SSSJ School Newsletter

14th November 2025

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

Our Values:

Hope, Respect, Compassion, Service, Justice, Perseverance

Our Vision: We strive to build a community which nurtures positive relationships that permeate through all aspects of life. A community where barriers do not define us, but instead offer opportunity for growth. No matter our background, through our faith, we will find the strength and courage to flourish as citizens of the future.

Our Mission: Empowering individuals to flourish together in the image of God.

The focus this half term is: Compassion

World Kindness Day

For World Kindness Day, years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a live assembly from the school of kindness, run by the charity 52 Lives. This was a really interesting webinar, which looked at the power of kindness. We learned about how kindness affects us scientifically; whenever we are kind, it releases dopamine in our brains, which makes us feel happy. It also creates oxytocin, the love hormone, which helps us to improve and strengthen our friendships. We set ourselves a little challenge, to see if we can do some extra acts of kindness over the next couple of days.







Year 5 & Year 6

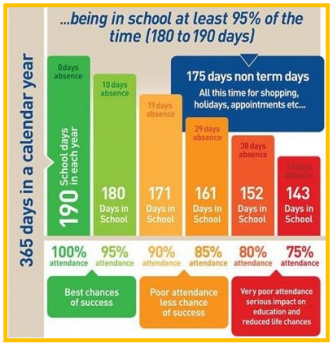


The girls played very well in the BWFC football competition at Bolton Power League. Despite the rain, they scored some great goals, showed real determination and managed to get to the knock out stages. Unfortunately, they got knocked out but should be proud of how they represented school - well done girls!

Please ensure your child attends school everyday. The term dates for this academic year are detailed on the school website under the parent tab.
[Term Dates - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School]

Attendance

At SSSJ, we monitor attendance on a daily and weekly basis. We also speak to our pupils about attendance and punctuality as part of our learning review system. The table below details how we colour code attendance at SSSJ. We have also started to track the number of pupils in each class with 100% attendance on a weekly basis.



Classes	Attendance
Reception A	85%
Reception B	93%
Year 1A	81%
Year 1B	83%
Year 1C	89%
Year 2A	91%
Year 2B	88%
Year 3A	95%
Year 3B	94%
Year 4A	93%
Year 4B	86%
Year 5A	96%
Year 5B	94%
Year 5C	92%
Year 6A	97%
Year 6B	92%
Year 6C	87%

Reception & Year 1 Pantomime Trip

Reception & Year 1 will be going on a trip to Bolton Albert Halls to watch the Christmas pantomime, Peter Pan, in December.

Year 1 - Thursday 4th December

Reception - Friday 5th December

Please ensure you have filled in the online form for your child which has been sent and make all payments via Arbor.



Dear Friends,

Wow - what an incredible Harvest season it's been! Thanks to your amazing generosity, kindness and teamwork, we received a staggering **12.3 tonnes** of food! That's enough to make **820** food parcels for people and families across Bolton who are struggling right now.

Every tin, packet and jar you donated will help bring comfort, hope, and a good meal to someone in need. We want you to know what a huge difference **you** have made!

At Urban Outreach, we see every day how powerful it is when people come together to care for their neighbours. Your Harvest giving reminds us that Bolton is full of compassion and community spirit.

From all of us - **thank you** for your generosity, your kindness, and your heart for others. You've helped fill cupboards, bring smiles, and share love where it's most needed.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Urban Outreach Team

"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

URBAN OUTREACH BOLTON

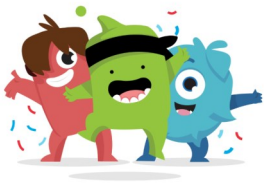
Bolton FOOD HUB

Reception

This week, reception have been doing some fantastic learning in their outdoor provision area. The children have been making Supertatoes and other super veg, after reading the brilliant book! They have also been learning about different ways of constructing, as well as playing in the water, sand and learning about pouring and scooping. They even set up a brilliant camping area where they could role play different scenarios with their friends.



CELEBRATE!



We would like to say a very special well done to our class dojo winners for this week.

Pupils who achieve the class dojo award have received the most dojo points throughout the week for showcasing our different values. These pupils are the perfect role models for other pupils s and as a reward are able to come to school in their own clothes on **Wednesday 19th November.**

Nursery - Abu-Bakr & Luca	**Reception** - Emilia & Isra
Year 1 - Zakariyya, Anabia & Abdul Rehman	**Year 2** - Parishey & Logan
Year 3 - Abdul & Jan	**Year 4** - Hawa-Noor & Ismaael
Year 5 - Pahlaaj, Aqib & Harris	**Year 6** - Amir, Maya & Arbab

Worship committee - Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

The worship committee have done an absolutely amazing job of packing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They chose a shoebox and decided whether they were packing for a boy or girl, and what age category. They then chose a range of items suitable for that child. They showed real thoughtfulness and compassion when choosing the items and we are sure that the children receiving these boxes will be overjoyed. Thank you so much to everyone who donated for this fantastic cause; we raised a massive £381.50!





This week, 2A did the 'Great Lever Walk' and were looking at and taking pictures of buildings like the old mill, and studying the architecture, the structure and different shapes used to create them. The children will then use these images to design their own buildings and sketch in a similar style to the two artists they have been looking at during their current art unit: 'LS Lowry' & 'The Shoreditch Sketcher'

Year 2A



Remembrance

The children in our Nursery class have been learning about Remembrance Day. They have been exploring poppies and decorating biscuits in the form of poppies. They look delicious!



Year 6 have been learning all about Remembrance Day in their history lessons. They have then produced some beautiful pieces of art, using oil pastels and blending techniques, to depict the fallen soldiers and to commemorate this significant period in time.



There's still time to secure your child's place on the exciting **Year 6** Gulliver's World residential trip! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for fun, adventure, and lasting memories with friends. To reserve a place, please pay a £75 deposit via Arbor as soon as possible.