SSSJ School Newsletter

30th 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

We have some really exciting news!

Linked to parent feedback, we have decided to launch 'Class Dojo' across the whole school after half term. This app will allow you to connect with us and view your child's behaviour points, helping you to gain a clearer understanding of how well they are following the SSSJ Way: Ready, Respectful and Safe. We will also use ClassDojo to share our whole-class learning focus, enabling you to talk with your child about what they are learning in the classroom. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending a step-by-step guide to support you in connecting to ClassDojo, along with clear information about how the app will be used to share learning that is taking place in the classroom.

It is important to note that all communication i.e information about trips, whole school events etc will continue to be shared through the school newsletter and Arbor.

The guide will be emailed to parents via Arbor ready to connect after half term.

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip

Please ensure you have completed the online form via email and have made your payment through the Arbor app before next **Friday 6th February**. If you need any help with this please contact the school office. The trip will take place on **Friday 13th February.**



In singing worship, years 1 to 3 sang one of our favourites, 'this little light of mine'. This is a song that conveys a message of hope, individuality, and the importance of sharing our inner light with the world. We all have a special light within ourselves and each little bit of light, together, can break up any darkness.

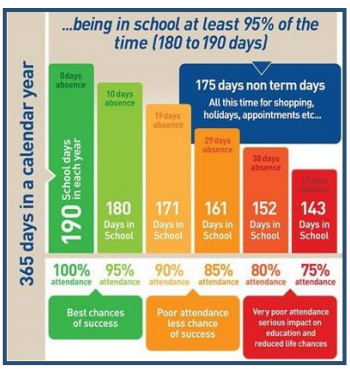
Please ensure your child attends school everyday. The term dates for this academic year are detailed on the school website under the parent tab.

Term Dates - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School

Classes	Attendance
Reception A	89%
Reception B	98%
Year 1A	96%
Year 1B	93%
Year 1C	97%
Year 2A	90%
Year 2B	94%
Year 3A	93%
Year 3B	86%
Year 4A	91%
Year 4B	97%
Year 5A	94%
Year 5B	97%
Year 5C	97%
Year 6A	98%
Year 6B	92%
Year 6C	97%

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.



Athletics at Essa Academy



We took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to an athletics tournament at Essa Academy, where they were outstanding in every track and field event. They ran, threw, jumped and balanced brilliantly, reaching the finals in nearly all events. Finishing 2nd out of 6 teams was a fantastic achievement!

Caterpillars ~ Nursery Parents

As part of the RE topic this term children are learning about how Christians believe God created the world and he asked everyone to look after it because it is important to him.

We would like to see pictures of things that are important to the children in Caterpillars.

This could be a favourite toy or book, their favourite person, their favourite food or place they like to go.

To support your child during this session, please can all parents of children in Caterpillars send a photograph of the child's favourite thing to sssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk by **Wednesday 4th February.**

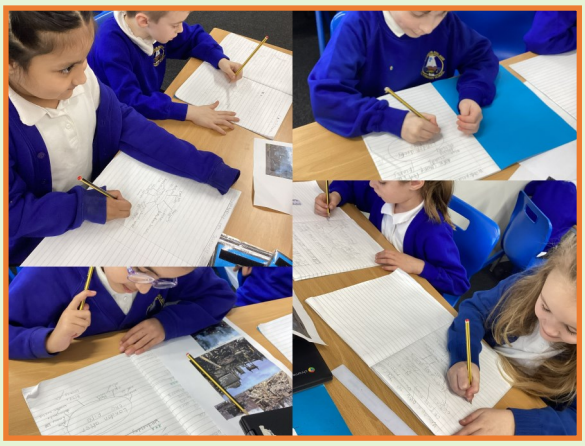


Nursery - Dua, Sumaya & Nawab	**Reception** - Dana & Michael
Year 1 - Muhammad, Shayan & Abdullah	**Year 2** - Dominion & Dua
Year 3 - Jan & Afrah	**Year 4 -** Meerab, Aqsa & Huzaifah
Year 5 - Asma, Zain & Charlie	**Year 6** - Ainoor, Hassan & Humaira

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

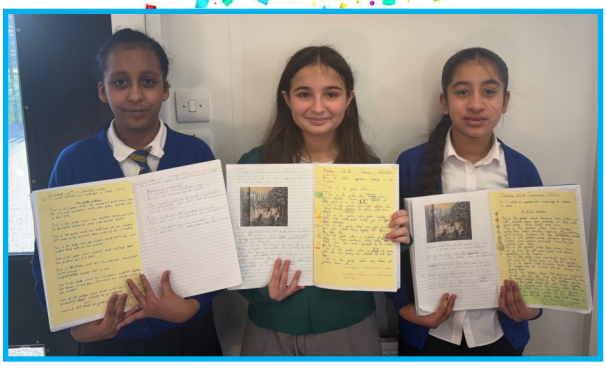
Pupils who achieve the class dojo award have received the most dojo points throughout the week for showcasing our different values. These pupils are the perfect role models for other pupils and as a reward are able to come to school in their own clothes on ***Wednesday 4th February***.

Year 2



Year 2 have been learning all about the great fire of London. They looked at some images of what London may have looked like after the fire, and then they had to create a mindmap, using adjectives, to describe all the things they would be able to see.





In Year 6, we have been reading the book, 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. In the story, the giant has a beautiful garden where children love to play and explore. We used a picture and a short description to create our poems based on the idea of a garden where dreams come true. Aisha, Lana and Eman received a special award from Miss Jones for amazing pieces of writing. Well done!