SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

15th 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	96.7%	↑	4
Reception B	95%	=	6
Year 1A	97.4%	↑	3
Year 1B	95.7%	=	5
Year 2A	94%	↑	7
Year 2B	95.7%	↓	5
Year 2C	96.3%	↓	4.5
Year 3A	97.5%	=	3
Year 3B	95.2%	↓	6
Year 4A	95.1%	=	5.5
Year 4B	87.1%	↓	15.5
Year 5A	97%	↓	3.5
Year 5B	96.3%	↓	4.5
Year 6A	95.4%	=	5.5
Year 6B	97.8%	↑	2.5
Year 6C	99.6%	↑	0.5

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 21st October.**

Nursey – Abaan, Fatima & James	Year 3 – Dua & Evaniya
Reception – Ahmed & Serena	Year 4 – Ruqayyah & Jan
Year 1 – Isra & Sulaiman	Year 5 – Mustafa & Habeeb
Year 2 – Sabeen, Aiza & Zimal	Year 6 - Archie, Deanna & Khadijah



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

Black History Month







To mark the start of Black History Month, all of the children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a live Black History Month assembly. They listened to the inspiring Swarzy, a radio presenter from BBC Radio 1Xtra, who shared her experiences and spoke about the importance of celebrating Black history and the amazing contributions people make within their communities. The children listened carefully and learned about different cultures, communities and the importance of kindness, courage and making a positive difference. They especially enjoyed seeing Swarzy live and taking part in the interactive activities. We were reminded that you don't have to be famous to make history — small acts of kindness and positive actions can make a big difference.

Operation Christmas Child

NON UNIFORM DAY

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Worship committee will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day** in support of *Operation Christmas Child*.

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Please donate **£1 via Arbor or bring £1 into school** to take part.

Thank you for your support!

Extra Curricular Clubs



After-school clubs have had a great start this week, with children enjoying the activities, engaging well with staff and friends, and having lots of fun in a positive and welcoming environment.

Year 4



Following on from our live Black History Month assembly, Year 4 children have been busy designing informative and colourful posters celebrating famous and inspirational Black figures from both the past and present. The children researched their chosen individuals, learning about their lives, achievements and the positive impact they have had on the world. Through this activity, they developed their research and creative skills while deepening their understanding of Black history, culture and the importance of celebrating diversity, resilience and achievement.

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Winter Illness Reminder and Attendance at School

As we move further into the winter illness season, we would like to remind families of the current NHS guidance regarding attendance at school.

Children can usually attend school with common winter illnesses and symptoms such as a cough, runny nose or sore throat. In most cases, children should continue to attend school.

We know that children can often feel under the weather while still being well enough to learn. In line with our school's medical policy, and with completed parental consent, trained staff can administer paracetamol during the school day if needed to support a child who is feeling unwell but is otherwise able to remain in school.

Our designated Senior Medical Lead is Mr J Winteringham, who oversees medical provision within school and can be contacted if you have any concerns about your child's medical needs.
We encourage families to follow NHS guidance when deciding whether their child is well enough to attend school. Regular attendance is important for children's learning, wellbeing and social development.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high attendance while ensuring children are safe, healthy and well cared for.