SSSJ School Newsletter

19th March 2026

'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: Justice

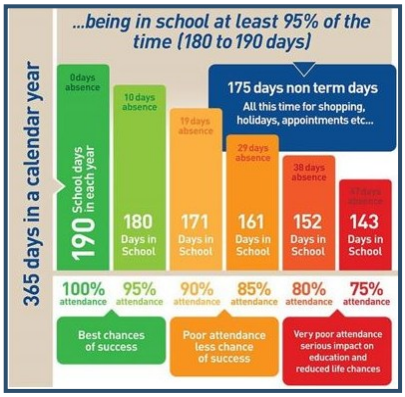
Our Values:

Hope, Respect, Compassion, Service, Justice, Perseverance

School is closed from Friday 3rd April until Monday 20th April for the Easter break

Parents evening

Please ensure you have booked an appointment for the upcoming parents evening which is taking place on **Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March.** All appointments can be made through the Parent Consultation tab in Arbor. If you need any help with booking an appointment for your child please contact the office.



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 school is **everyone's** responsibility. School and parents need to work in partnership to improve school attendance. With this in mind, we have developed our attendance chart to provide more information for parents. We have colour coded the attendance in line with the figures below.

96% and above. This is meeting our target.

95.9% - 94% This is working towards our target.

Below 94%. This is a cause for concern and needs to improve.

We have also added in a comparison arrow.

↑ **Class attendance has increased since last week.**

= **Class attendance has stayed the same.**

↓ **Class attendance decreased since last week.**

We have also included the number of lost learning days. When children miss days, they miss new learning and because lessons build on each other, the learning is not always revisited. This significantly impacts on your child's learning and development.

Classes	Attendance	Comparison to last week	Number of lost learning days
Reception A	98.33%	↓	2 days
Reception B	95.83%	↓	5 days
Year 1A	83.62%	↓	19 days
Year 1B	95.69%	↑	5 days
Year 1C	91.81%	↓	9.5 days
Year 2A	94.17%	↓	7 days
Year 2B	98.33%	↑	2 days
Year 3A	95.7%	↓	5.5 days
Year 3B	85.48%	↓	18 days
Year 4A	95.97%	↓	5 days
Year 4B	99.17%	↑	1 day
Year 5A	95.97%	↓	5 days
Year 5B	97.58%	↓	3 days
Year 5C	95.97%	↓	5 days
Year 6A	96.98%	↓	3.5 days
Year 6B	95.83%	↑	5 days
Year 6C	93.33%	↓	8 days



We hope all of our families have a wonderful and joyful Eid al-Fitr celebration. May this special time be filled with happiness, peace, and togetherness as you gather with loved ones and reflect on the blessings of the past month. Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating - we wish you a day full of warmth, gratitude, and cherished moments.

Year 4B Geography



This week for our Geography unit 'Where does our food come from?' we have been learning all about fair trade and how this benefits the farmers and workers that grow and produce our food. We looked at the impact that responsible trading has had on a community in Côte d'Ivoire and developed our atlas skills by locating the country on a map of West Africa! The children were also challenged to identify the bordering countries as well as the capital city.

SSSJ Bookfair



We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our school community throughout the event. The book fair not only helped foster a love of reading among our pupils but also raised valuable funds that will go towards enriching our school library with new and exciting titles. It was wonderful to see our children sharing recommendations with friends and discovering new authors.

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 25th March**.



CELEBRATE!

Nursery - Fatima, Zara & Onyx	**Reception** - Hajra & Talha
Year 1 - Yusra, Hadiya & Saad	**Year 2** - Noor Fatima & Mustafa A
Year 3 - Azrah & Bethany	**Year 4 -** Samaira, Mustafa S & Ismaael
Year 5 - Younes, Ibrahim M & Hareem	**Year 6** - Imaad, Malia & Lucy

Ladybirds Nursery

Ladybirds have looked at a new topic this week which is planting. The children used their fine motor skills to plant the seeds and then to add the soil.

