SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

11th 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	Comparison to last week	Number of lost learning days
Reception A	98%	⇧	2.5
Reception B	100%	⇧	0
Year 1A	90%	⇩	14
Year 1B	91%	⇩	12.5
Year 2A	97%	⇧	5
Year 2B	93%	⇧	10.5
Year 2C	97%	⇧	5
Year 3A	95%	=	8
Year 3B	100%	⇧	0
Year 4A	94%	⇩	8.5
Year 4B	95%	⇧	8
Year 5A	93%	⇧	10
Year 5B	95%	⇩	8
Year 6A	94%	⇧	8.5
Year 6B	94%	⇧	8.5
Year 6C	94%	=	8.5

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 16th September.**

	Year 3 – Zahra & Maleehah
Reception – Maria & Hoorain	Year 4 – Ire & Marek
Year 1 – Zayn & Halimah	Year 5 – Aira & Hareem
Year 2 – Hadiya, Alisha, Matilda & Ali	Year 6 - Logan, Nizam, Hassan N & Ziyab



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Cold weather

With the colder, wetter weather setting in, please make sure your child brings a coat to school each day. We go outside at playtimes and lunch time and having a warm, waterproof coat is essential. Labelling coats with your child's name is also a big help in avoiding coats being misplaced.



School Photographs

Individual School Photos
Monday 19th October

Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 20th October

Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform on the above dates

Arbor

Our school's online system, Arbor makes it easy for parents to stay up to date. You can use it to make all school related payments securely and conveniently, as well as updating your child's contact details, including email addresses, phone numbers, and any medical information. Keeping this information up to date helps us stay connected with you and ensures we can provide the best support for your child.

Arbor

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will take place in the school hall and will be open every day from **Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October**.

- **Morning:** 8:30am – 8:55am
- **After school:** 3:15pm – 4:00pm

All books purchased must be paid for online using card details via a QR code.
Staff will be available to support and assist you with your purchases.
We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!



Reception







Reception have begun exploring the outdoor area this week, which they absolutely love! They have enjoyed investigating the water and sand trays, developing their confidence and curiosity, and they have also loved playing in our farm area, using the play equipment, and exploring the large construction area. It has been wonderful watching as their friendships have blossomed and developed over the past couple of days.

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Due to the large number of applicants, a ballot was conducted to ensure that the allocation of tickets was fair to everyone.
Parents/carers are responsible for contacting the school office during the week beginning their allocated game. Tickets will then be sent via email.
We hope everyone enjoys their game and has a fantastic time!



BWFC Family Tickets

Date & Time	Team	Ballot Winner
Saturday 10th October 2026 @ 3pm	Stoke	Paris K 6C
Friday 23rd October 2026 @ 8pm	Middlesbrough	Ruqayyah S 4B
Saturday 21st November 2026 @ 3pm	Portsmouth	Logan K 3B
Wednesday 25th November 2026 @ 7.45pm	West Bromwich	Hamza 5A
Saturday 5th December 2026 @ 12.30pm	Blackburn Rovers	Elias Y Rec
Friday 11th December 2026 @ 8pm	Wrexham	LJ L 5B
Saturday 16th January 2027 @ 3pm	Southampton	Ayaat A 2A
Tuesday 26th January 2027 @ 7.45pm	Charlton	Charlie B 6B
Saturday 30th January 2027 @ 3pm	Derby	Leo M 4B
Saturday 20th February 2027 @ 3pm	Norwich	Saad I 5B
Tuesday 2nd March 2027 @ 7.45pm	QPR	Haris P 6A
Saturday 13th March 2027 @ 3pm	Birmingham	Elsie S 3A
Tuesday 20th April 2027 @ 7.45pm	Sheffield United	Ali S 2B
Saturday 24th April 2027 @ 3pm	Swansea	Usman 5B

