

Seghill First School Newsletter September 2025 edition 1

Safe, Supported, Successful

Welcome back

We hope you have enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer break. We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so smart in their school uniform.

We would like to say a **special welcome** to our new children **Elvin** and **Poppy** in Reception, **Carter** in Year 1 and **Zac and Jehu** in Year 3.

Our classes and staff are arranged like this-

Year group	Class name	Staff names
Nursery class	orange class	Mrs Askew
Reception class	yellow class	Mrs Kembrey
Year 1 class	red class	Mrs Bell
Year 2 class	green class	Miss Winter
Year 3 class	purple class	Mrs Thomas and Mrs Watson
Year 4 class	blue class	Mrs Lyons

Mrs Ellison, Mrs Jose and Miss Welton provide additional support for children with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) in specific classes as well as support across all year groups.

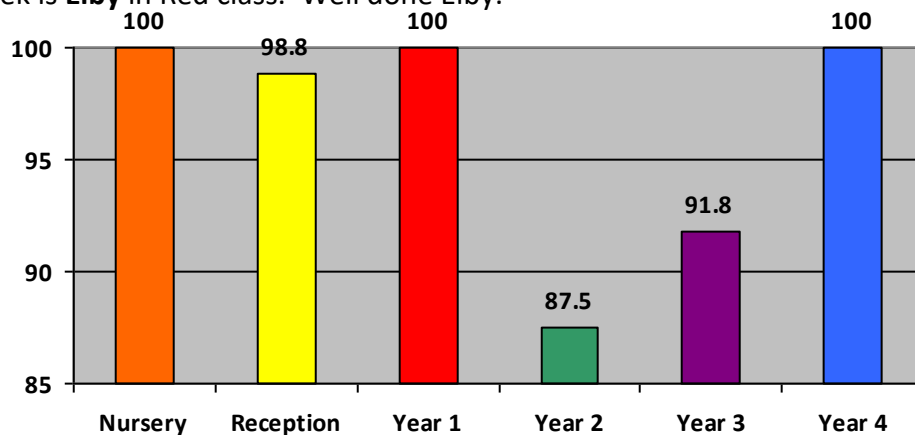
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week is **94.8%**, which is a disappointing start to the term and the school year. Three classes are class of the week this week, all with 100% attendance. They are Orange class, Red class and Blue class. Well done **Orange class, Red class and Blue class**. You will share 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 **Elby** in Red class. Well done Elby.



Late marks this week

14 late marks

This year so far

14 late marks

Birthdays

We've only had one birthday so far this year.

Luciana in Purple class is 8 today. Happy birthday Luciana.

We hope your birthday was special and fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Reminder about important safety information

Parents and carers **must not drive or park on Cheviot View or Parker Place** on school days between **8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. Cheviot View and Parker Place are covered by the **Seghill First School Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**. This includes parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children from Red and Green class or parking in either street to drop off or collect from any part of our school.

Children in all classes must be **collected from the classroom door**. We do not allow children to leave our classrooms to be sent to an adult waiting in a car.

There are **double yellow lines** outside our school at the top of the drive, on Barrass Avenue and the entrance to Laycock Gardens. They are there to keep our children safe. Please do not park on the double yellow lines.

PE days for the autumn term A

Class	Autumn 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 Wednesdays
Year 4 Blue class	Tuesdays and Fridays

Children should wear a **plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts or 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. Staff are unable to remove earrings for children.

Jeans for Genes- advance notice

Staff and children are invited to wear **denim** and pay a donation on **Friday 19 September** to support the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity does amazing work to support families where a child has a genetic disorder. We will be learning about genetic disorders and the work of the charity in assemblies in the next few weeks. This is a [link](#) to their website.



Autumn term coffee mornings

Our class coffee mornings will be taking place next week at **8:50am**. The format of the class coffee mornings this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**. Teachers will be delivering workshops with a maths focus in key stage 2 and a phonics focus in key stage 1 and Early Years. 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 draw for each class.

The dates are-

Years 3 and 4 Wednesday 10 September; **Years 1 and 2** Thursday 11 September; **Nursery and Reception** Friday 12 September

We hope you will be able to join us to **meet your child's teacher** and find out **what they will be learning** this term. We will also be talking about **what you can do to support your child's learning**.

Wraparound

We are proud to offer both a **breakfast club** and **after school club**. Breakfast club starts at 7:30am and takes place in the Club Room. After school club takes place in the Red classroom and closes at 5:30pm. If you would like to book your child into either of the clubs, please do so using the Schoolcomms app. Sessions need to be booked **24 hours in advance** and need to be **paid for at the time of booking**. Children will be provided with a snack and a drink. Foods that we typically offer are cereal, toast, yoghurt, porridge, crumpets and pain au chocolat. We have small numbers at the clubs so staff will provide foods that the children like- within reason! Miss Welton will be leading all of the breakfast club sessions. She will also do some of the after school sessions, alongside other staff. Please drop your child off at the Club Room for breakfast club and collect them from Red classroom for after school club.

Information for parents and carers

Earlier this week we sent home some forms for you to complete and return to school. They are-

- Admissions form, including photograph permissions;
- Home school agreement;
- Local visits permissions;
- Acceptable use agreement;
- Medical conditions

The deadline for these forms to be completed and returned to school is today. If you have not returned the forms to school, please can we have them by Monday.

We will also be sending out the **diary dates** for the whole academic year to give you advance notice about all of our events between now and the end of July 2026. Please keep this at hand to make sure you know what is happening. Extra events may be added as the year progresses, but we hope you find this useful.

School meals and packed lunch

We offer an excellent school meals service at our school, cooked on site by our fantastic cook Mrs Rogage. We have a two week rolling menu. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website. Please speak to Miss Best in the office if your child has any **food allergies** or **food intolerances** and we will set up a meeting with you and a food plan for your child.

Children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4

Parents and carers of children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 have to pay for their child's school meal unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. Meals cost £2.40 per day and need to be paid for using the Schoolcomms app. We are a cashless school and do not accept cash for school meals.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not have to pay for their child's school meal, as meals are provided free of charge due to the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

How to apply for Free School Meals

Please do apply for Free School Meals via this [link](#) , even if your child currently gets their meals for free in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are eligible for Free School Meals you will also get **free milk** for your child and other benefits, such as **vouchers during school holidays**. We also get extra funding, which is spent on providing extra opportunities and resources for the children.

Packed lunch

Please pack a range of foods that your child likes. A few small things are much better than one big thing.

We do ask children to put anything they haven't eaten back in their packed lunch box so parents and carers can see what they have eaten.

Please don't include sweets or pop in your child's packed lunch box.

Contacting school

You can contact us in a number of different ways-

- Telephone 0191 2370419
- Email schooladmin@seghillschool.co.uk
- Text or email via Schoolcomms.

If you ring and there is no answer, please leave us a message on the answer machine. Miss Best works on her own in the office. She has to leave the office to bring visitors to school, take information to different parts of the school or may be in a meeting or on another call. Miss Best will return your call when she returns to the office.

Drop off and collection at the classroom door

Children in all year groups should be dropped off and collected from the **classroom door**. Please make sure your child is dropped off and collected on time.

Dropping off at 8:45am

Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. Any children who are not in the classroom at 8:50am will be **marked as late**. Class teachers will keep the door open for any late arrivals who they can see, but if you arrive at the classroom and the door is closed, you will need to take your child to the **office** and sign the **late book**.

Communication with the class teacher at 8:45am

Between 8:45am and 8:50am it is the class teachers' priority to welcome all of the children safely into their classroom and supervise them while they organise coats and bags. Only some classes have a learning support assistant allocated to them, so some class teachers have to do this without support from another adult. With this in mind, teachers cannot have lengthy conversations with parents and carers at drop off time. It is not the case that teachers don't want to talk to you, but it simply isn't the right time.

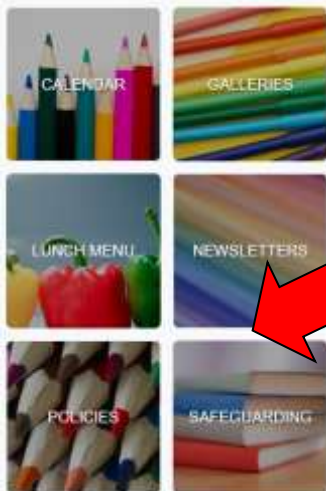
If you have something important to tell the class teacher, please go to the school office and leave a message with Miss Best. She will inform your child's class teacher of your message. Your child's class teacher will respond to your messages as soon as they can, or they will speak to you at 3:15pm.

Collection at 3:15pm

Children will be dismissed from the classroom door at **3:15pm**. Please let us know in advance if someone else is collecting your child. We need to be informed by an adult, rather than by the children.

School website

Our [school website](#) is full of important and useful information.



On the home page there are direct links to all of these sections, including our weekly newsletters, the school meals menus and the calendar for the whole year.

The calendar for the current month is also on the front page so you can check on dates and times of

