

Seghill First School Newsletter December 2025 edition 1

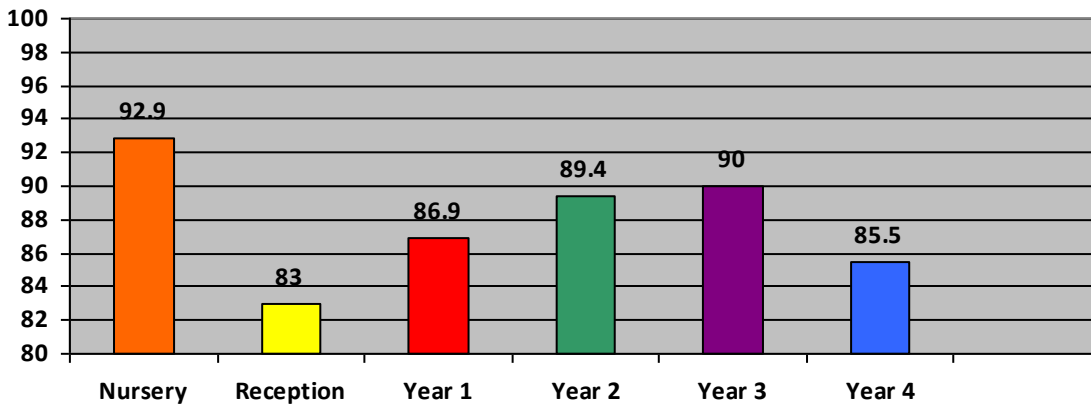
Attendance

Whole school attendance year to date 92.6%

Whole school attendance this week 87.3%

Whole school attendance this week was 87.3% which is extremely low. Class of the week this week is **Orange class** with 92.9% attendance. Well done **Orange 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 **Jessica** in Yellow class. Well done Jessica.



Late marks this week

35 late marks

This year so far

392 late marks

Star of the week

Our Stars of the Week are-



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-



Mrs Lyons	Brandon	Mrs Lyons	Lincoln
Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Sam	Mrs Watson and Mrs Thomas	Vinnie
Miss Winter	Sierra	Miss Winter	Ahmed
Mrs Bell	Megan	Mrs Bell	Harry
Mrs Kembrey	Kade	Mrs Kembrey	Kelbie
Mrs Askew	Jessica W	Mrs Askew	Charlie
Miss Chappell	Sierra	Mrs Jose	Ethan
Staff star	Mrs Bell	Mrs Ellison	Ethan
		Miss Welton	Cole

Birthdays

We have three birthdays in school this week.

David in Orange class is now 4.

Manessa and **Jimmy** in Purple class are now 8.

Happy birthday David, Manessa and Jimmy. We hope your birthdays were special and fun.



Next week's menu

WEEK 1

WEEK 2



Update from this week

On Monday, **Santa's reading challenge** started. Mrs Watson, our English lead, has sent home a letter to all families to explain what you need to do to take part in Santa's reading challenge. We can see that many children have been reading regularly at home this week and are very much on track to achieve their reading challenge and win a prize.

Please do make sure that you sign your child's reading record after they have read so we can stamp their Santa's reading challenge bookmark.

On Tuesday the nurses from the **School Immunisations Team** administered the **nasal flu vaccination** to children who had consent from their adults to have it.

On Wednesday, children in **Yellow class** visited the **church in Holywell**. This visit is part of their topic "Why is Christmas special for Christians?". Reverend David was delighted to welcome the children to the church, and as always, was extremely complimentary about the children's behaviour, knowledge and level of interest throughout the visit. Well done, Yellow class.

Thank you to everyone who wore **non-uniform** today in aid of the Christmas fayre **bottle tombola**. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Last week we sent home **raffle tickets** with your child. Thank you to those of you who have returned them to school. We have some **amazing prizes** again this year for our Christmas raffle, including

NUFC tickets

Panto tickets x 4 for the Northern stage

Alnwick Garden family pass

Ayce Place pass x 4

Pure Gym Cramlington 1 month membership

Mr Mulligan's family pass

Northumberland College Zoo – family pass

Whitehouse Farm family pass

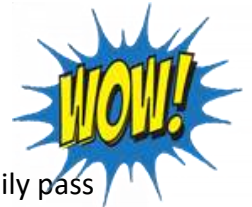
Round the twist family pass

Vue voucher £10

Upside Down House (Metro centre) family pass

White Company hand and nail set

Afternoon Tea for Two at 1910/The Dome Whitley Bay



Extra tickets can be bought at the school office before the Christmas fayre or at the Christmas fayre.

Next week

Monday is the deadline for orders and payment for **performance tickets** (all year groups) and **movie night tickets** (Years 1 to 4).

Next Friday our **Christmas fayre** will take place 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 lots of other **stalls and attractions**. **Refreshments** will be available in the dining room. The **raffle** will be drawn at the end of the fayre. All money that we make at the fayre is used to pay for treats and additional opportunities for our children.

Plan B in case of school closure

Our school building has many great features, but the age of the building is often a challenge for us. At this time of year, it is always wise to have a **back up plan** in place in case of **emergency school closure**.

School will only be closed in **exceptional circumstances**. Examples of exceptional circumstances are failure of essential services (such as no electricity, gas or water), structural failure (such as when the hall ceiling collapsed) or if weather conditions have made access to the building potentially unsafe.

There is **strict guidance** provided to headteachers by Northumberland County Council before a decision is taken to close the school.

Please think about what your plans would be in the event of an emergency closure. Any emergency closures would be communicated via **School Gateway** messages (texts and emails) and our **Facebook** page.

Christmas reminders

Christmas performances

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into school to watch our **Christmas concerts** on **Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December**. The children and staff have been working very hard to get everything ready for the performances. **Children in key stages 1 and 2** have been asked to wear their **Christmas jumper** or Christmas top for their performances on Monday 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.

Doors open at **8:45am** for the morning performances and **2:15pm** for the afternoon performance. Tickets will be sent home with your child next week. Your tickets will show your seat numbers. **Please sit in the numbered seat that you have been given.** There are no spare seats. Seating has been allocated in the order that payments were received on School Gateway.

We will be selling **raffle tickets** at all three performances. Please bring **cash** if you would like to be involved.

On Tuesday we will be selling **photographs** of children in Yellow and Orange class in their Christmas performance costumes at **50p each**. Please bring **cash** if you would like to buy photographs.

Please note that **live streaming and/or filming of the performances is not permitted**. We have a number of children whose parents and carers have specified that they do not want their child's image shared in any way. Please do not take photographs. At the end of the performance, children will have the chance to see their adults and this will be the time when you can take pictures of your own child.

Please remember that **Cheviot View and Parker Place are pedestrian zones**. There is no parking on either of these streets for guests coming to our performances. A small number of spaces may be available on the grassed area at the back of the Institute, but leaving the car at home and walking is the best option.

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.

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.

SEGHILL FIRST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Monday 08 December	Return raffle tickets and money to school 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!**

Advance notice of class coffee afternoons in January 2026

Our **class coffee afternoons** will be taking place during the second week of term in January. The format of the class coffee afternoons this term will be **workshops for parents and their children**. Teachers will be planning workshops. We will let you know the focus soon. 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 2:30pm;

Coffee afternoons will take place for each key stage at the date and time 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.

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 team to clean all classrooms before the shut down for the Christmas holidays).

