SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

4th September 2026

School Vision, Mission and Values

'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: **HOPE**



Attendance

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	Number of lost learning days
Reception A	Transition	
Reception B	Transition	
Year 1A	92.9%	6
Year 1B	90%	9
Year 2A	92.7%	6
Year 2B	92%	7
Year 2C	89.7%	9
Year 3A	95.8%	4.5
Year 3B	96%	3.5
Year 4A	96%	4
Year 4B	87.8%	11
Year 5A	88.5%	10
Year 5B	96.5%	3
Year 6A	85.5%	13
Year 6B	85%	12.5
Year 6C	94.2%	5

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 next **Wednesday 9th September.**

	Year 3 – Mustafa A & Aimah
	Year 4 – Haris & Toby
Year 1 – Leon & Hania	Year 5 – Alyssa, Eva, Zeenat and Hareem
Year 2 – Shayan, Zainab & Muhammad	Year 6 - Ayan, Heidi & Sienna C



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Term Payments

Tuck £11.10 - Reception up to Year 6
(pay in the club's section of Arbor)

Lunch £91.76 - Year 3 up to Year 6
(if not entitled to Free School Meals)

Music Live



Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome **Bolton Music Service** into school for a fantastic live music experience. Our children had the opportunity to explore a diverse range of musical instruments and discover a variety of musical styles.
Throughout the session, pupils were encouraged to get involved, participate in the music-making and interact with the talented musicians.
A huge thank you to Bolton Music Service for providing such an exciting and inspiring musical experience for our children! 🎵

The school day

The starting times show the start of learning. Please ensure you arrive 5 minutes before your child's starting time.

Nursery am session 8.45am to 11.45am
Nursery pm session 12.30pm to 3.30pm
Reception - 8.45am to 3.15pm
Year 1 and 2 - 8.50am to 3.20pm
Year 3 and 4 - 8.45am to 3.15pm
Year 5 and 6 - 8.40am to 3.10pm

2027 Admissions

The online portal for admissions to Reception and Secondary School 2027 has opened. All applications need to be made through the Bolton council portal and not directly to the school. Please find the website link below.

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

Bolton Council

Primary school applications close 15th January 2027

Secondary school applications close 31st October 2026

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that, with support from the Government, our Breakfast Club will be available **free of charge from 8.00am** each morning to pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club provides children with a healthy and nutritious breakfast and a positive start to the school day.

Please note that a place must be booked in advance through Arbor. Booking through Arbor ensures that we have sufficient staff and resources available for all children attending. To book a place, please log in to your Arbor Parent Portal and select the relevant Breakfast Club session.

Flu Vaccinations

On **Tuesday 22nd September**, the NHS will be visiting school to provide **flu vaccinations** for children from **Reception through to Year 6**.

An **online consent form** has been sent directly to parents/carers by the NHS. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please ensure that you complete the form online.

Please note: We are unable to provide paper consent forms. All consent must be completed online.