



St Simon's

NEWSLETTER



Friday 9th May 2025

Mrs Crisp's notice

What a memorable day it has been today. The sun has shone and the children skipped into school in their 1940s or red, white and blue outfits and they have immersed themselves in a day of celebration, marking the 80 year anniversary of VE day. 80 years ago, peace was declared, after long years of war and the nation rejoiced.

How apt that "Peace be with all of you!" were the first words of Pope Leo XIV yesterday.

We will keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers for his work with the Church and in the world, encouraging leaders to come together for the common good, so that people everywhere are able to flourish, as we look forward to the future.

Next week our Y6 children have their national SATs' tests. Every Y6 child in the country is due to sit the same exams on the same days and our children have been studying hard to ensure that they can do their very best next week.

Any tests can cause stress and anxiety, so lots of rest, nutritious food and drink and TLC are in order for our precious children. Please remember our Y6 children in your prayers; God will be by their side guiding the way of each and every one of them.

May the sun continue to shine and our hearts rejoice with hope, love and gratitude.

God bless

Prayer

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant
companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.

Amen.





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WARMER WEATHER

As we seem to be blessed with the warmer weather, please make sure your child comes into school with sun cream applied and a sun hat everyday.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

School nurse dates for this term: Wednesday, 21st May 8.30 - 11am
Wednesday, 2nd July 8.30 - 11am

Feel free to drop in between the above times or alternatively contact the office to book a time.

SCHOOL POLICIES

As we begin our final block of learning for this school year, please be mindful of the following school policies:

- All snacks brought into school should be healthy, such as yoghurt, fruit or cheese.
- Sunglasses are only permitted in school if they are prescribed.
- No jewellery in school, other than a watch if the child is able to tell the time.
- No fiddle toys to be brought in from home, unless this has been agreed as part of the child's SEND plan.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring that our children are kept safe at all times.



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ST SIMON'S TALENT SHOW



St Simon's Talent Show is back! Do you sing, dance, act or have a unique talent to share?

Send your video audition to admin@st-simons.stockport.sch.uk by Friday 23rd May for a chance to shine on stage! Open to Reception - Year 6 children - don't miss your chance to be part of the show!



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HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Parents of schoolchildren in Stockport are being urged to apply for free school meals, with the potential to save up to £400 a year on lunchtime costs, as well as access additional pupil premium funding for their child's education.

Children may be eligible for free school meals if their parents receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (with an annual income of no more than £7,400 after tax, excluding benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with an income below £16,190, without receiving Working Tax Credit)

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 should be particularly attentive. These children automatically receive free meals at lunchtime under government policy. However, even if they are already entitled to free school meals, it is crucial for parents to apply formally. Failure to do so means the school misses out on valuable Pupil Premium funding, which can make a significant difference to educational resources. Additionally, applying ensures that the entitlement continues beyond the age of seven.

How to apply

The application process is simple. Parents can visit the Stockport Council website at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> to complete the online form. The council aims to inform both parents and schools of the application outcome within a few days. For any assistance, parents can contact the school office.



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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 our new summer.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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RESPECT

Reception - Grace
Year 1 - Chloe
Year 2 - Merryn
Year 3 - Anamika
Year 4 - Isaac
Year 5 - Noah
Year 6 - Albin

WINNING TEAM

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

STRIVE

Reception - Nathan
Year 1 - Sophia
Year 2 - Haribala
Year 3 - Savannah
Year 4 - Isabella
Year 5 - Hattie
Year 6 - Mariam
EBNO - Antony

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 95.6%
Year 1 - 97.0%
Year 2 - 97.3%
Year 3 - 92.1%
Year 4 - 98.8%
Year 5 - 97.1%
Year 6 - 100% ★

STRIVE VALUE

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

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 98.4%
Year 1 - 97.6%
Year 2 - 100% ★
Year 3 - 100% ★
Year 4 - 97.5%
Year 5 - 100% ★
Year 6 - 98.5%