SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

2nd October 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	97%	↓	4.5
Reception B	93.7%	↑	9.5
Year 1A	95.1%	↓	7
Year 1B	99.3%	↑	1
Year 2A	95.1%	=	7
Year 2B	94.1%	=	8.5
Year 2C	98.7%	↑	2
Year 3A	98%	↑	3
Year 3B	97.7%	↓	3.5
Year 4A	98.8%	↓	2
Year 4B	96.5%	↑	5.5
Year 5A	97.6%	↑	3.5
Year 5B	98.7%	↑	2
Year 6A	98%	↑	3
Year 6B	96.2%	=	5.5
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 7th October.**

Nursey – Haniya, Musa & Haniya	Year 3 – Amina & Millie
Reception – Zayn & Safiyya	Year 4 – Ali & Jan
Year 1 – Rayyan & Hooria	Year 5 – Ahad, Eshaal & Huzaifa
Year 2 – Humna, Mirha & Laiba	Year 6 - Ahad, Anaya A, Mehr Ali & Mustafa M



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

PARKING NOTICE

Please can we park safely and considerately around school at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park in the staff car park, on yellow lines, block driveways or entrances, or obstruct pavements. Keeping the area clear helps to keep our children and families safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Parent Conferencing

We're pleased to let you know that Parents' Evening appointments are now available to book via Arbor under the 'Guardian Consultations' tab for **Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November**. Please log in to your Arbor account to choose an appointment time. We look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Extra Curricular Clubs

A huge well done to Elsie and Eadie for their fantastic achievements outside of school! It is wonderful to celebrate the hard work, dedication and successes our pupils demonstrate beyond the classroom. We would love to hear about more of our pupils' achievements outside of school. Please do share their successes with us so that we can celebrate them together!





Year 2







In Science, Year 2 have been learning how to sort animals into different groups. We have been identifying and describing the key features of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and insects. The children have enjoyed sorting animals into their groups and explaining how they know which group an animal belongs to.

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School representatives

Congratulations to all our newly appointed school representatives! We are delighted to welcome our new members of the School Council, Eco Committee, Play Leaders, Worship Committee, and Year 6 Ambassadors. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to take on responsibility are truly commendable. We look forward to seeing you make a positive difference in our school community, sharing your ideas, supporting others, and helping to make our school an even better place for everyone. Well done, and congratulations to you all!

School Council



SSSJ Play Leaders



Year 6 Ambassadors



SSSJ ECO Committee



SSSJ Worship Committee

