SSSJ School Newsletter

12th December 2025

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

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

Our Values:

Respect, Hope, Compassion, Service, Justice, Perseverance

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Early Years

All children in early years (Nursery to Reception) have also been assessed in the prime and specific areas of learning. These assessments are detailed within a pupil report. These will be shared with parents via email by Thursday 18th December. Targets detailing their next steps is also included in the report.

Year 1 to Year 6

Over the last two weeks, children have taken part in our termly assessments in reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). They have also been teacher assessed in their writing.

The results from these assessments will be shared with parents through a pupil report, which follows the same format as the report issued in the summer. These will be shared with parents via email by Thursday 18th December.

Each child has been given an individual target that reflects their next steps in learning. We will also be sending home your child's assessment papers so you can see their strengths, as well as the areas we will continue to work on together. If you do have any questions linked to this, please contact the school office on sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support over this term. Miss Katie Jones (Headteacher)

Building Work Update

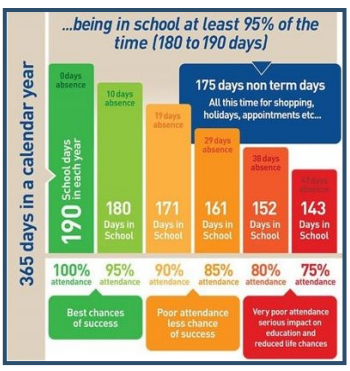
The school continues to work closely with the Department for Education to design our new school building. As you are aware, the project experienced some initial delays linked to the Notice to Improve; however, we are now firmly in the feasibility stage and have made significant progress. Meetings with the DfE will resume after the Christmas break, when the project will begin to move into the next stage of procurement. We look forward to sharing further updates as the work develops.

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	91%
Reception B	86%
Year 1A	98%
Year 1B	99%
Year 1C	96%
Year 2A	97%
Year 2B	91%
Year 3A	97%
Year 3B	90%
Year 4A	99%
Year 4B	95%
Year 5A	92%
Year 5B	99%
Year 5C	88%
Year 6A	99%
Year 6B	99%
Year 6C	99%

Year 5C - Moses Gate





This week, 5C went on their geography field trip to Moses Gate Country Park. They learned fantastic skills such as map plotting and reading, and they identified lots of geographical features and types of land use. They had a fantastic time! Khadijah said "we had long walks and it was very tiring but we managed to do it and we enjoyed it." Ashton said "It was lots of fun. It was a hard walk but it was very interesting.





Congratulations to Sienna in Year 5 on passing her karate grading and earning a new belt! She has shown great focus and perseverance, and respect. Well done Sienna!





Nursery - Huzaifa and Miraal	**Reception** - Musaab & Ahad
Year 1 - Nadeali, Husnain & Naayel	**Year 2** - Amina & Isabelle
Year 3 - Seerat & Bethany	**Year 4 -** Hareem & Alyssa
Year 5 - Halima, Shayan, Khadija & Harram	**Year 6** - Zoya, Arif & Lana

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 17th December.**

Reindeer run for Bolton Hospice







Our school community recently united for a wonderful cause through our Reindeer Run for Bolton Hospice. Pupils from every year group eagerly wore their antlers and festive outfits as they ran around the school grounds to raise money for Bolton Hospice. They truly demonstrated our Christian values of compassion, service, and respect.

Together, the pupils raised an impressive total of **£1,022.40**. A special well done to **Kayson from Year 1**, who individually collected an outstanding **£130.00**. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support in raising money for such a special cause.

Costs for Spring Term 1

Tuck £9.00 - Reception up to Year 6 (pay in the clubs section of Arbor)

Lunch £74.40 - Year 3 up to Year 6 (f not entitled to Free School Meals)

Breakfast club £21.00

Nursery Christmas Performance



Thank you to everyone who came to our first performance of the Christmas period, which was performed by Nursery. The children worked so hard, and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends there to support them. Your encouragement means a great deal, and we are looking forward to the rest of our fantastic Christmas performances.

Worship Committee Carol Service



This morning, our worship committee led a fantastic Christmas carol service, which retold the Christmas story and included some beautiful songs, led by our choir. It encouraged us all to think about the meaning of Christmas and what it means to us all individually. The children and teachers did an amazing job.

Zoom call with explorer Robert Swan



Year 2 had an exciting Zoom call with explorer Robert Swan all the way from Antarctica! He even stepped outside his tent to show us the icy landscape where he is working. Robert talked to us about why it's so important to look after Antarctica and protect its unique environment. The children were inspired and full of questions after this unforgettable experience.