

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2026 edition 1

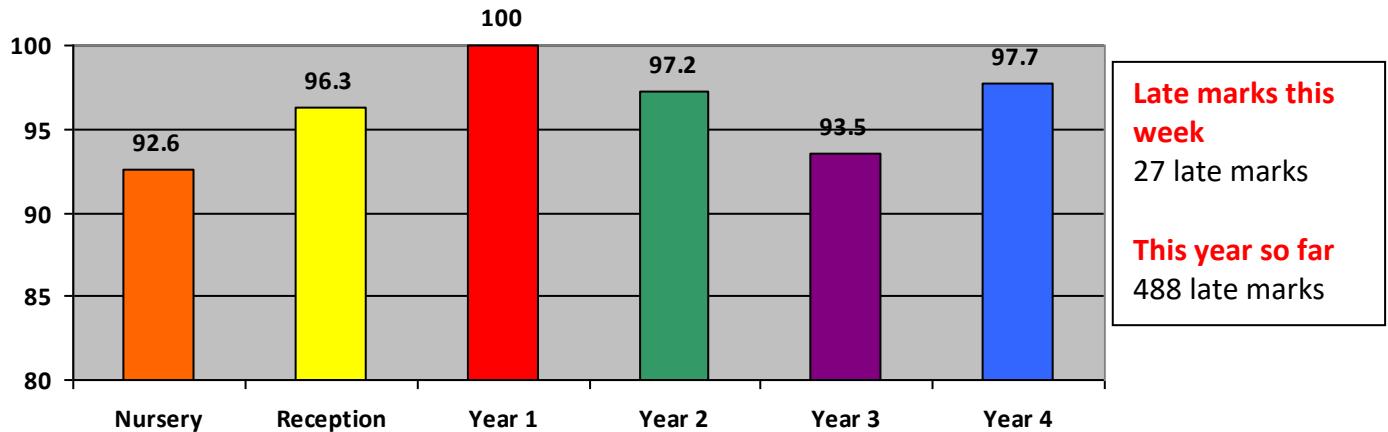
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.5%

Whole school attendance this week 96.3%

Whole school attendance this week was 96.3% which again is much better. Class of the week this week is **Red class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Red 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 **Edison** in Purple class. Well done Edison.



Star of the week and WOW writers

We didn't have star of the week assembly this week. Please check back next week to find out who our first stars and WOW writers of the new term are.

Birthdays

We had no birthdays in school this week. Please check back next week to find out who our birthday boys and girls are.

Spring term week 2 menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

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

Class coffee mornings and afternoons in January 2026

Our **class coffee mornings and afternoons** will be taking place next week. The format of the class coffee mornings and afternoons this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**. 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 and times are-

Monday 12 January Purple and Blue class 2:30pm;

Tuesday 13 January Red and Green class 2:30pm;

Thursday 15 January Orange and Yellow class 8:45am.

Coffee afternoons for Years 1 to 4 will take place at the dates and times above, although each class will be working separately in their workshop. Please come to the school office and we will take you to the classroom.

Coffee mornings for Nursery and Reception will take place in the Early Years unit. Please drop your child off at the classroom and staff will let you know where to wait.

Update from this week

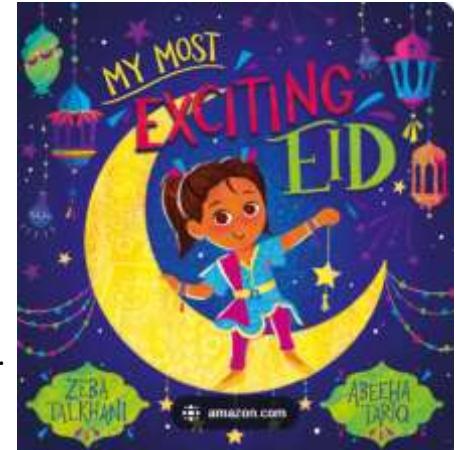
We would like to wish you all a happy new year and hope you had a relaxing break with family and friends.

What a chilly start to the week. Fortunately, everything has been in full working order in school and we have been able to open all four days this week. Staff were in school on Monday for first aid training. We cleared the access paths of a lot of snow on Monday, which gave us a great head start before school opened to children on Tuesday. The weather has caused challenges throughout the week and we haven't always been able to take the children outside due to the icy conditions and very low temperatures. Mr Ruler has been poorly this week so I've been carrying out daily site walks to check the school site. Hopefully we've seen the back of the snow and temperatures will improve next week.

Whole school text- My Most Exciting Eid

We always start each term with a **shared whole school text**. This term we are using **My Most Exciting Eid**, by Zeba Talkhani and Abeeza Tariq, as a stimulus for our work.

Learning about different world religions, customs and traditions gives particular opportunities to promote an ethos of respect for others, challenge stereotypes and build understanding of other cultures and beliefs. This contributes to promoting a positive and inclusive school ethos that champions democratic values and human rights.



The children have been really engaged by the text and the activities they have completed. It has been great to walk around school to see so much wonderful learning in each classroom, including drawing and painting, learning about different traditions and customs, other craft activities and even making biscuits.

Golden ticket lunch on Thursday 15 January

We will be serving our spring term census lunch on **Thursday 15 January**. Children will have chicken goujons served with chips and baked beans followed by iced cake and custard. This meal is usually served on a Friday. For next week only, we are **swapping the meals on Thursday and Friday**- please see below in **red text**. As always, the meals will be prepared and cooked on site by Mrs Rogage.

Golden tickets will be hidden underneath the plates. One child in every class will win a **special prize** if they find a golden ticket under their plate.

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	Chicken goujons served with chips and baked beans	Roast pork served with Yorkshire pudding, oven baked roast potatoes and vegetables
Chocolate cookie or fresh fruit	Strawberry delight dessert or fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie or fresh fruit	Iced cake and custard or fresh fruit	Ice cream or fresh fruit



Seghill First School Calendar Spring 2026

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	

Reminder for all Nursery families about applications for Reception places

Parents and carers of children in Nursery must apply for a place for their child in Reception. This is done online via the School Admissions portal. Applications must be made by **15 January 2026 which next Thursday**. Please don't miss this deadline to ensure your child's place in our Reception class in September 2026.

Spring term school visits

As you can see from the calendar above, we have many **school visits** planned for this term. We will be using money from **fundraising activities** to subsidise the costs of all schools visits this term. More school visits are planned for the summer term to enhance the children's learning and the costs will also be subsidised.