SSSJ School Newsletter

22nd May 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: Service

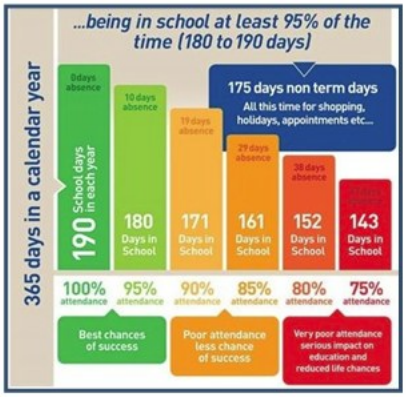
School will reopen on Monday 1st June 2026

Costs for Summer Term 2

Tuck £10.50 - Reception up to Year 6
(pay in the clubs section of Arbor)

Lunch £86.80 - Year 3 up to Year 6
(If not entitled to Free School Meals)

Breakfast club £24.50



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	89.63%	↓	14
Reception B	97.7%	↑	3
Year 1A	95.7%	↓	5.5
Year 1B	97.3%	=	3.5
Year 1C	98%	=	2.5
Year 2A	98.8%	↑	1.5
Year 2B	98.1%	↑	2.5
Year 3A	92%	↓	11.5
Year 3B	92%	↓	11.5
Year 4A	96%	↑	5.5
Year 4B	92.3%	↓	10
Year 5A	93.1%	↓	9.5
Year 5B	90.7%	↓	12.5
Year 5C	94.2%	=	8
Year 6A	93.8%	↓	8
Year 6B	97.4%	↓	3.5
Year 6C	97.4%	↓	3.5

Year 3



As part of the national year of reading, Year 3 have taken part in a different reading event each month. In May they read a variety of different poems, both old and new. They practised reading these aloud taking notice of rhyme and rhythm and we then performed them to the rest of the class.



CELEBRATE!

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 June**.

Nursery - Onyx, Murad & Harum	**Reception –** Isra & Abdullah
Year 1 - Aaliyah, Shahmeer & Sultan	**Year 2** - Mollie & Millie
Year 3 - Carter & Julie-Anna	**Year 4 -** Zainab & Hareem
Year 5 - Pahlaaj, Sadie & Ashir	**Year 6** - Zunaira K, Akin, Nabil & Hassan

Please can we remind all parents not to park in the staff car park during drop-off or collection times unless prior permission has been given. The spaces are reserved for staff and authorised visitors only, and keeping the area clear helps ensure the safety and smooth running of the school site.

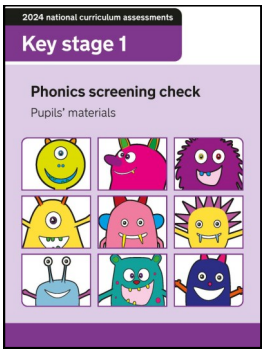
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Phonics Screening Check

What is the Phonics Screening Check?
The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps school confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum.

When is the Phonics Screening Check?
The phonics screening check is administered in 2026 from Monday 8th June. It is for children in Year 1 in UK schools. Pupils in Y2 who did not achieve the expected standard in Y1 will retake the test in the same week. The results from the phonics screening assessment will be reported to parents in the end of year report.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?
Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books. Parents play a very important part in helping with this. Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



School Council



Two representatives from our School Council represented SSSJ at the Mayor of Bolton's Civic Sunday Procession and Church Service on Sunday 17 May 2026 in Bolton.

The Mayor-Elect of Bolton, Mohammed Iqbal, chose our school as one of only four schools to represent all Bolton schools during his year in office. This was a tremendous honour for our school, and we were extremely proud that our school was selected to attend this special civic occasion.