

Seghill First School Newsletter April 2025 edition 1

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Attendance

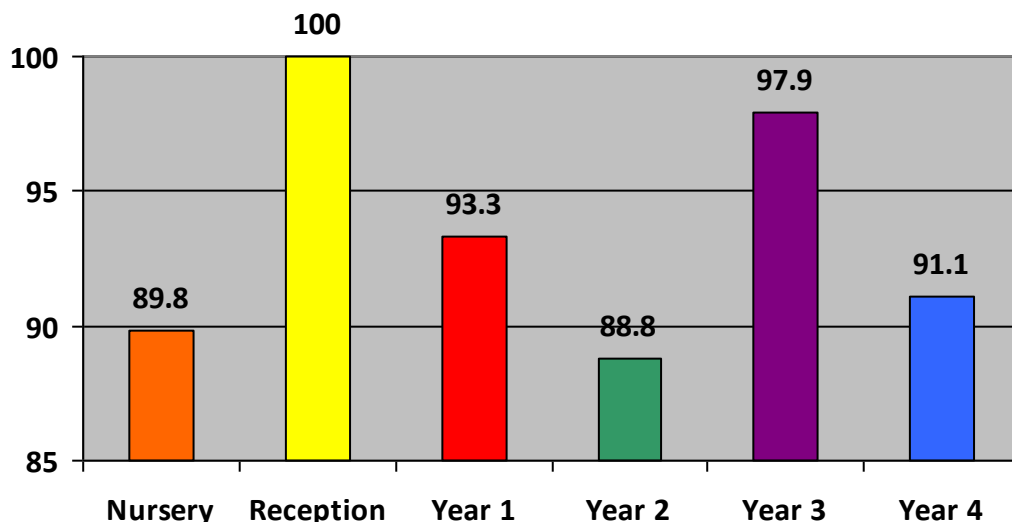
Whole school attendance year to date 94.4%

National average attendance year to date 94.9%

Whole school attendance this week 93.3%

National average attendance this week 95.1%

Whole school attendance this week was 93.3%. Class of the week this week is **Yellow class** with 100% 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 **Dominic** in Blue class. Well done Dominic.



**Late marks
This week**

54 late marks

This year so far

694 late marks

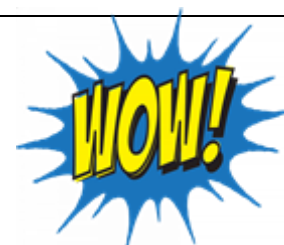
Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Katie	Mrs Lyons	Bailey
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Frankie	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Leo
Miss Winter	Archie	Miss Winter	Eabha
Mrs Bell	Harry	Mrs Bell	Finnlagh
Mrs Kembrey	Alice	Mrs Kembrey	Megan
Mrs Askew	Kodi	Mrs Askew	Dakota
Miss Chappell	Carter M	Mrs Ellison	Finnlagh
Staff star	Mrs Rogage	Mrs Jose	Edie C
		Miss Welton	Grace W

Birthdays

We have no birthdays in school this week. Please check next week to see our birthday boys and girls.

School meals

Next week we will be on the week 2 lunch menu. A copy of the menu is on the front page of the school website.

Training day reminder

This term ends on **Thursday 10 April**. School is closed on **Friday 11 April** for a staff training day.

School reopens on **Monday 28 April** for the beginning of the summer term.

Times tables challenge

Our times table challenge has started. **How many facts** you can remember and recall?

Events coming up this half term

Class assemblies	Celebration assemblies
Tuesday 08 April Year 4 class assembly at 9:00am	Thursday 10 April at 9:00am
School is closed on these dates- Friday 11 April 2025 due to a staff training day. Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025 for the Easter holidays.	Other school events
	Wednesday 09 April Easter egg decorating competition deadline

Update from this week

Blue class enjoyed a fantastic visit to **Woodhorn** yesterday. The visit was linked to the children's local history topic– What were the impacts of mining in Seghill? The children took part in workshops, including Colliery Tour, Working Down the Pit and an Art Workshop.

Mrs Lyons reports that the children had a fantastic time. The guide who showed the children around was really impressed by their knowledge of this topic, the questions they asked and the interest they showed throughout the whole visit. Well done, Blue class.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas for organising this opportunity for the children and to Mrs Lyons, Mrs Jose and Miss Young for all of their hard work before and during the visit. Please see the pics on page 4.

Red class have been out today on their **food tour** of the **Grainger Market**. The children are learning about food production in geography and their work is focused on thinking about the answers to the key question- Where does our food come from? The children have travelled by train, metro and bus. We will share more details of their visit in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who attended **meetings with their child's class teacher** on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. We know some of you had your meeting before this week and some of you are booked in between now and the end of term. We aim for 100% attendance at the meetings and so far, we have seen 89% of parents and carers. We hope you found the meetings useful. If you have not met with your child's class teacher yet, please do book an appointment before the end of term as we really do want to see the parent or carer of every child in our school.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete a **parents' questionnaire** after your appointment. We will share the findings with you after Easter. The winning raffle ticket belonged to **Blake** in Orange class.

Here is just one photo of Year 3 from their visit to Vindolanda last week. There are more photographs on our Facebook page.



Reminder about the Easter decorating competition

If your child would like to decorate an egg at home to take part in our **Easter egg decorating competition**, please send the completed entries into school on **Wednesday 09 April**. We will display them in the hall for celebration assembly the following day. There will a **prize for every entry** and some special **spot prizes**.

We know that you are very creative, so we are looking forward to seeing how imaginative you can be. Please note that we cannot accept eggs for the competition on Thursday 10 April.

Blue class assembly

Children in **Blue class** will be starting off the programme of class assemblies on **Tuesday 08 April**. Their class assembly starts at 9:00am. Year 4 parents are very welcome to join us in the hall after you have dropped off the children at the classroom door.

Advance notice of summer term A PE days

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

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.

PE days are changed each half term to allow each class to have a chance to work with our external coaches.

Year 4 are at Ford Castle and taking part in cycling next half term, so they don't have PE slots in summer term A.

Summer uniform

Hopefully we will continue to see lots of this lovely weather and children can wear summer uniform if they chose to. Here is a reminder of our policy on school uniform and seasonal variations-

School uniform

red sweatshirt or cardigan*
white or red polo top*
grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore
black flat heeled shoes or boots

Items marked with * carry the school logo and can be bought from the school office.

Seasonal variations

In the summer children may wear a red gingham school dress or black or grey shorts (short school trousers). They can also wear flat heeled sandals with socks in the summer. Open-toe sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for school.

Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit, especially **jumpers, cardigans and coats**, are **clearly named**.

Jewellery

We would prefer it if children did not wear jewellery to school. However, children can wear a **watch**. Children with pierced ears can wear **one pair of small, plain stud earrings**. All other forms of jewellery are not allowed.

We are seeing quite a lot of bracelets and jazzy earrings at the moment. Please note that our policy states that children can wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings and other forms of jewellery, (except watches) are not allowed.

Blue class visit to Woodhorn

