



Growing in Faith, Learning and Love

It has been another busy and successful week at St Simon's, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights with you. We ended our week with a beautiful whole-school Mass. Our children, as always, led the Mass brilliantly, showing great reverence and confidence throughout. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and reflected our values so positively.

Exciting New Clubs

Today, children received a letter inviting them to choose a club to join this term. This is a particularly exciting development for St Simon's and we are delighted to be able to offer a wider range of opportunities for our pupils beyond the classroom.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, who are generously giving their time to lead these clubs. Their commitment to providing enriching experiences for our children is greatly appreciated.

Enrichment will be a key feature of school life at St Simon's. Through clubs and wider opportunities, we aim to develop children's interests, talents and confidence, helping them to discover new skills, build friendships and create lasting memories that complement their academic learning. Start dates will be confirmed shortly. Please also note that the clubs will rotate to different year groups each term.

Pupil Leadership and Responsibilities

Over the past week, children have been voting for a range of leadership positions and jobs around the school. This is an area we are developing further this year as we work to ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to take on a role of responsibility within our school community. We believe these opportunities help children develop confidence, leadership skills, a sense of service and a greater understanding of their contribution to school life. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of these elections with you soon.

Meet the Teacher Events – Wednesday 16th September

Next week we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in classrooms. These meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about expectations, routines and learning for the year ahead.

Meeting times are as follows:

- Year R and 6: 3:20pm - 3:40pm
- Years 1 and 5: 3:40pm – 4:00pm
- Years 2 & 3: 4:00pm - 4:20pm
- Years 4 & 5: 4:15pm - 4:35pm

If you are unable to attend or the meetings clash, the PowerPoint presentation containing all of the key information will be uploaded to the relevant class page on the school website.

On Wednesday, between the Meet the Teacher sessions, we would be delighted to welcome you to the school hall for tea and coffee. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet other families and staff. The PTA and Family Hub will also be in attendance and will be pleased to share information about upcoming events and opportunities for families to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mrs Bryant

Headteacher