

Seghill First School Newsletter February 2025 edition 2

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Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.6%	National average attendance year to date 94.8%
Whole school attendance this week 95.3%	National average attendance this week 94.4%

Whole school attendance this week was 95.3%. Class of the week this week is **Yellow class** with 97.7% 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 **Blake** in Orange class. Well done Blake.

Year Group	Attendance Percentage
Nursery	88.4%
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	97%

Late marks
This week

36 late marks

This year so far

473 late marks

<p>Star of the week</p> <p>Our Stars of the Week are-</p>		<p>WOW winners</p> <p>Our Writers of the Week are-</p>	
Mrs Lyons	Mason	Mrs Lyons	Katie
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Brandon	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Logan
Miss Winter	Jimmy	Miss Winter	Rosie
Mrs Bell	Harley	Mrs Bell	Mila
Mrs Kembrey	Rio	Mrs Kembrey	Vinnie
Mrs Askew	Bobby	Mrs Askew	Kade
Miss Chappell	Freddie L	Mrs Ellison	Kora L
Staff star	Mrs Thomas	Mrs Jose	Hunter
		Miss Welton	Jessica

Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week.

Jax in Red class is 6 at the weekend.
in Green class, **Will** is 7 this week and **Jorja** will be 7 at the weekend.
Sophie in Purple class is 8 this week.
Happy birthday Jax, Will, Jorja and Sophie. We hope your birthdays are special and fun.

School meals

Next week we will be on the **week 1 lunch menu**.

A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

Events coming up this term

Class assemblies	Fundraising and community
Tuesday 08 April Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	Friday 21 February Non uniform for school funds
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Thursday 06 March World Book Day coffee morning at 9:00am
Tuesday 01 April from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March Mother's Day lunch
Wednesday 02 April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	
Other school events	Celebration assemblies
Monday 31 March Easter tables challenge starts	Friday 21 February at 2:30pm
Wednesday 09 April Easter egg decorating competition deadline	Thursday 10 April at 9:00am
School is closed on these dates- Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February 2025 for the half term holidays. Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day. Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.	

Update from this week

Children in **Yellow and Orange class** were visited by **police officers** on Wednesday. This follows the visit from fire officers last week. The police officers talked to the children about what to do in an emergency, what to do if you are lost and stranger danger. The children absolutely loved seeing the police officers in school.

This was another lovely opportunity for our children to learn about people who help us, how to stay safe and the potential career that they could have in the police service. Please see the photos overleaf.

What's happening next week

We hope you can join us for our **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 21 February** from 2:30pm in the school hall. It is always lovely to see and hear what the children have been learning. Doors open at 2:20pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 per strip cash only.

Children and staff are invited to wear **non uniform** on **Friday 21 February** and to make a **donation** to school funds. We use money from the school fund to buy **extra treats** for our children.

Our **students**, Miss Delap, Miss Soulsby, Mr Thompson and Mrs Wilson will be leaving us on Friday as it is the end of their placement here. They have worked with us during the autumn and spring terms and it has been a pleasure to be their host school. We wish them all well in the future.

Wheeled action sports

Northumberland County Council is gathering feedback from young people on wheeled action sports like **skateboarding, BMX, roller skating, and scooter riding** to help improve local facilities and opportunities.

We have been asked to share a [survey link](#) and a **QR code** with you. Your input will help them understand how facilities like skateparks and BMX tracks are used, identify gaps, and ensure these spaces are safe, inclusive, and accessible for all. Please take part in their short survey before **2nd March 2025** to share your views about wheeled action sports.



Green class visit to Seghill Institute

Children in **Green class** visited the **Seghill Community Centre** last Friday. The visit was linked to the children's Local History Study - What was it like to work in the mines in Seghill? The children are learning about what it was like to work in the mine. George Arnott talked to the children about Seghill mine and showed artefacts. What a great opportunity for the children to have access to such valuable historical resources to enhance their learning just on our doorstep.

Thank you to George and everyone at the Institute for hosting the visit and to Mrs Thomas for liaising with George to organise the visit.

Ford Castle payment reminder

Children in Year 4 are going on our **annual residential visit to Ford Castle** at the end of April. The total cost to parents is £130. School has paid more than £100 per child to subsidise the cost. Please can all **outstanding balances be paid in full on School Gateway by Friday 04 April**. Thank you.

Spring B clubs

Letters have been sent home earlier this week about clubs which will be taking place in **spring term B**. If you would like your child to attend, please follow the instructions on the letter. We need a **signed reply slip** for any child who wants to take part in a club. Please make any payments on School Gateway by **Friday 21 February**. You will get a letter to confirm your child's place at the club.

Egg boxes

Please could you save your **egg boxes** and send them into school. I need loads for my spring B craft club. Any colour and any size would be amazing. Thank you.

Topic homework

Your child has been given their **February half term topic homework today**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 12 March**. During this time there will be no Maths or English homework set. Please note that even though we will not be sending home maths and English homework at this time, spellings will still be given out each week and children should continue to read at home and return their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Topic Homework is given instead of three weeks' worth of maths and English homework. With this in mind, we expect to see a minimum of three tasks that are completed to a high standard, and reflect the equivalent of three weeks' worth of homework. Models, paintings and sculptures that children have completed should be brought in alongside their topic homework books.

In previous years we have received some super examples of just how creative you are, including excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings. Staff have included ideas of activities that children can complete in their topic homework, but we want to see what you can do.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated via our **school Facebook page** and the **homepage of the school website**, so please keep an eye out for them.

We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have **at least three pieces of high-quality work** which they can be very proud of.

Advance notice of spring term B PE days

Nursery Orange class	Wednesday
Reception Yellow class	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1 Red class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 Green class	Monday and Thursday
Year 3 Purple class	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4 Blue class	Monday and Thursday

Please see the PE days for **next half term**. Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy joggers, 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.



Police officers visit Yellow and Orange class

