dress or black or grey shorts (short school trousers). They can also wear flat heeled sandals with socks in the summer. Open-toe sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for school.

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit, especially **jumpers, cardigans and coats**, are **clearly named**.

Jewellery

We would prefer it if children did not wear jewellery to school. However, children can wear a **watch**. Children with pierced ears can wear **one pair of small, plain stud earrings**. All other forms of jewellery are not allowed.

Update from this week

It is lovely to see everyone following the Easter break.

Children in Year 4 have been to **Ford Castle** for our **annual residential visit** from Wednesday with **Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter**.

This is an amazing opportunity for our Year 4 children and one which I'm sure they will remember for a long time. Although I haven't had the chance to catch up with them yet, I'm sure they've had a brilliant time.

Miss Winter and Mrs Lyons have been uploading lots of photographs to our Facebook page.

The children have taken part in a range of adventurous activities that we simply cannot offer on our school site, such as laser tag, survivor, fencing, buggy building, vertical challenge, archery and an obstacle course.

The children look like they have all had a brilliant time taking part in the activities and for some, being away from home without family members for the first time.

We went to Ford Castle with New Hartley First School. We do this to share the cost of the coach and to give the children opportunities to see other children who they may be with when they move to middle school, so it's part of our transition plan.

A huge thank you to both **Mrs Lyons and Miss Winter** for all of their hard work.

School uniform

As the weather gets better (hopefully!) children often want to take off their jumper or cardigan. It is impossible to match children with their own jumper or cardigan when they are not named. Please can you ensure that **all jumpers and cardigans are named**.

Games night Wednesday 21 May from 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4

On **Wednesday 21 May** we are offering a games night to children in Years 1 to 4. Children are invited to bring games into school, and play with friends until 5pm.

If you would like your child to stay for games night, please book a ticket for them via **School Gateway**. Tickets cost **£3.00**, which includes a biscuit and a drink. The payment tab is now open in School Gateway- School Gateway, payments, Games night Wednesday 21 May 2025 Years 1 to 4 then give consent and pay £3.00.

The deadline for payments is **Monday 19 May**. Children are encouraged to bring in board games and games that can be played with one or more other players. Please don't send in electronic games or devices.

As we are offering games night, we will not be offering after school club on Wednesday 21 May.

Summer term class coffee mornings

Our **class coffee mornings** will be taking place next week at 8:50am. The format of the class coffee morning this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**.

Teachers will be planning workshops with a **maths focus**. Parents will be able to work with their children at the workshops. A raffle ticket will be given to every adult who attends and there will be a prize for each class.

The dates and times are-

Nursery and Reception coffee morning – Tuesday 6th May

Year 1 and 2 coffee morning – Wednesday 7th May

Year 3 coffee morning – Thursday 8th May

Year 4 coffee morning – Friday 9th May

Coffee mornings for Nursery and Reception and for Year 1 and Year 2 will take place at the date and time above, although each class will be working separately in their workshop. Please drop your child off at the classroom door as normal and staff will direct you to where they are meeting. Each class has different plans depending on how they are setting up, so please wait for the directions from the class teacher.

Leave of absence during term time requests

As we move into the summer term, we tend to receive an increased number of **leave of absence during term time requests**. We do completely understand that the cost of family holidays during the school holidays can be astronomical. However, we have a **legal duty** to follow the law around attendance, including only authorising leave of absence requests that have evidence of exceptional circumstances and referring to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued for all unauthorised leave of absence requests.

Parents and carers requesting leave of absence during term time must submit the request at least **two weeks** in advance using the leave of absence during term time form.

The only leave of absence during term time requests that will be authorised are those where **evidence** of exceptional circumstances is provided.

Leave of absence that is taken **without a leave of absence request form** being submitted will not be authorised and will trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.

Leave of absence that is taken which **has not been authorised** is extremely likely to trigger an application from school to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.