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Friday 7th March 2025

Mrs Clarke's notice

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day, not just today but the whole week! We really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading.

Children took part in lots of book themed activities, and our Year 5 children visited Year 2 children and Year 4 went to Year 1 to read books together. They all had a great time! We had a surprise visit from the Book Bus, each class visited to look at a variety of books.

It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the effort made.

We celebrated together as a whole school and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits in our WBD Assembly this morning! Every day this week on Class Dojo we had to guess who we thought "The Masked Reader" was.

The book fair was a huge success, thank you to all those who supported this event.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
During this time of Lent, let us see each day as a brand new opportunity to grow ever closer to God.
With the help of your Holy Spirit may our hearts grow strong, as we pour out our love for you through prayer, fasting and giving.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 6 Saturday 15th 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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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer will be in school next Tuesday, 11th to take class, choir, girls and boys football team photographs.

Year 6 will also have individual photographs taken.

All children must come into school wearing winter uniform, including jumpers/cardigans. Your child's teacher will communicate with you if this falls on a PE day.

If you have a child in nursery but they do not attend on a Tuesday morning but you would like them to be on the class photograph then please bring your child to the office at 9am. (This should only take around 20 minutes.)

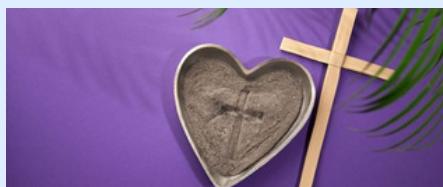
St Simon's Lenten Journey

At this time of year, we will be spending time preparing ourselves for Easter. We start these preparations on Ash Wednesday (5th March) where we will distribute ashes during our Celebration of the Word, we will also make our own personal lenten promises in class and reflect on these throughout Lent. During Lent, we fast, pray and give to become better people and to be closer to God. We will think about the idea of giving alms. We should not only try to 'give up', but also 'give to'. We can give to the poor, give God our hearts and give others our time and resources. Lent is a time where we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter by looking at our lives and trying to see how we can follow God more closely. This special time also allows us to walk with Christ and share his last journey on Earth.

As a whole school we have signed up to The Big lent Walk for CAFOD. Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. We will give details later on in Lent.

You can donate via https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/big-lent-walk1851?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=dssb-twitter

And it is on <https://x.com/StSimonsSch>





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ROBINWOOD



This week was a special week in Year 6 as they enjoyed a wonderful trip to Robin Wood. They took part in many activities, ranging from adventurous zip wire rides to puzzling problem solving escape rooms. The children represented St Simon's in a tremendous manner and upheld all our school values. Our Year 6s showed resilience and respect throughout their trip and were commended by the Robinwood staff for their manners and their positive attitudes! I know they will be exhausted and will have lots to share with their families this weekend.

I want to also say a huge thank you to Mrs Pierse, Miss Cliffe and Mrs Collinge who have given up their time to ensure the children had an amazing time. We are all extremely proud of them all!

PTA QUIZ

Last Friday was the PTA Quiz Night, we had lots of fun, we wanted to thank Mr and Mrs Ralphs for their time being our quiz masters! We didn't have many teams, but we really appreciate the families who supported this, I am hopeful that we will have more teams next year.



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PRIMARY SPORTS COACHING HOLIDAY CLUB

Primary Sports Coaching Limited's Easter holiday sports course places are live to book now!!

Book online now at <https://primaryscl.coordinate.cloud/>

Week 1: Monday 7th April - Thursday 10th April

Acacias Primary School, Burnage

St Marys Primary School, Moss Side (10am-2pm)

Week 2: Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

St Thomas CE Primary School, Heaton Moor,

Broadstone Hall Primary School, Heaton Chapel

Moss Hey Primary School, Bramhall (awaiting on Ofsted registration, if not received in time opening will be delayed until Whit '25)

Norbury Hall Primary School, Hazel Grove

Week 3: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April

St Thomas CE Primary School, Heaton Moor

Norris Bank Primary School, Heaton Moor

Norbury Hall Primary School, Hazel Grove

Standard Day: 9am-3.30pm = £24

Reception children can attend 9am-12.45pm = £14

Sibling Discount

Discounts are available for siblings attending together. Please use discount code 'SIBLING25' to reduce the cost to £21 per child per day.

Wrap Around Care

Early drop off – 8am – 8.55am = £4 per child, per morning

Stay and Play – 3.30pm – 5pm = £5 per child, per afternoon

If you have any questions please send them to our team at info@primaryscl.co.uk, for more information please check our website <https://www.primaryscl.co.uk/holiday-courses/>.

Warmest wishes,

Your PSCL Coaching Team



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Digiknow

Please can parents complete this online survey. The survey closes at the end of March and is part of Stockport's work to understand and improve digital access across the local area.

You can scan the QR code below



Digital courses, resources and information for parents

Please see the attached 'digital offer' flyer showing a range of digital courses, resources and information for parents of children from 0-19.



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TOAST

All St Simon's families are welcome to attend TOAST (Time On A Sunday Together) on Sunday, 9.30am, at St Peter's Parish Centre.

It's a fun way to encounter Jesus through music, worship, fun and games. Those whom attend love it. Please come along to see for yourself.



SCHOOL MENU

Next week we will be on week 2 of the Autumn/Winter menu.

WEDNESDAY WORD

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Scan below for Google translate



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TEN:TEN

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



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RESPECT

Reception - Ezra
Year 1 - Aneurin
Year 2 - Layla
Year 3 - Lexi
Year 4 - Anna
Year 5 - Andre

WINNING TEAM

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

STRIVE

Reception - Daniel
Year 1 - Erick
Year 2 - Theo
Year 3 - Arlo
Year 4 - Eliza
Year 5 - Ian
EBNO - Harrison

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 97.3%
Year 1 - 95.4%
Year 2 - 96.3%
Year 3 - 96.7%
Year 4 - 98.9% ★
Year 5 - 98.9% ★

STRIVE VALUE

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

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 100% ★
Year 1 - 97.7%
Year 2 - 98.4%
Year 3 - 96.7%
Year 4 - 99.5%
Year 5 - 99.6%