SSSJ School Newsletter

28th November 2025

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

Our Values:

Respect, Hope, 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4th December
Year 1 Panto Trip

Friday 5th December
Reception Panto Trip



All payments need to be made via Arbor. Children must wear their school uniform.

Tuesday 9th December
CHRISTMAS LUNCH for the children
If your child is on packed lunches and they would like a Christmas lunch please inform the office and pay via Arbor.



Thursday 11th December
REINDEER RUN
Children can wear their festive jumpers and trainers. Please remember to donate £1 for Bolton Hospice or Complete a sponsorship form if you would like to raise more.

Friday 12th December
Nursery Christmas Performance at
11.00am (am children) & 2:30pm (pm children)
Monday 15th December
Year 1 Christmas Performance at 9.15am and 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December
Reception Performance at 9.15am
Wednesday 17th December
Year 2 Christmas Performance at 9.15am

REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR TICKET BY COMPLETING THE FORMS LINK SENT TO ALL PARENTS VIA EMAIL.



We are delighted to welcome **Reverend Andy Jones** to our school community. Reverend Andy Jones is part of the Seven Saints Team. He will be leading part of our collective worship and working closely with our Worship Committee as we continue to grow in faith, reflection, and togetherness.

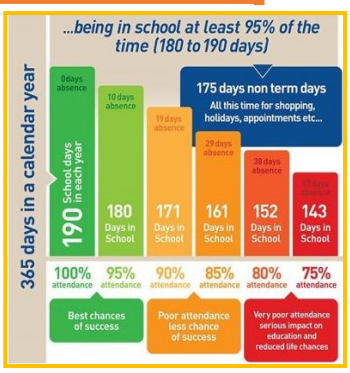
We look forward to the inspiration, guidance, and joy he will bring to our school community.

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

Classes	Attendance
Reception A	93%
Reception B	89%
Year 1A	97%
Year 1B	88%
Year 1C	97%
Year 2A	80%
Year 2B	85%
Year 3A	84%
Year 3B	92%
Year 4A	93%
Year 4B	93%
Year 5A	93%
Year 5B	90%
Year 5C	100%
Year 6A	86%
Year 6B	95%
Year 6C	99%

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.



CELEBRATE!



Nursery - Elias & Eshaal	**Reception** - Amelia-faith & Kian
Year 1 - Ayaat, Muskaan & Ali	**Year 2** - Acacia & Ibrahim
Year 3 - Aaminah & Selgai	**Year 4 -** Muhammad Mustafa & Zeenat
Year 5 - Hassan N, Musa & Hollie	**Year 6** - Zunaira, Ola & Zunaira

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 and as a reward are able to come to school in their own clothes on **Wednesday 3rd December.**



Thursday 18th December
Early years & KS1 Christmas Party
Children can wear their party clothes.

Friday 19th December
KS2 Christmas Party
Children can wear their party clothes.

SSSJ Football

Last week, we took our year 5 and 6 girls' football teams to Essa Academy for a competition. Despite the cold and miserable weather, the girls were all exceptional and showed great team spirit, togetherness, and footballing ability. Both teams did incredibly well on the night, with one team being crowned **CHAMPIONS** of their league and being awarded a trophy. The other team finished in second place in their league. All of the girls should be proud of their efforts and how they represented school.



Moses Gate Field Trip - Y5A & Y5B

Year 5 pupils took part in their geography fieldwork trip to Moses Gate Country Park, and we are delighted to share what a fantastic learning experience it was. Over the course of the fieldwork trip, each class put their map-reading skills into practice in a real-world setting.

Working in small groups, the children planned and followed their own walking routes using maps and compasses. They demonstrated wonderful teamwork and perseverance as they navigated paths, identified key landmarks, and observed a range of natural features within the park. It was brilliant to see pupils applying their classroom learning outdoors and growing in confidence as young geographers. The children represented our school beautifully.

Thank you for ensuring they came prepared with suitable clothing and lunches —this helped the fieldwork trips to run smoothly and ensured everyone could fully enjoy the experience.

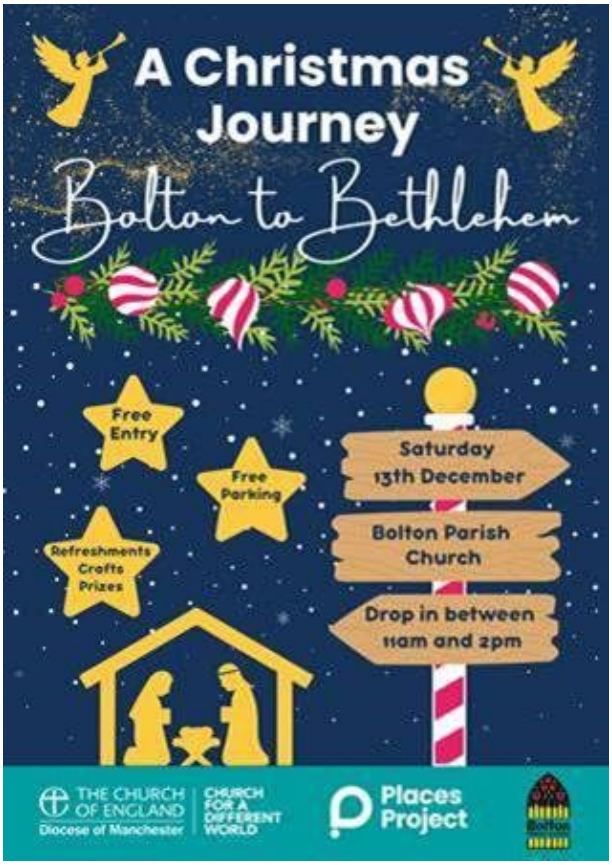












This week some of our year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to take part in a wrestling festival at Bolton Wrestling Club. This was a new experience for all of the children involved and a chance to try a new sport. They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the session and learning new skills. They played some fun games linked to agility and also played tag wrestling games against other local primary schools. As part of the session, they also learnt the importance of respecting their opponent and referee before and after the tag wrestling games. If you are interested in trying your child trying wresting as a hobby then the details of the club are below:

Bolton Olympic Wrestling Club
389 Wigan Road
Bolton
BL3 4JW
01204 651417



Just a reminder next week is the last week of extra curricular clubs. New letters will be sent out in the new year.





School closes at **2pm** on Friday 19th December. There is also no afternoon nursery session on Friday 19th December. **School will resume on Monday 5th January 2026.**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Phone – 01204 333583 **8:15am – 4:00pm**

Email – sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

Website – https://sssj.bolton.sch.uk







PE KIT Reminder



Please ensure your child has their kits in school each week so they can fully participate in the many different physical activities we teach.

P.E. Kits - black shorts, plain white t-shirt, black P.E. Pumps/black trainers, long black pants/ tracksuit pants/leggings, plain black hoodie/ jacket.