SSSJ School Newsletter

19th January 2026

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

Our Values:

Hope, Respect, Compassion, Service, Justice, Perseverance

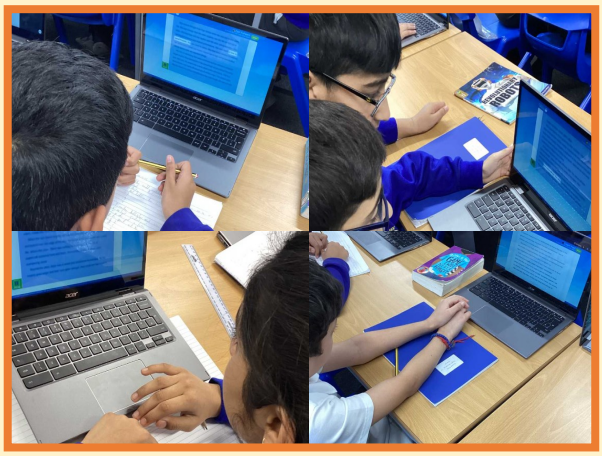
Our Vision: We strive to build a community which nurtures positive relationships that permeate through all aspects of life. A community where barriers do not define us, but instead offer opportunity for growth. No matter our background, through our faith, we will find the strength and courage to flourish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

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

The focus this half term is: Perseverance

Reading Plus

5A have been working really hard on their reading, and they have been using their reading plus lessons, to build their fluency and stamina for reading. All of our pupils, from year 2 upwards, have got a reading plus account which they can use at home too. 5A have clearly been really focused, as they have made an average gain of reading an extra 77 words per minute- this is phenomenal progress, well done 5A!



Extra curricular clubs

Any child who has applied for a club has now received their letter detailing which club they have been allocated. Clubs will start next week beginning **19th January 2026** until week beginning **30th March 2026.** Unfortunately we will not be able to change clubs once allocated. We endeavour to ensure all children get their 1st or 2nd choice of club. We have 18 clubs on offer during the Spring term.

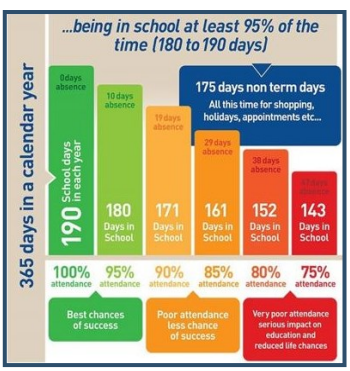


Please ensure your child attends school everyday. The term dates for this academic year are detailed on the school website under the parent tab.
[Term Dates - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School]

Classes	Attendance
Reception A	93%
Reception B	91%
Year 1A	96%
Year 1B	93%
Year 1C	98%
Year 2A	95%
Year 2B	98%
Year 3A	96%
Year 3B	88%
Year 4A	96%
Year 4B	98%
Year 5A	95%
Year 5B	97%
Year 5C	96%
Year 6A	99%
Year 6B	95%
Year 6C	96%

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 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.



We have had a number of reports of head lice in school. Please see the advice below and ensure that your child's hair is checked regularly.

HEAD LICE

Five tips to prevent head lice:



1. Comb and brush your hair everyday with your own comb or brush
2. Avoid sharing hats
3. Wear swimming caps at the pool and avoid sharing towels
4. Wear your long hair tied up
5. Let an adult check your hair and check the whole family weekly

DON'T BE LATE!

We have observed an increase in the number of children being collected late from school and nursery. We kindly ask that you make alternative arrangements if you are unable to collect your child on time. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise that affect your ability to arrive promptly. If you anticipate being late, please contact the office as soon as possible to inform us. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring the safe and timely collection of all children in our care.

CELEBRATE!



Nursery - Saqib, Tahzeeb & Rameen	**Reception** - Aamina & Drashti
Year 1 - Jensen, Mirha & Romana	**Year 2** - Adam & Elsie
Year 3 - Rayan & Mickayla	**Year 4 -** Hafsa, Zaina & Francesca
Year 5 - Sienna P, Archie & Charlie	**Year 6** - Zunaira, Zunaira & Alfie

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 21st January***.

February half term

School finishes on Friday 13th February and will resume Monday 23rd February.

All term dates are available on our school website.

Boccia Session



This week, a group of KS2 children represented our school at a Boccia competition held at Bolton Arena. They performed exceptionally well, finishing 5th overall out of 20 competing schools. Throughout the event, the children showed great perseverance, improving their performance with each game they played. They also demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, respectfully shaking hands with both the teams they competed against and the officials.

Community News



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COME ALONG TO OUR FREE OPEN DAY

Sat 28th February 2026

Ages 3-6: Arrive at 9:30am, finish at 11am
Ages 7-18: Arrive at 9:30am, finish at 1pm



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