

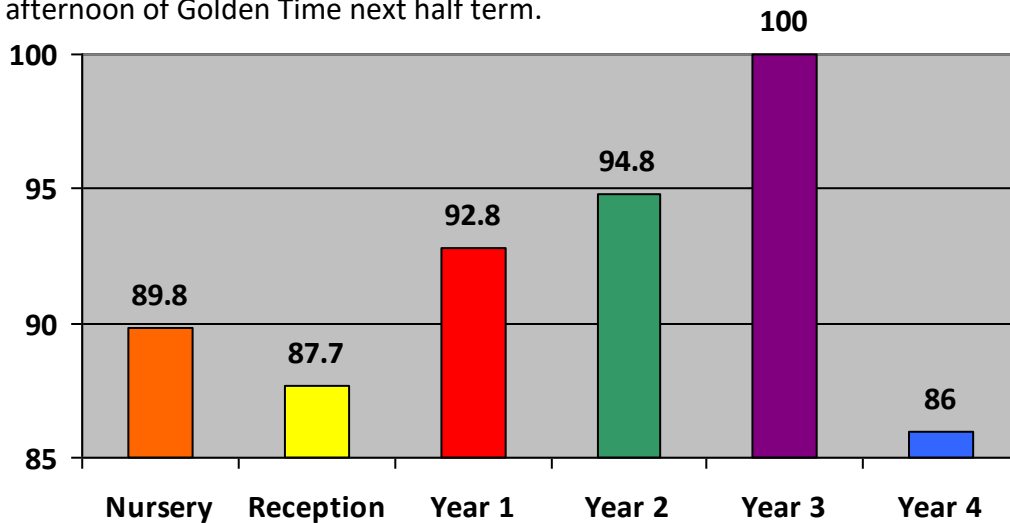
Seghill First School Newsletter February 2025 edition 3

Safe, Supported, Successful

Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 94.4%	National average attendance year to date 94.8%
Whole school attendance this week 92.1%	National average attendance this week 94.8%

Whole school attendance this week was 92.1%. Class of the week this week is **Purple class** with 100% attendance. Well done **Purple 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 **Dakota** in Orange class. Well done Dakota. Class of the half term, with the best attendance this half term, is Purple class, with 97.8% attendance. Well done Purple class, you will have an extra afternoon of Golden Time next half term.



Late marks

This week

27 late marks

This year so far

500 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Angel	Mrs Lyons	Parker
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Lincoln	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Freya
Miss Winter	Kora	Miss Winter	Manessa
Mrs Bell	Mila	Mrs Bell	Hadia
Mrs Kembrey	Henry	Mrs Kembrey	Grace
Mrs Askew	Kora	Mrs Askew	Albert
Miss Chappell	Ethan	Mrs Ellison	Edison
Staff star	Mrs Ellison	Mrs Jose	Edie C
		Miss Welton	Rebeun

Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week.

Harley and Harry in Red class were 6 this week.

Rowan in Green class was 7 this week.

Mattilda in Blue class was 9 this week.

We have no birthdays during half term week.

Happy birthday Harley, Harry Rowan and Mattilda.

We hope your birthdays are special and fun.



School meals

The first week back after half term we will be on the **week 1 lunch menu**. A copy of the menu for this week 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	Thursday 06 March World Book Day coffee morning at 9:00am
Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers	Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March Mother's Day lunch
Tuesday 01 April from 3:30pm to 5:30pm	
Wednesday 02 April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm	Celebration assemblies
Other school events	Thursday 10 April at 9:00am
Monday 31 March Easter tables challenge starts	
Wednesday 09 April Easter egg decorating competition deadline	
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

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our **Celebration Assembly** this afternoon. It is always lovely to see and hear what the children have been learning. Our raffle winner was Rosie S's Grandad.

Thank you to everyone who wore **non uniform** today and made a **donation** to school funds. We raised £88. 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 today 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.

What's happening after half term

We have **three visits** going on next term. Year 4 are going to **Woodhorn**, Year 3 are going to **Vindolanda** and Year 1 are going on a **food tour in the Grainger Market**. More details will follow after the half term holiday.

Our **World Book Day coffee morning** will take place on **Thursday 06 March** in the hall at 9:00am. Please remember that we are not dressing up this year. Please see the reminder on page 3.

Mother's Day lunch will be served on both **Thursday 27 and Friday 28 March**.

Our annual **Easter tables challenge** starts on **Monday 31 March**.

Spring term meetings for parents and children with class teachers will take place on **Tuesday 01 April and Wednesday 02 April**. Sign up sheets will be outside classrooms during the week before.

Year 4 will start the ball rolling with their **class assembly** on **Tuesday 08 April** at 9:00am in the school hall.

The Easter egg decorating competition will take place again this year. The deadline **for entries is Wednesday 09 April**. Decorated eggs will be in show at the **Celebration Assembly** on **Thursday 10 April**, starting at 9:00am. We hope you can join us.

Topic homework

Your child has been given their **February half term topic homework** last Friday. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 12 March**. 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.

Spring B clubs

Letters have been sent home this week to confirm places at the spring B extra curricular clubs. All clubs start during week beginning Monday 03 March.

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.

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.



Advance notice of World Book Day

Staff have planned activities to take place on **World Book Day on Thursday 06 March**.

Mrs Watson has a **£1 book voucher** for every child. In addition to this, she has also managed to secure a free copy of one of the **£1 World Book Day books** for every child in the school.

Please note that **we will not be dressing up** this year for World Book Day. We agreed some time ago that we would dress up every other year, and as we dressed up last year, we won't be dressing up this year.

The **coffee morning** will be taking place in the hall on Thursday 06 March from **8:45am**. Please drop your child off at their classroom door and come to the hall.

Hot drinks and juice will be available. In order to limit the financial burden on parents and carers, we will be charging **£1 per adult** to enter the coffee morning, but there will be **no charge for hot drinks**. Children will also be provided with a drink **free of charge** by school. There will be a **raffle** with World Book Day themed prizes.

In the past we have organised a book swap or book sale for World Book Day. This year we would like to do something different. Parents and carers will have the chance to enjoy a drink with their child in the hall, then move to the classroom to share a book with their child. Each class is taking part in the **decorate your door competition**. Children and staff will be decorating their classroom door in a book theme. We will share pictures of the doors on the newsletter the day after World Book Day. Which class will have the best decorated door?

All money raised from the entry fee and the raffle will be used directly to buy books for our children. We hope you can join us for our World Book Day coffee morning.

Water bottles

Lots of children bring their **water bottle** to school, which is really helpful. We do ask that children are provided with **water, rather than juice**. If there is a **medical reason** why your child has to have juice, or it is specified in a Health Care Plan, please let us know. We do hear that some children don't like water, but when staff refill bottles with water in school, children always drink the water they are given. Please let us know if this is something we can help you with.

Happy half term

The staff and governors of our school wish you all a very **happy half term** and hope you enjoy a good break.

School reopens to all children on **Monday 03 March**.

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	MONDAY AND TUESDAY
Year 4 Blue class	THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

ERROR ON LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER. Please note that I made an error on last week's newsletter about PE days for **Purple and Blue class** in Spring term B. Purple class will have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays. Blue class will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Apologies for this error.

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.

Hugg vouchers

Parents and carers of children eligible for Free School Meals have been sent their £20 holiday **Hugg voucher**. These vouchers are for children eligible for Free School Meals rather than for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who get a free school meal through the governments Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

Parking reminder- Cheviot View, Parker Place and Barrass Avenue

Thank you to the very vast majority of parents and carers to comply with our measures to keep our children safe around our school site every day. There are very few people who still park on Cheviot View at the restricted times, but there are still a few parents and carers who are doing this. There are still some ongoing issues which are really worrying us.

Barrass Avenue / Laycock Gardens

The **double yellow lines** on Barrass Avenue and Laycock Gardens are totally ignored by some parents and carers who park on them every day. The double yellow lines are there to keep our children safe. Please don't park on the double yellow lines.

Parker Place

This is a **private street** and is not a parking area for school traffic. I have received a number of complaints from residents of this street, which is totally understandable.

Please don't park here.

Cheviot View and Parker Place

Cheviot View and Parker Place are pedestrian zones with access for residents only **between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm**. 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.

Virtual author visit

Mrs Watson has arranged for our school to take part in a **virtual author visit** on Wednesday 05 March. The author (and poet) is **Joseph Coelho**, who was the Children's Laureate from 2022 to 2024. Some of you with older children may remember that our children went to a workshop with Joseph Coelho at the Hexham Book Festival a couple of years ago.

Joseph Coelho grew up in a tower block in Roehampton. His earliest memory of writing a poem was for a competition when he was in secondary school. He didn't win, but it was the spark to ignite future poetry.

Joseph studied archaeology at university but continued to write poems. After a variety of jobs (gym instructor, salesman, film extra) and running creative writing workshops in schools, Joseph's first poetry collection, *Werewolf Club Rules*, was published in 2014 and he has never looked back.

Joseph has written a number of poetry books, short stories, picture books and a series of "fairy tales gone bad" books, including "Zombierella", "Frankenstiltskin" and "Creeping Beauty".