



St Simon's

NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th December 2024

Mrs Crisp's notice

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Whelan, who has served our school community for over twelve years. We give thanks for all that Mrs Whelan has done for so many and we wish her the very best as she begins a brand new adventure in her new home. She will be sorely missed by us all. May God bless her and keep her and her family safe and healthy.

Thank you to the handful of members of the PTA who organised and gave up their time to lead the two movie nights that took place this week. It wasn't an easy task, looking after so many children for two hours with so few adults, but they did an amazing job. Both events raised a total of £625, which is phenomenal. Your commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Our EYFS and KSI children were absolute superstars this week, when they performed their Nativities firstly, to the whole school on Monday, then to families on Tuesday and Thursday. EYFS even performed on Wednesday too for some special visitors, so it really has been a busy week for all involved.

All performances were spectacular and every single child tried their very best. What talented individuals we are blessed with; each one with unique gifts and talents that they shared with such passion and joy. A huge thank you to all involved for delivering the good news of Jesus' birth to us in such a beautiful way.

Next week is the third week of Advent. During this time we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus. The third candle on our Advent wreath is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. Attached is an activity that can be completed as a family; a perfect way to prepare for Christmas.

We continue our preparations next week, with our Christmas dinner and Christmas parties on Wednesday, our pantomime, kindly funded by our PTA, on Thursday morning and finally, our traditional Carols and Coffee at 2pm on Thursday afternoon. School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.30pm on Thursday.

Enjoy the preparations that this weekend brings

God bless

Prayer

O God, as we faithfully await the birth of your son, Jesus, let us be glad and rejoice. Help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others, in our families, in our schools and in our lives.

Amen





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Mass times

Masses over the weekend at St Peter's are 12 noon on Saturday and 8:30am, 10am and 6pm on Sundays. There is also a Mass in Polish on Saturday evening at 6pm in St Peter's. Weekday Masses are at 12 noon.

Mass at St Philip's in Offerton is at 6pm on Saturday and 9:15am on Wednesday.

The church will be open for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday from 11 to 11:45am and Fr Peter will be available for Reconciliation during Exposition.

Mass and Exposition from St Peter's will be broadcast on <https://www.churchservices.tv/stockport>.

To book a Baptism please get in touch with Fr Peter via email.

If you are new to this area and would like to register in our parish, please complete the form below, and return it to the parish office.
<https://stpeterscatholic.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/New-Parishioner-Form.pdf>

CROSS COUNTRY

The races start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium.

The best Post Code for car park access is SK1 4BN. From there it is a short walk to the stadium.

Race Details

Match 5 Saturday 18th January 2025 10.30 – 12.30

Match 6 Saturday 1st March 2025 10.30 – 12.30

Presentation Day 22nd March 2025

Race Time Approximate Distance

Yr 3-4 Girls 10.30 1500m

Yr 3-4 Boys 10.50 1500m

Yr 5-6 Girls 11.10 2500m (2 laps)

Yr 5-6 Boys 11.40 2500m (2 laps)





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CAROLS AND COFFEE

Our annual carols and coffee will take place on Thursday, 19th December at 2pm, in the school hall.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to read or play in the orchestra. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Many thanks for the donations that the children brought in to help make up our hampers.

This year we have 9 fantastic hampers to raffle.

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay for £1 per ticket until 15th Dec as the winning tickets will be drawn on Monday 16th and announced on Dojo.

Many thanks and good luck.



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SNACK SCHEME

You can now find the toast payment for next term (2nd Jan - 11th April 2025) on ParentPay.

Please note that the toast scheme will now be booked for a whole term at a time instead of half term.

The payment will remain open until 18th December, payments will not be taken after this date unless your child is new to the school in January and does not yet have a ParentPay login.

SCHOOL NURSE

The next drop in session for Rachel Donnelly, our school nurse will take place, in school, on Wednesday, 29th Jan 2025 from 8.30-11am.

If you would like to book an appointment before this date please contact the office and this can be arranged



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TOAST

The last TOAST of the year is this Sunday. TOAST will break for Christmas and will return on Sunday, 19th January 2025.

The TOAST group will lead the liturgy in church on the 1st vigil mass of Christmas, which is 6pm, on Christmas Eve. Please come along. The children are encouraged to dress up for a live nativity, they can dress as they like e.g. Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Angel, etc. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

SCHOOL MENU

Next week we will be on week 3 of the Autumn/Winter menu.

WEDNESDAY WORD

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=158.3>

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TEN:TEN

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/>



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RESPECT

Reception - Rudey
Year 1 - Aoife D
Year 2 - Tadhg
Year 3 - Freddy
Year 4 - Emily
Year 5 - Eric P
Year 6 - Cerah

WINNING TEAM

The winning house team
this week is St Patrick's.
Well done to all who are in
this house.

STRIVE

Reception - Joseph
Year 1 - Whole class
Year 2 - Kegan
Year 3 - Anamika
Year 4 - Sarita
Year 5 - Jack
Year 6 - Anya-Grace
EBNO - Tyler

STRIVE VALUE

The most house points
were awarded for being
Trusted this week.

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 91.1%
Year 1 - 88.9%
Year 2 - 89.4%
Year 3 - 90.1%
Year 4 - 89.9%
Year 5 - 98.5% ★
Year 6 - 94.8%

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 99.1%
Year 1 - 95.4%
Year 2 - 99.5%
Year 3 - 98.8%
Year 4 - 98.9%
Year 5 - 100% ★
Year 6 - 98.8%