SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

25th 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	99%	⇧	1.5
Reception B	94%	⇩	9
Year 1A	97.9%	⇧	17
Year 1B	98.6%	⇧	2
Year 2A	95%	⇩	7
Year 2B	94.1%	⇧	8.5
Year 2C	94.7%	⇩	8
Year 3A	91.3%	⇩	13
Year 3B	98.4%	=	2.5
Year 4A	99.4%	⇧	1
Year 4B	92.3%	=	12
Year 5A	96.2%	⇧	5.5
Year 5B	97.3%	⇧	4
Year 6A	92.7%	⇩	11
Year 6B	96.2%	⇩	5.5
Year 6C	98.6%	⇩	2

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 30th September.**

Nursey – Saqib, Yahya & Ollie	Year 3 – Zaynah & Ava
Reception – Urwa & Ameen	Year 4 – Khadija & Codie
Year 1 – Kissa & Zakariya	Year 5 – Evie & Eva
Year 2 – Caden, Survi & Sabeen	Year 6 - Anaya, Mustafa & Ziah



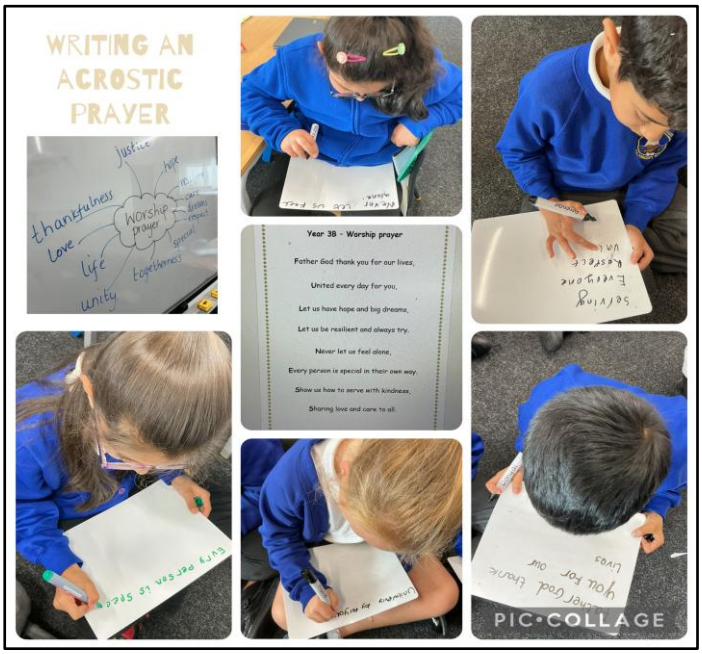
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School is closed to pupils on Friday 16th October due to staff training

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is free of charge from 8.00am each morning to pupils from Reception to Year 6.

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.



Parent Conferencing

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November** after school. We will use the online booking system again so please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app. If you need any help booking appointments, please contact the school office.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Club letters have been sent home with children, and we are delighted to be offering a wide range of exciting activities this term, including football, Just Dance, and arts and crafts. **Clubs will start week commencing Monday 12th October.** We hope the children enjoy taking part, developing new skills and, most importantly, having lots of fun! Please note that extra-curricular clubs for Reception children will begin in the spring term.

Year 1







In Art, Year 1 have been inspired by Vincent van Gogh. We explored line and tone using sketching pencils. Using a viewfinder, we zoomed in on his portraits and copied the different lines and tones we observed.

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HARVEST

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would be most grateful if your child could bring in a donation/gift by **Friday 2nd October** and give it to their class teacher. We will later donate all the items to Urban Outreach food bank in Bolton.
The donations should be non-perishable items. A list of suggestions is detailed below.

List of suggestions:

- Milk (UHT or Powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit Juice (Carton)
- Pasta Sauces
- Desserts (Tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- Tea Bags/Instant Coffee
- Instant Mash Potato
- Rice/Pasta
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits or Snack Bars
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Vegetables

All donations will be greatly appreciated.