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Friday 28th November 2025

Mrs Crisp's notice

What a fabulous job our PTA did of organising this year's Christmas Fair, which took place after school yesterday. The glorious school choir opened the event and sang a collection of songs beautifully, to get everyone in the festive spirit. Stalls were busy, fun and laughter filled the school and even Santa could be heard ho ho hoing!
The fair was a huge success and we are ever grateful to all who had a hand in the planning and execution of it. Thank you. Once we know what was raised, we will share the figure with you.

Sunday marks the season of Advent and today Mrs Clarke and the staff led the whole school in the blessing of the Advent wreath. The word advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning coming or arrival. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time.

Next week children will be creating their Advent promises, small good deeds to bring more of Christ's light into our world and to make us ready to welcome Jesus at any time. This is a wonderful time for families to slow down, reflect, and spend time together before the busy holiday rush. It's a season about sharing, caring, and focusing on the true spirit of Christmas.

I truly hope that you each manage to do just that this weekend.

God bless
Mrs Crisp

Prayer

O God, our Father, As we begin this holy season of Advent, we thank you for the gift of this new liturgical year, a time of renewed hope and expectation.
Grant us the grace to prepare the way for his coming by examining our own hearts.
May the hope we profess this week inspire us to look beyond ourselves and be a source of encouragement for those who feel lost or despairing. Strengthen our faith, that we may anticipate the joyous celebration of Christmas and the glorious promised return of our Lord.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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NATIVITIES

Rehearsals are in full flow and the nativities are looking fantastic!
Please see below for timings of each performance. Please note that at this stage we can allow 2 tickets per child for each performance.

Tuesday 9th December

Nursery & Reception - 1.45pm
Year 1 & 2 - 2.30pm

Thursday 11th December

Nursery/Reception - 9.45am
Year 1 & 2 - 10.30am

Entries can now be paid for on ParentPay. Please note that there will be no physical tickets, names will be added to a list and checked off on arrival.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are really excited to carry on our tradition and serve the children a delicious Christmas dinner all together (Reception children upwards) in the hall. This will take place on Wednesday, 17th December. At a cost of £3.07 for those children in Years 3 upwards who are not in receipt of free school meals. The request for payment will be visible on ParentPay on the day.

Please fill in the following quick form either way, to inform us whether your child would like this special dinner, no later than this Friday (28th November.) to ensure we order enough turkey!!!

https://forms.gle/J8xdGDqunGnGkCbV8

Please ensure you fill in your child's name.

Many thanks

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CROSS COUNTRY

September 2025 will see the return of Primary Schools Cross Country League. The races start and finish at Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium.

Match 4 - Saturday 17th January 2026 10.30 - 12.30pm
Match 5 - Saturday 31st January 2026 10.30 - 12.30pm
Match 6 - Saturday 28th February 2026 10.30 - 12.30pm

Presentation Day 21st March 2026

Race details
Year 3 & 4 Girls - 10.30am 1500m
Year 3 & 4 Boys - 10.50am 1500m
Year 5 & 6 Girls 11.10am 2500m (2 Laps)
Year 5 & 6 Boys 11.40am 2500 (2 Laps)

SCHOOL NURSE

School nurse date for this term

NEXT Wednesday, 3RD December 8.30 - 11am

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

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TOAST

All St Simon's families are welcome to join TOAST on Sundays at 9.30am St Peter's Parish Centre. It's a fun way to encounter Jesus through music, worship, fun and games. Those whom attend love it. Come and see for yourselves.

SCHOOL MENU

Next week will be on week 1 of the new Autumn/Winter menu.

A copy of the menus can be found on our website.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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RESPECT

Reception - Isabelle

Year 1 - Grace

Year 2 - Lucas

Year 3 - Abundance

Year 4 - Emily

Year 5 - Myla

Year 6 - Kevin

WINNING TEAM

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

STRIVE

Reception - Albie

Year 1 - Wyatt

Year 2 - Noah

Year 3 - Tadhg

Year 4 - Luna

Year 5 - Isabel

Year 6 - Varin

EBNO - Merryn

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 90.6%

Year 1 - 98.2%

Year 2 - 96.8%

Year 3 - 100% ⭐

Year 4 - 93.2%

Year 5 - 97.3%

Year 6 - 97.1%

STRIVE VALUE

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

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 98.8%

Year 1 - 99.1%

Year 2 - 95.8%

Year 3 - 100% ⭐

Year 4 - 96.9%

Year 5 - 99.1%

Year 6 - 98.9%