

Seghill First School Newsletter February 2026 edition 1

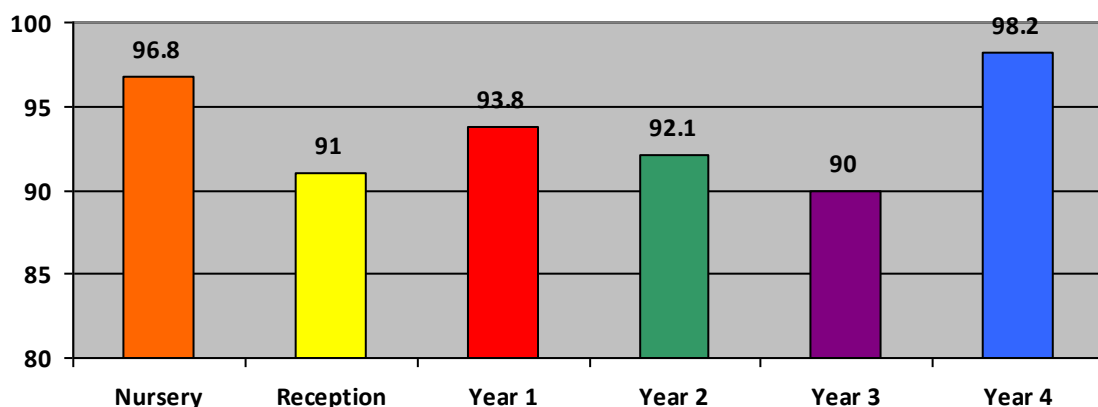
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.4%

Whole school attendance this week 92.2%

Whole school attendance this week was 92.2%, which is very low. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 98.2% 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 **Harry** in Purple class. Well done Harry.



Late marks this week

44 late marks

This year so far

645 late marks

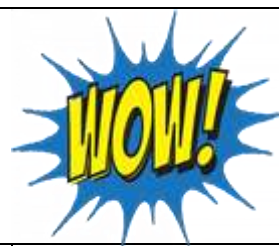
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Ollie	Mrs Lyons	Charlie
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Caleb	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Harry
Miss Winter	Ethan	Miss Winter	Carter
Mrs Bell	Harry	Mrs Bell	Fate
Mrs Kembrey	Faith	Mrs Kembrey	Jessica
Mrs Askew	Sophie	Mrs Askew	Ezra
Miss Chappell	Luciana	Mrs Jose	Thomas
Staff star	Miss Winter	Mrs Ellison	Emma
		Miss Welton	Mila

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Sam in Purple class is 8 at the weekend.

Happy birthday Sam. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



Spring term B clubs

We have organised **extra-curriculars club** for boys and girls in **Reception to Year 4** for next half term.

The details of the clubs are below-

Choir club for Years 1 to 4 on Mondays with Mrs Askew;

Sports club for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays with Newcastle United Foundation;

Environment club for Years 1 to 4 on Tuesdays with Mrs Bell;

Family fun club for Reception and Year 1 on Thursdays with Mrs Kembrey and Miss Winter.

Please see the letter that was sent out earlier this week for further details of how to book a place for your child.

Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

We have given out **spring term topic homework** today. We would be very grateful if you would support your child to complete their topic homework. Children will still be expected to read at home and practise their spellings each week, but other homework will not be given out while children are completing topic homework. We are always wowed by your creativity and look forward to seeing your topic homework.

This week is **maths week**. The week started with all children in Years 1 to 4 taking part in mixed year group **problem solving challenges** in the hall on Monday afternoon led by our maths lead, Mrs Bell. Children also completed other maths-based activities and challenges throughout the week.



Thank you everyone who came to school dressed in **non-uniform** today. We raised £76 for the **NSPCC**.

Mrs Lyons has had her operation and is now recuperating at home. She will need rest for quite a while following the operation. We have been in touch to send her our very best wishes. In the meantime, Blue class will be taught by Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas (when they are not teaching Purple class) and by Miss Chappell. This is to ensure continuity for the children.

Next week

Safer Internet Day 2026 will be taking place on **Tuesday 10 February**. Schools across the country will be planning a range of activities to help us to understand **new technological developments** and think about how to **keep our children safe on line**.



Mrs Askew, our computing lead, has organised a **range of activities** for children in all year groups for Safer Internet Day, which will complement our existing computing curriculum.

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

In addition to this, Mrs Askew will be leading a **workshop for parents** and carers on **Tuesday 10 February** at **9:00am**. The workshop will start at 9:00am with a **presentation for parents**, then children will come to the hall to work with their adults using our Chromebooks. We are looking forward to seeing you at the workshop so you can find out more about keeping your child safe on line and working with your child.

Parents and carers are invited to attend our **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 13 February**. Doors will open at 2:15pm and the event will start at **2:30pm**.

The **front rows of seats** will be reserved for parents and carers of children in **Reception**. At each subsequent celebration assembly, the front row of seats will be reserved for a different year group, so everyone gets a chance to be seated near the front.

Advance notice of events after half term

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 05 March**. We are having a **coffee morning** in the hall then parents and carers are invited to go to the **classroom** and **read with their child**. We are also **dressing up** this year, so please start thinking about which **book character** your child is going to dress as.



Again this year we are delighted to be offering **Mother's Day lunch** on **Friday 13 March** from 11:45am and **Mother's Day afternoon tea** from 2:30pm on the same day.

We will also be asking for your entries for our **family Easter gallery**. There will be prizes for all entries. We will send out more details about all of these events after the half term holiday.

After school club

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- **Wednesday 11 March**- all staff are needed to attend staff training; **Friday 13 February** and **Wednesday 01 April**- to allow Mr Ruler and the cleaning team time to clean all classrooms before the shut down for the holidays.

Seghill First School Calendar Spring 2026

Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Fundraising and community
Monday 30 March from 2:30pm	Non uniform day for school funds – Friday 13 February
Tuesday 31 March from 3:30pm	World Book Day coffee morning (dress up) – Thursday 05 March 9:00am
Topic homework	Mother's Day lunch –Friday 13 March 11:45am
Deadline Wednesday 04 March	Mother's Day afternoon tea – Friday 13 March 2:30pm
School visits	Celebration assemblies
Year 3 Vindolanda visit- Monday 09 March	Friday 13 February at 2:30pm
Year 4 Woodhorn visit- Wednesday 25 March-this date has been updated	Wednesday 01 April at 9:00am
Year 1 food market visit- Tuesday 24 March	Other school events
School is closed on these dates	Safer internet Day workshop for parents and children – Tuesday 10 February 9:00am
Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February for the half term holidays	Easter times tables challenge starts – Monday 23 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	

Supervision of children before school

Classroom doors open every morning at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. Parents and carers are welcome to bring their children on site before 8:45am to allow time for socialising and play.

Recently, there has been an increasing trend of staff opening the classroom door and immediately being faced with **issues that have happened on the yard before school starts** (before 8:45am). This is predominantly in key stage 2. Responding to these issues leads to a delayed start to the day and places staff in a difficult position as they have not seen or heard first hand what has happened.

The **supervision of children** before the start of the school day is the **responsibility of parents and carers**. Parents and carers of all children should be waiting with their child at the allocated area for their year group until their child enters the classroom, which is what the very vast majority of parents and carers do now. We are aware that the weather has been awful recently, but parents and carers should not be in their cars while their children are unsupervised on the yard. Please continue to support us to ensure a smooth and safe start to the school day for all children.