

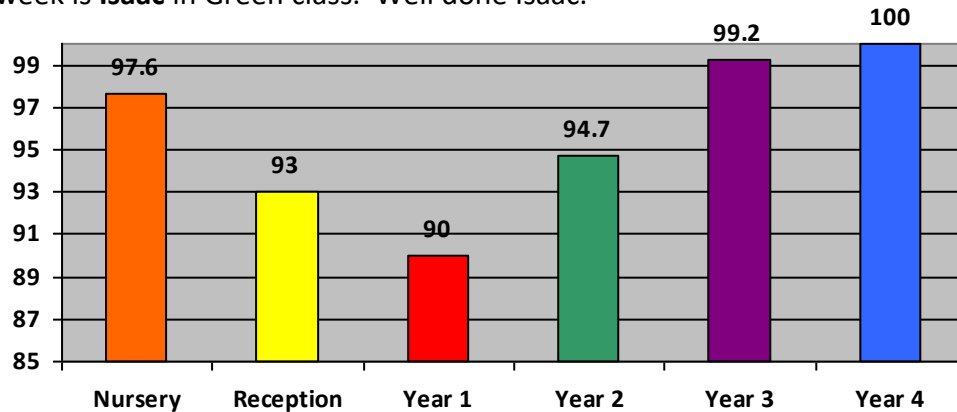
Seghill First School Newsletter November 2025 edition 2

Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.9%

Whole school attendance this week 97.6%

Whole school attendance this week was 97.6%. Class of the week this week is **Blue class** with 100% 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 **Isaac** in Green class. Well done Isaac.



Late marks this week

40 late marks

This year so far

286 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Leo	Mrs Lyons	Leila
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Thomas	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Hunter
Miss Winter	Amy	Miss Winter	Jax
Mrs Bell	Elby	Mrs Bell	Emma
Mrs Kembrey	Rosie C	Mrs Kembrey	Freddie
Mrs Askew	Blake	Mrs Askew	Jessica W
Miss Chappell	Jorja	Mrs Jose	Elena
Staff star	Mrs Lyons	Mrs Ellison	Harley
		Miss Welton	Isabella D

Birthdays

We have one birthday in school this week.

Thomas in Purple class is now 8.

Happy birthday Thomas. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2



Update from this week



We were very proud of all of our children on Tuesday as we all joined together to observe **two minutes of silence** in the hall. It is so important that we continue to remember and show our gratitude for the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Thank you so much to everyone who wore **non uniform** today and made a donation for **Children in Need**. We raised **£112.00**. Your donations will go directly to this charity that does so much good work for children who are struggling to thrive and to be the best they can be.



This week we have been supporting **ant-bullying week**. The children have been learning about what bullying means and how they can use their "**power for good**". We had a **parade of odd socks** in **Star of the Week assembly** on Monday afternoon. Children have been learning about the different roles involved in bullying. They have been learning about how we can help others who are being bullied, help other children to feel included and what to do if they think they or someone they know is being bullied.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their **autumn term Topic Homework**. We have been amazed by your excellent models, pictures, writing and drawings.

Next week

Next week is our **whole school music week**. Mrs Askew has organised a drumming workshop for all children, two whole school assemblies with visiting artists, and lots of other exciting musical activities.

Next Friday is a non-uniform day in aid of the Christmas fayre. Children are invited to wear **non uniform** and bring in a **donation** for the **general tombola**.

Children in Year 4 have taken part in the annual **Christmas lights competition** again this year. The winning design has been made into a Christmas light which will be on display in our village.

Seaton Valley Councillors will be coming in to school on Monday next week to announce the names of the top three entries and giving out the prizes.

Children in Early Years and key stage 1 will be taking part in the **NHS infection control handwashing workshops** next Wednesday morning. These are being provided by the school's nursing team for all schools to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene and to encourage effective hand washing techniques.

Arrangements for Christmas

The rest of this newsletter is dedicated to all of the arrangements for Christmas and the events and activities between now and the end of term.

The arrangements may sound a bit prescriptive but we need to ask you to work with us to make sure we can offer these events and activities safely with the staff that we have available in school. We are a small staff team and we all wear many different hats in school. Please check the deadlines- they are there to make sure everything is done and organised in time and on time.

We are sending out a paper copy of this newsletter to everyone so hopefully you can keep track of what is going on. Hopefully, page 3 will be especially useful, and ideal for sticking on the family noticeboard or fridge door.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Friday 21 November	Let Miss Best know if your child DOES NOT want a Christmas lunch
Friday 21 November	Non-uniform day- donations for the general tombola or raffle
Friday 28 November	Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child
Monday 01 December	Santa's reading challenge starts
Friday 05 December	Non-uniform day- donations for the bottle tombola or raffle.
Monday 08 December	Return raffle tickets and money to school
Monday 08 December	Deadline for all payments for performance tickets and movie night tickets
Friday 12 December	Christmas fayre starts straight after school
Monday 15 December	Santa's reading challenge ends
Monday 15 December	Key stage 1 and 2 concerts at 9:00am and 2:30pm 
Monday 15 December	First day for bringing in Christmas cards
Tuesday 16 December	EYFS performance from 9:00am
Tuesday 16 December	Yellow and Orange class Christmas party (after lunch)**
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas lunch 
Wednesday 17 December	Red and Green class Christmas party (after lunch)
Wednesday 17 December	Movie night for children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class 3:15 pm – 5:15pm
Thursday 18 December	Purple and Blue class Christmas party (after lunch)
Thursday 18 December	Class of the term (to be announced) can wear non-uniform
Friday 19 December	Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (morning) EYFS pantomime (afternoon)**
Friday 19 December	Pyjama day

**** Morning Nursery children please attend all day**



Please wear a Christmas top or jumper for this event instead of a school jumper / cardigan. Normal school bottoms!

Christmas lunch

We are delighted to be able to offer a traditional Christmas lunch to children this year on **Wednesday 17 December**. Our Christmas lunch is always extremely popular as Mrs Rogage does such an amazing job.

We will be serving roast turkey with all the trimmings- chipolata sausage, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Brussels sprouts and gravy. A vegetarian option is available. Dessert will be some festive ice cream.

We are assuming that **all children**, apart from 15-hour Nursery children, want a school Christmas lunch. If you **want a school Christmas lunch** for your child you do not need to do anything.

If you **do not want a school Christmas lunch** for your child you must let Miss Best in the school office know by **Friday 21 November**. Please send Miss Best an email at schooladmin@seghillsschool.co.uk to let her know. This must be done by **Friday 21 November** as this is the date that Mrs Rogage must submit her food orders to meet the deadlines set by her suppliers.

Please note that we are not serving jacket potatoes on this day. Please provide a packed lunch if you do not want a Christmas lunch for your child.

Parents of children in Yellow, Red and Green class do not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who are entitled to Free School Meals do not have to pay for this meal. Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who pay for their child's meals should pay £2.40 in the normal way via School Gateway.

Children are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper or top on Wednesday 17 December** instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms) to make our Christmas lunch super special.

Christmas raffle and non-uniform days

Raffle tickets will be sent home on **Friday 28 November**.

Please return the **right-hand side strips to school with £2.00** in the envelope provided by **Monday 08 December**. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fayre. Please see Miss Best in the office if you want extra raffle tickets.

Thank you to everyone who wore non-uniform and brought in a donation for the chocolate and sweetie tombola last Friday. We are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform** on two more Fridays and to bring in a donation for the tombola or raffle each time-

- **Friday 21 November**- Non-uniform donations for the **general tombola** or raffle.
- **Friday 05 December**- Non-uniform donations for the **bottle tombola** or raffle.

The more donations we receive the more prizes there will be to be won and the greater your chance of winning.

Christmas fayre

Our Christmas fayre will take place on **Friday 12 December straight after school**.

We will have our tombolas set out in the hall and tickets arranged into packs of 5 in advance, which worked very well the last time. In addition to the tombolas, there will be other stalls and attractions.

Refreshments will be available in the dining room. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the fayre.

Christmas cards

Please wait until **Monday 15 December** before bringing your Christmas cards in. Each teacher will arrange for the cards to be given out, including cards that are for children in other classes and for staff.

Lists of **children's first names and surname initial** for your child's class will be sent home by Friday 12 December to use to address Christmas cards.

Tickets for Christmas performances

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our Christmas concerts this year.

The dates and times are-

- Monday 15 December Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert at 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am).
- Monday 15 December Red, Green, Purple and Blue class concert at 2:30pm (doors open at 2:15pm).
- Tuesday 16 December Yellow and Orange class concert at 9:00am (doors open at 8:45am).

Attendance at the concert will be by ticket only so we adhere to the maximum capacity of the hall. Tickets cost 50p each. If you would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and you will find the options for **Yellow and Orange concert 2025 and Red, Green, Purple and Blue concert 2025**. Specify the number of tickets you would like (maximum 4 per family per concert), tick **add to basket** and pay via School Gateway. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Monday 08 December**, which is the deadline for bookings and payments.

Photographs of children in **Yellow and Orange class** in their **Christmas costume** will be on sale at the Early Years concert **Tuesday 16 December** priced at 50p each.

Costumes for the Christmas concert

Children in key stages 1 and 2 are invited to wear a **Christmas jumper or top for their Christmas concerts** instead of their school jumper or cardigan (normal school bottoms). They are not dressing up. Children in Early Years will be provided with a costume by school. We do not expect families to provide costumes for the concerts.

Santa's reading challenge

Santa's reading challenge will start on **Monday 01 December**. Our literacy lead, Mrs Watson, will be sending out more information about the reading challenge soon. It is important that children continue to read in the run up to Christmas as part of their normal routine, as this maintains fluency and interest in books. We know it can be difficult to fit everything in at this time of year, but hopefully, the "little and often" approach is more manageable than reading lots of pages once a week.

Movie night on Wednesday 17 December

Children in Red, Green, Purple and Blue class are invited to stay after school until 5:15pm for movie night on **Wednesday 17 December**. We will ask the children to pick two movies, and then to watch one of them. Tickets cost **£3.00** and include a film, sweets and a drink.

If your child would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and you will find the option for **Movie night December 2025**. Tick the box to give consent for your child to attend, click **add to basket** and pay £3.00 via School Gateway. There will be no after school club on Wednesday 17 December. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Monday 08 December**, which is the deadline for permission and payments.

Payment deadline

The payment portal for tickets for the Christmas performances and movie night is open.

The deadline for payment for the Christmas performances and movie night is **Monday 08 December**. **This gives more than 3 full weeks for payments to be made.** The payment portals on School Gateway will close on **Monday 08 December** and they will then disappear from your options on School Gateway.

After school club and Christmas events

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-

- Friday 12 December (all staff are needed at the Christmas fayre)
- Wednesday 17 December (due to film night);
- Friday 19 December (to allow Mr Ruler and the cleaning time to clean all classrooms before the shut down for the Christmas holidays).

Arrangements for Christmas parties

We have organised parties for children in all year groups to take place in key stage groups. We will provide a treat for the children. Please do not send in any food or drinks for your child's party. All parties will take place after lunch in the hall and all children will go home at 3:15pm as normal.

Tuesday 16 December Orange and Yellow class party

Children in Orange and Yellow class will have their party on **Tuesday 16 December**. Children should come to school in **party clothes**. 15-hour Nursery children should come to school for the whole day if they would like to stay for the party in the afternoon.

Wednesday 17 December Red and Green class party

Children in Red and Green class will have their party on **Wednesday 17 December**. Children should come to school in their **Christmas jumper** (for Christmas lunch) and bring party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch if they want to get changed for the party.

Thursday 18 December Purple and Blue class party

Children in Purple and Blue class will have their party on **Thursday 18 December**. Children should come to school in **school uniform** and bring party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunch.

Christmas treats

Thanks to our fundraisers, we are offering our special Christmas treats again this year. These includes **reindeer dust, hot chocolate cones and grinch pills**.

Christmas treats will be available to buy at the **Christmas fayre** on Friday 12 December.

Parent helpers

Our fundraisers are working very hard to get everything prepared for Christmas. We would love to have some **new parent helpers** to work alongside them. Please let Miss Chappell or Miss Best know if you could spare a couple of hours of your time.

Christmas treats for our children

Staff have arranged special Christmas treats for all children.

This year, we have booked a **travelling theatre company** to come to school on **Friday 19 December** and perform a **pantomime** for the children. The timings are-

- Key stage 1 and 2 pantomime (morning)
- EYFS pantomime (afternoon).

15-hour Nursery children should come to school for the whole day if they would like to stay for the pantomime in the afternoon.

Children are invited to come to school in their **pyjamas** on **Friday 19 December**. We will also be providing **hot chocolate** for them.

We are using money from our fundraising activities to pay for both of these treats, so parents and carers **will not be asked to contribute** anything towards the cost of the pantomime.

I hope you agree that this is an excellent use of our fundraising money, and hopefully the children will really enjoy seeing a live performance.

