



St Simon of England RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Mass this morning supporting the children. We will also be leading our Parish Mass, this Sunday - all are welcome to join.

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October. Booking forms will be available from Tuesday 13th October in your child's class. Please note that appointment times are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so we encourage you to make your booking as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bryant



Whole School Harvest Festival Mass

This morning, we gathered together as a school family to celebrate our Harvest Festival Mass and give thanks to God for the many blessings we receive. It was a beautiful occasion, filled with prayer, reflection and joyful singing as we remembered the importance of gratitude and caring for those in need. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our families for their incredible generosity in supporting our Harvest collection. Your donations will make a real difference to those facing hardship in our local community and are a wonderful example of our shared commitment to living out the Gospel values of love, compassion and service. The children were proud to bring their donations forward during Mass.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to Years 3 who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance this week.

Reception: 95.3%
Year 1: 97.9%
Year 2: 97.7%
Year 3: 100%
Year 4: 98.2%
Year 5: 99.7%
Year 6: 99.4%



Attendance Matters: Every Lesson, Every Day, Every Child

Where possible, we kindly ask that medical and dental appointments are arranged outside school hours to minimise disruption to children's learning. We fully appreciate that this is not always possible and we thank you for doing your best to support your child's attendance. We will expect children back in school after their appointments. We would like to gently remind parents and carers of the importance of regular school attendance. Every school day matters, and every lesson missed is a learning opportunity that cannot always be recreated. Being in school each day helps students keep up with their learning, maintain friendships, build confidence and make the very most of their time with us. Why does it matter? Research found that pupils who were persistently absent at school could earn around £10,000 less by the age of 28 than pupils with near-perfect attendance.

Attendance today builds opportunities tomorrow. Thank you for your support.



PTA News

Our wonderful PTA has now confirmed the date of this year's Christmas Fair. The fair will take place on Sunday 13th December at 12pm in the Church Hall following Mass. We would love to see as many of our families there as possible to support both the PTA and the school community. Every penny raised goes directly towards enriching the children's experiences, funding valuable resources and providing exciting opportunities and activities throughout the year.

Next Week:

Monday - Bikeability Years 4 and 6
KSI Drama Club at 3:15-4pm
Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday - 11+ Kent Test Results
Netball Club at 3:15-4pm
Lego Club
Mindfulness Club - lunchtime
Wednesday - Wellbeing Assembly
KS2 Drama Club 3:15-4pm
Thursday - Year 5 Class Mass at 9:30am
Art Club 3:15 - 4pm
Running Club 3:15 - 4pm
Friday - Rosary Club - lunchtime



Loving God,

We thank You for the many blessings You give us each day and for the harvest that provides food for our families and communities. Thank You for the generosity shown by our school families through their donations this Harvest Festival.

Help us to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and inspire us to share what we have with kindness and compassion. May we always be grateful for Your gifts and use them to help others. Amen

We work, learn, play and pray together, fulfilling God's unique plan for each and every one of us.