



St Simon of England RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate what has been a very successful start to the academic year.

The progress being made by children across the school is very encouraging and reflects the hard work, dedication and high expectations of our entire staff team.

It has been wonderful to see children embracing challenges and taking pride in their learning. We are also delighted to have a record number of clubs running across the school this year, providing our pupils with a wealth of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. These experiences play a vital role in developing children's interests, talents and confidence. Our pupil leadership programme has also got off to a fantastic start. The children have embraced their new responsibilities with enthusiasm and maturity, and it has been a pleasure to see them taking an active role in shaping school life.

Enjoy your half term break.

Mrs Bryant



Parents' Evening



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for teachers to celebrate the progress the children have made and to discuss their next steps in learning. Our staff very much enjoyed meeting with families and sharing the many successes that have been achieved this term. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our children succeed, and we greatly value your continued support. Together, we can ensure every child continues to thrive and achieve their very best.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to Year 5 who achieved an outstanding 100% attendance this week. Well done!

Year R: 96.3%
Year 1: 94.6%
Year 2: 92.4%
Year 3: 96.4%
Year 4: 96.1%
Year 5: 100%
Year 6: 93.8%



Winter Uniform Reminder

Following the half-term break, all children will be expected to wear the school's winter uniform in line with our uniform policy. Summer uniform should no longer be worn. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children return to school dressed smartly and ready to learn. Wearing the correct uniform helps to promote a sense of pride in our school community and supports our high expectations for all pupils.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform requirements, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest Festival Donations

We recently received a lovely email from the church/community organisation that received our Harvest Festival donations. They asked us to pass on their sincere thanks to all of our families for their generosity and support.

The donations have been greatly appreciated and have helped to support individuals and families within our local community.



Prayer Intention Book



As a Catholic community, we come together in times of joy and sorrow, knowing Jesus walks with us always. One way we can support each person and family is through prayer. From the beginning of this academic year onwards, we would like to welcome students and their families to share their prayer intentions in our school prayer intention book which is on our prayer table in the school reception. Each Friday morning, the whole school prays especially for the intentions shared in our intention book.

Week 1, Term 2:

Monday - Term 2 Begins
KS1 Drama Club at 3:15-4pm
Year 6 Swimming

Tuesday - Netball Club at 3:15-4pm
Lego Club
Mindfulness Club - lunchtime

Wednesday - KS2 Drama Club 3:15-4pm

Thursday - Flu Vaccines for those that have opted in
Year 3 Class Mass
Art Club 3:15 - 4pm
Running Club 3:15 - 4pm

Friday - Rosary Club - lunchtime



Loving God,

As we come to the end of another busy term, we thank You for all that we have learned, the friendships we have strengthened, and the opportunities we have been given. Thank You for the hard work of our children, the dedication of our staff and the support of our families. As we begin our half-term break, keep us safe, happy and healthy. Give us time to rest, enjoy time with our loved ones and return refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. Amen



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