

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2025 edition 3

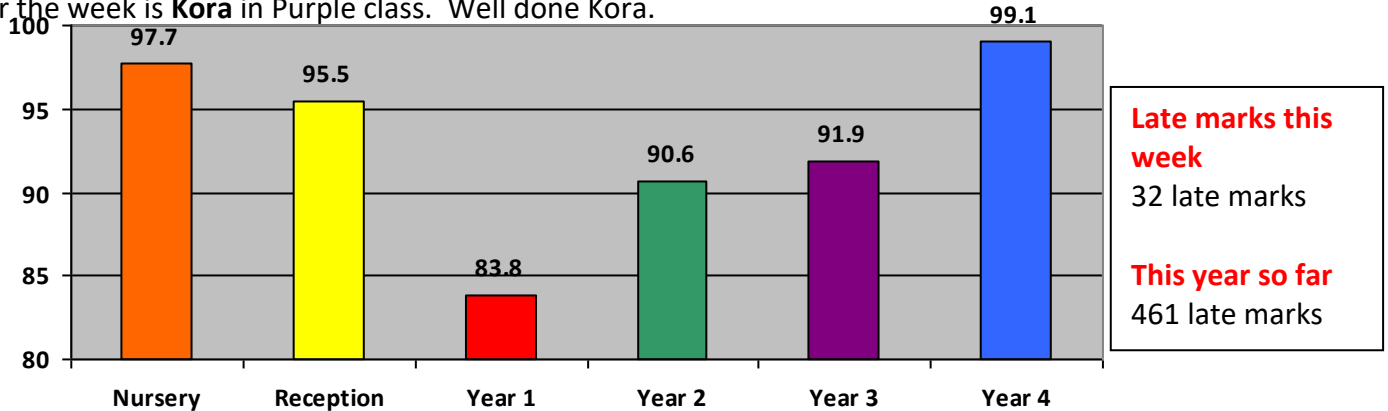
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.3%

Whole school attendance this week 92.1%

Whole school attendance this week was 92.1% which again is very low. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 99.1% 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 **Kora** in Purple class. Well done Kora.



Our name out of the hat winner for autumn term is **Elijah** in Red class, who received a £20 Odeon voucher. Our winner for autumn term B is **Rowan** in Purple class, who received a £10 Odeon voucher. **Blue class** are the class of the term, with 94.8% attendance. Their reward was to wear non-uniform on Thursday. **Orange class** are the class of the half term, with 97.2% attendance. Their reward is extra Golden Time next half term with Mrs Askew. Well done, Orange class.

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Charlie	Mrs Lyons	James
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Hunter	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Rosie
Miss Winter	Ethan	Miss Winter	Hadia
Mrs Bell	Vinnie	Mrs Bell	Faye
Mrs Kembrey	Ivy	Mrs Kembrey	Theo
Mrs Askew	Blake	Mrs Askew	Luca
Miss Chappell	Megan	Mrs Jose	Manjot
Staff star	Miss Best and Mrs Mullen	Mrs Ellison	Henry
		Miss Welton	Poppy

Birthdays

We have two birthdays in school this week.

Poppy in Yellow class is now 5.

Rio in Red class is now 6.

During the Christmas holidays, **Kelbie** in Yellow class will be 5.

Happy birthday Poppy, Rio and Kelbie. We hope your birthdays are special and fun.

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Spring term week 1's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Update from this week

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Christmas fayre** last Friday. As always staff and volunteers had done a huge amount of work before the fayre to make it so successful. Thank you to all staff for all of their work and especially Mrs Mullen, Mrs Jose, Mrs Mattinson and Miss Best in school, plus Elijah's mum Rhona and Kaia's mum Kelli.

Our week started with fantastic **performances** from children in key stages 1 and 2 on Monday and Early Years on Tuesday. As always, the children did a fabulous job with their singing and reading and acting. We hope you enjoyed them.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their **Christmas parties** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Thank goodness for the lollies and juice at the end of the parties to cool down some very pink cheeks 😊

Christmas lunch on Wednesday was another epic feast from Mrs Rogage and all of her helpers.

Movie night was very popular on Wednesday after school for children in key stages 1 and 2. The children had two films to choose from and enjoyed staying in school to watch them.

On Wednesday we announced the **class of the term** with the best attendance, which was **Blue class**. As everyone is wearing their pyjamas today, blue class **wore non-uniform** to school on Thursday.

Our week ended beautifully with the children wearing **pyjamas** for school and having **hot chocolate**, plus watching a pantomime from a **travelling theatre company**. Children in key stage 1 and 2 watching Agent Frostbite and children in Early Years watched the Clumsiest Elf. What a fantastic way to end the term.

Spring term A PE days

Class	Spring term A PE days
Nursery Orange class	Wednesdays
Reception Yellow class	Wednesdays
Year 1 Red class	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2 Green class	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesdays and Fridays

Revised arrangements for Breakfast Club and After School Club and Childcare Choices tax free childcare scheme

Breakfast Club

Places are available to book in advance at Breakfast Club as they are now. We are increasing the cost of Breakfast Club from £3.50 to **£4.00 per session** from 01 January 2026.

After school club

We are introducing a new two-tier system for booking After School Club slots from 01 January 2026 -

- **one hour** of childcare at after school club from 3:15pm to 4:15pm will cost **£5.00**;
- **more than one hour** of childcare at after school club from 3:15pm until after 4:15pm will cost **£8.00**.

Both of these booking options will be available on School Gateway. Parents and carers can pick the appropriate option at the time of booking. This is the first price increase since we started to offer wraparound services 15 years ago. Please see **Miss Best** in the school office if you have any queries.

A reminder that the **Childcare Choices tax-free childcare scheme** can be used to pay for breakfast club and afterschool club. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare service account, Childcare Choices will pay in £2 <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Spring coffee mornings and afternoons	Fundraising and community
Year 3 and 4 coffee afternoon – Monday 12 January 2:30pm	Non uniform day for school funds – Friday 13 February
Year 1 and 2 coffee afternoon – Tuesday 13 January 2:30pm	World Book Day coffee morning (dress up) – Thursday 05 March 9:00am
Nursery and Reception coffee morning– Thursday 15 January 8:45am	Mother’s Day lunch –Friday 13 March 11:45am
	Mother’s Day afternoon tea – Friday 13 March 2:30pm
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Celebration assemblies
Monday 30 March from 2:30pm	Friday 13 February at 2:30pm
Tuesday 31 March from 3:30pm	Wednesday 01 April at 9:00am
Topic homework	Other school events
Given out Friday 06 February	Non uniform for NSPCC Number Day – Friday 06 February
Deadline Wednesday 04 March	Safer internet day – Tuesday 10 February
	Easter times tables challenge starts – Monday 23 March
	Contributions for the family Easter egg decorating gallery- Tuesday 31 March
School visits	School is closed on these dates
Year 2 mosque visit- Tuesday 20 January	Monday 05 January for staff training
Year 3 Seghill mine talk- Tuesday 27 January	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February for the half term holidays
Year 1 synagogue visit- Wednesday 28 January	Thursday 02 April for staff training
Year 3 Vindolanda visit- Monday 09 March	Friday 03 April for May Bank holiday
Year 4 Woodhorn visit- Monday 16 March	Monday 06 April to Friday 17 April for the Easter holidays
Year 1 food market visit- Tuesday 24 March	

Year 4 sporting success

Our Year 4 children took part in the **Seaton Valley and Cramlington multi skills festival** in PE lessons earlier this half term then submitted their results. They have come in second place in the Seaton Valley and Cramlington partnerships, which is brilliant news.

They will be taking part in the virtual final in January. Good luck, Blue class.



Santa's reading challenge

Well done and congratulations to everyone who has worked really hard on achieving Santa's reading challenge. We have been able to give out 72 certificates and gifts from Santa. It has been great to see so **many of the children reading at home and bringing their reading book and reading record to school every day**. This is also beginning to show in their reading assessments. These children have achieved their Santa's reading challenge awards-

Orange class	Charlie, Albert, Albie, Jessica, Ezra, Luca and Isabella;
Yellow class	Carter, Kaia, Evaya, Jessica, Dakota, William, Rosie, Faith, Kodi, Freddie, Cole, Poppy, Oscar, Bobby and Elvin.
Red class	Alice, Megan, Rio, Grace, Henry, Elijah, Harry, Vinnie, Emma, Elby and Teddy
Green class	Brogan, Rosie, Mila, Isaac, Amy, Isabella, Ethan, Finnlagh, Jaxson, Sierra, Carter, Gracie, Hadia and Ahmed.
Purple class	Will, Edison, Sam, Ethan, Jehu, Zac, Harry, Abel, Elena, Rowan, Eabha, Hunter, Archie, Rosie, Manessa, April and Luciana.
Blue class	Ollie, Leo, Lincoln, Charlie, Sophie, James, Freya and Logan.

The children, staff and governors of Seghill First School wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2026.



We will see you on Tuesday 06 January 2026.