SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

18th 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%	=	3
Reception B	96%	↓	6
Year 1A	90.3%	=	14
Year 1B	94.5%	↑	8
Year 2A	98.2%	↑	2.5
Year 2B	93.8%	=	9
Year 2C	99%	↑	1.5
Year 3A	97.3%	↑	4
Year 3B	98.7%	↓	2
Year 4A	95.3%	↑	7.5
Year 4B	92.3%	↓	12
Year 5A	94.5%	↑	8
Year 5B	95.7%	=	6.5
Year 6A	94%	=	9
Year 6B	100%	↑	0
Year 6C	99.3%	↑	1

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 23rd September.**

Nursey - Mahdiy, Zaiver & Fatima	Year 3 – Hareem & Dua
Reception – Zaki & Abdul	Year 4 – Rayan & Aziz
Year 1 – JJ & Khalid	Year 5 – Francesca & Abu-Bakr
Year 2 – Yusra, Abdul & Anabia	Year 6 - Zoya, Ashton & Anaum



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School is closed to pupils on Friday 16th October due to staff training

Parent Conferencing

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November** after school. This will be an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about how they have settled and their progress so far. We will use the online booking system again so please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app. If you need any support with this, please contact Mrs Crompton in the school office. Appointments will be available to book on Monday at 5.30pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Arbor

Appointments

We kindly remind families that routine appointments, such as dental, medical, or other personal appointments, should be arranged outside of school hours wherever possible. This helps minimise disruption to pupils' learning and ensures they do not miss important lessons or activities. We understand that some appointments cannot be scheduled outside the school day, and in these circumstances, we ask parents and carers to inform the school in advance and provide any necessary details. Thank you for your continued support in helping us protect valuable learning time.

NASA – Zoom Session



This week year 5 have experienced a live Zoom session with NASA, the children learned lots of fascinating facts about space and the recent Artemis mission to the Moon.

Year 1







In geography, year 1 have been exploring maps. Last week we looked at aerial photographs, and we used these to help us identify features on a map. Our classroom was visited today by an alien called Zorb and he needed help to find his way around the classroom. We made 'messy maps' using equipment in our classroom to represent the features we could see, such as tables, chairs and windows.