

Seghill First School Newsletter October 2025 edition 2

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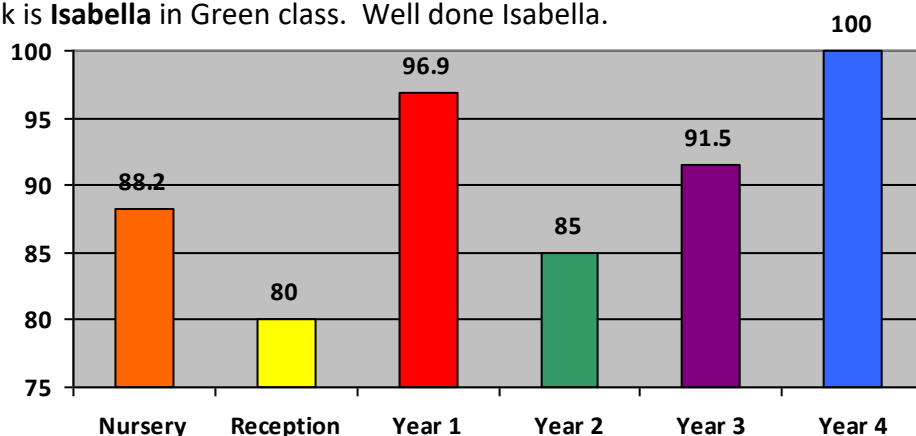
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 91.9%

Whole school attendance this week 89.4%

Whole school attendance this week is 89.4%, which again, is really poor. **47.5 school days** have been missed this week. Class of the week this week with 100% attendance is Blue class. Well done **Blue 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 **Isabella** in Green class. Well done Isabella.



Late marks this week

19 late marks

This year so far

116 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons

Logan

Mrs Lyons

Freya

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Edie

Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas

Zac F

Miss Winter

Rosie S

Miss Winter

Isabella D

Mrs Bell

Carter H

Mrs Bell

Megan

Mrs Kembrey

Freddie

Mrs Kembrey

Kaia

Mrs Askew

Isabella M

Mrs Askew

Blake

Miss Chappell

Rosie S

Mrs Ellison

Jorja

Staff star

Miss Welton

Mrs Jose

Zack Y

Miss Welton

Theo

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Sierra in Green class is now 7.

Caleb in Purple class is now 8.

Happy birthday Sierra and Caleb. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

This week was **week 2** of our **Walk to School Month**. The aim for this week was for the children to **walk to school** as many times as they could. Class teachers recorded how the children got to school each day to see how many walking journeys we had for our school. We know that some children live quite far from school, so walking to school may not be possible for them.

As you can see from the table below, we made 209 journeys to school on foot this week.

	walk	bike	scooter	car	bus
Orange	29	7	0	9	0
Yellow	54	1	6	24	0
Red	19	5	5	32	2
Green	39	7	5	25	0
Purple	44	13	15	52	0
Blue	24	0	2	34	0
Total	209	33	33	176	2

The data collected shows that walking is the most popular way to get to school. We have talked to the children about the positive impact walking to school can have on their physical and mental health, as well as improving the environment around school.

Teachers are preparing for **meetings with parents and carers** during the last week of this half term.

Appointment slots have been shared with you. 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**.

Letters about our **autumn term B extra curricular clubs** have been sent out this 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.

Next week

Our science lead, Miss Winter, has organised **mini beast workshops** for children in Early Years and key stage 1 next week. The mini beast workshops will be taking place in school during Tuesday morning. This is something we are all really looking forward to.

Next week is week three of **Walk to School Month**, and the focus is **Wheel to School**. We want the children to wheel 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 wheeled journeys we can record for our school. Children are encouraged to ride their **bike or scooter** to school during Wheel to School week- no electric or battery-operated vehicles please.

We will be talking about the importance of always wearing a **helmet** for scooting or cycling. Children will be asked to decorate a helmet template for homework. There will be prizes for the most creative decorated helmets, which will be added to a whole school display. We are asking parents and carers to **take a picture of their child riding their bike or scooter to school** and send it in to school. All Wheel to School Week pictures will be added to the whole school display.

Next week and the week after we are collecting donations for the **Seaton Valley Food Bank**. All items that you bring into school will form part of our **Celebration Assembly harvest festival** on **Friday 24 October**. Since April 2018 Seaton Valley Council has been working in partnership with Blyth Food Bank to provide a food parcel distribution service to residents in Seaton Valley who require support from the food bank. In these difficult times for everyone, it is great to see what we can do to help each other. Donations can be tinned or packet food, household items, toiletries and baby supplies.

School meals menu change

We are making some **changes** to our school meals menu from next Monday (Monday 13 October). This will be our menu from this date-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef meatballs in homemade tomato sauce served with pasta and garlic bread	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza served with chips and beans	Oven baked sausages served with homemade roast potatoes and carrots	Chicken nugget wrap served with mini hash browns and sweetcorn	Oven baked fish served with chips and beans
Cookie or fresh fruit	Raspberry muffin or fresh fruit	Ice cream or fresh fruit	Iced doughnut or fresh fruit	Chocolate sponge served with custard or fresh fruit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beefburger in a bun served with chips	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza served with mini hash browns and beans	Pasta Bolognese or mac and cheese served with garlic bread and sweetcorn	Roast pork served with Yorkshire pudding, oven baked roast potatoes and vegetables	Chicken goujons served with chips and baked beans
Chocolate cookie or fresh fruit	Strawberry delight desert or fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie or fresh fruit	Ice cream or fresh fruit	Iced cake and custard or fresh fruit

New items are marked in **red** on the menus above.

Jacket potatoes and a range of fillings will also be cooked to order each day. Children must ask their class teacher for a jacket potato during registration. Fillings are cheese, beans or tuna mayonnaise.

Attendance policy change

At our recent governing body meeting we reviewed a number of policies, including our **attendance policy**. Our attendance continues to be a concern, as it is lower than national average for all schools nationally and lower than all primary schools nationally. During conversations with other headteachers, our attendance is lower than all other first schools in our partnership.

We previously had a policy that children must stay away from school for **48 hours** after sickness and/or diarrhoea. We have reviewed our policy and have agreed to trial a change. The new policy states that children must stay away from school for **at least 24 hours** after sickness and/or diarrhoea.

If your child has **recovered fully** after 24 hours since their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea, they don't have a high temperature, and you genuinely feel that they are well enough to return to school, they can return to school following one full day of absence.

If your child has **not recovered fully** after 24 hours since their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea and you feel that they are not well enough to return to school, they should be kept at home until you feel they are well enough to return to school.

You know your child better than anyone else, and you know if they are well enough to return to school or not. We are going to trial this new **minimum 24 hour rule** this term, and will review it at the end of this term, or earlier if it is clear that children are being sent back to school who are not well enough to be here.

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 (not Yellow class)	Non uniform for Christmas Fayre – Friday 05 December
Wednesday 22 October from 1:15pm Yellow class only	Christmas Fayre – Friday 12 December from 3:15pm
Thursday 23 October from 2:30pm	Film night Year 1 to Year 4 – Wednesday 17 December 3:30pm
Celebration assembly	Christmas
Friday 24 October 2:30pm including harvest festival	Christmas post boxes open - Monday 15 December
Topic homework	Year 1 to Year 4 Christmas concert – Monday 15 December 9:00am and 2:30pm
Given out Friday 17 October	Nursery and Reception Christmas performance – Tuesday 16 December 9:00am
Deadline Wednesday 12 November	Nursery and Reception Christmas party – Tuesday 16 December 1:00pm
School is closed on these dates-	Christmas lunch all year groups – Wednesday 17 December
Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October for the half term holidays.	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party – Wednesday 17 December 1:00pm
Monday 22 December to Friday 02 January for the Christmas holidays.	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party – Thursday 18 December 1:00pm
	All children pantomime day – Friday 19 December

Reminder- school uniform policy change

At our recent governing body meeting 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.