SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

13th November 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: **COMPASSION**

Respect · Hope · Compassion · Service · Justice · Perseverance

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	100%	↑	0
Reception B	97.7%	↑	3
Year 1A	96.9%	↑	4
Year 1B	97.7%	↑	3
Year 2A	95.4%	↑	6
Year 2B	96.1%	↓	5
Year 2C	97.7%	↑	3
Year 3A	99.2%	↑	1
Year 3B	97.4%	↑	3.5
Year 4A	97.9%	↑	3
Year 4B	94.2%	↓	8
Year 5A	89.2%	↓	14.5
Year 5B	95.5%	↓	6
Year 6A	98.5%	↑	2
Year 6B	94.4%	↓	2.5
Year 6C	96.5%	↓	4.5

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 18th November.**

Nursey – Azlan & Abdi	Year 3 – Elsie & Haadi
Reception – Zohan K & Amaya	Year 4 – Rayan & Harper
Year 1 – Khadija & Rahima	Year 5 – Mustafa & Francesca
Year 2 – Anabia, Shameer, Ruqayyah K & Raheem	Year 6 - Halima, Kholah & Ibrahim M



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Remembrance

The children enjoyed a thoughtful and meaningful Remembrance Day assembly, delivered by our Worship Committee. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together to reflect on and remember all those who have served and sacrificed for our country. We were particularly honoured that our school was chosen by the Mayor to lay a wreath at the Remembrance service. Two members of our worship committee were selected to represent the school and lay the wreath on behalf of our school community. We are incredibly proud of them for representing us on such an important occasion.





Tri Kidz

We are excited to let you know that we have TriKidz coming into school during the school day for the Years 1-6. TriKidz is a 'participation based' triathlon project aimed at primary school children to promote health and fitness and key values.

Monday 30th November
Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 1st December
Year 3 & Year 4

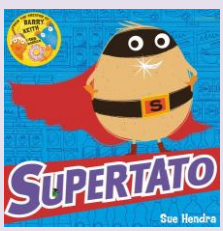
Friday 4th December
Year 5 & Year 6

All children taking part must wear pumps or trainers. School shoes, crocs, walking boots and wellies **are not permitted**. Anyone not in the correct footwear will not be permitted to take part.

Y5 & Y6 football club




Nursery 3










In Nursery 3 this week the children have been busy making their own supertatoes. The children used their fine motor skills to push in matchsticks and create their own super hero using a variety of materials.

BARNARDO'S

CHAT AUTISM AND ADHD

Do you need support for Autism or ADHD related differences?

Do you have a question about the support services that are available to you?

Is there something you want to ask but you'd rather text than talk?

If you answered yes to any of these questions our anonymous messaging service is available for young people under 18, or for parents and carers seeking advice about a child or young person. The service offers support and advice for Autism-related and ADHD-related needs.



For free confidential support and advice text:

07507329954

ChatHealth

Chat Autism & ADHD provides confidential, anonymous help and advice on Autism & ADHD for young people under the age of 18. No diagnosis is required. Young people can get in touch themselves, or parents and carers can contact us about a child or young person. We aim to reply within 48 hours (9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday), and you'll receive an automatic message to confirm we've received your text. If we believe someone is at risk of serious harm, we may need to share information with emergency services or the police. This is not a crisis service; if you need urgent help, contact NHS 111 or call 999 in an emergency.



Bolton Family Hubs

Talking Walk-in



Come to our informal, play-based drop-in session for families with children aged 0–4 years (pre-school). You will find a friendly space to play and get support with your child's communication and language development. Chat with the Speech and Language Therapy Service and Family Hub Practitioners for advice, practical strategies, and guidance on next steps to support your child. This is an advice and support drop-in, so families are welcome to attend whenever they have questions or concerns and do not need to come every week. All children can access universal and targeted support at Bolton's Best Start Family Hubs. However, only children with a Bolton GP can get specialist Speech and Language Therapy. Ask at your local Family Hub for more details.

From Monday 21st September 2026

Oxford Grove Best Start Family Hub	Every Monday	9:15-10:45am
Oldhams Best Start Family Hub	Every Monday	1:15-2:45pm
Tonge Best Start Family Hub	Every Tuesday	9:15-10:45am
Farnworth Best Start Family Hub	Every Wednesday	9:15-10:45am
Great Lever Best Start Family Hub	Every Thursday	9.15-10:45am
Harvey Best Start Family Hub	Every Thursday	1:15-2:45pm
Bright Meadows Best Start Family Hub	Every Friday	9:15-10:45am
Alexandra Best Start Family Hub	Every Friday	1:15-2:45pm

Talking Walk-ins are available all year round except during the Christmas holiday period and bank holidays. Timings may differ during school holidays.

What happens at a Talking Walk-in?

- A chance to chat while your child plays.
- We will listen to your questions and share simple ideas to support your child's speech, language and communication.
- You will go home with practical tips to try straight away.

What should I bring?

- Your child's most recent WellComm information and any activities which have been completed with you or in your child's education setting.

If you do not have this – you are still welcome to come along.

Scan the QR code with your mobile camera to access more free activities

BEST START IN LIFE

NHS Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Bolton Council