



St Simon's

NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th February 2026

Mrs Crisp's notice

After another busy week, it is no surprise that the children are more than ready for their half term break today.

After the dance day last Friday, the focus has turned to music this week. The Front Row concert took place on Wednesday, after school and the children performed brilliantly for their families. There is so much musical talent at St Simon's and it is wonderful to see the children developing greater skills, over time.

Many of our children took part in Young Voices yesterday. Please read more about this spectacular event further on in the newsletter. A huge thank you to Miss Jenyon and to the parent helpers who assisted the children. I believe that everyone loved it.

Music is a great tonic for positive mental health and well being. These memorable experiences, along with the other activities that have taken place in classrooms have supported Children's mental health week.

Our recent school disco raised £281 profit. Thank you to our PTA who organised the disco and to the staff who supported the event too.

School closes for half term today at 3.30pm and re-opens to children on Tuesday, 24th February, at 8.50am. **SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS ON MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.**

Have a restful family time, enduring the final throes of winter in the company of loved ones.

God bless

Prayer

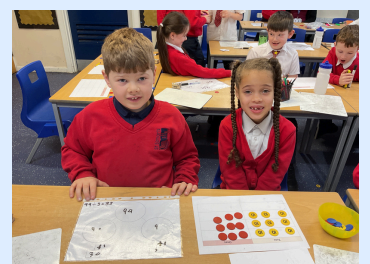
Dear Lord,

We thank you for the gift of this half term—for the lessons learned, the friendships grown, and the laughter shared in our school.

As we begin our holiday, we ask for your special blessing of safety and peace. Watch over our pupils; keep them safe in their play and grant them rest. Watch over our families; may this be a time of joy, connection, and kindness. Watch over our staff; refresh their spirits and reward their hard work.

Lord, be the light that guides our path while we are away from school. Keep us tucked under the shadow of your wings, and bring us back together safely, ready to begin a new chapter with happy hearts.

Amen





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CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Schools Cross Country League continues. The races start and finish at Woodbank Park Athletics Stadium.

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 - Wednesday 11th March,
8:30am - 11am

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



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SAFEGUARDING

Changes are being made to the drop off and pick up of Nursery children during the school day.

It is no longer permissible for adults to walk around the school, to the EYFS classroom. From Tuesday, 24th February, all children are to be brought to and collected from the main reception each day.

If a child is late for school, they are to be brought to the main reception, accompanied by an adult. Thankyou for supporting us in ensuring that all our children are safe and secure.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

A casting researcher at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down has been in contact with us. He has asked that we share some information, that applications for the 12th series of Junior Bake off, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent, have just opened. Attached is a flyer with further information, if you are interested.



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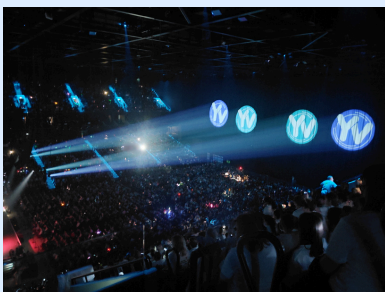
YOUNG VOICES

Choir's big event of the year finally arrived yesterday! The children went to the Co-op Live Arena to take part in Young Voices and had a brilliant day singing together. They formed part of a giant choir of more than 8,000 children. They also got to sing along with some professional singers and dance along with the dance troupe, Urban Strides.

The children got to take part in a special rendition of Oasis' "Don't Look Back in Anger" with their special guest artist Alex Spencer. Whilst on stage, he told us the story of his journey as a musician, which started with his teacher taking him to Young Voices 10 years ago. I look forward to hearing how our future musicians are getting on in 10 years...!

A HUGE thank you goes out to Miss Arnfield, Miss Barber, Miss Clarke, Mrs Rose and Mrs Wild who came on the trip with us and made it such a huge success. I couldn't run the trip without such amazing volunteers on hand to help.

Thank you to all St. Simon's families who sponsored their children in our recent Sponsored Sing event. Your sponsorship money helped to cover the remaining costs of the trip. We are very grateful for your help in giving the children the opportunity to experience this wonderful event.





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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

When we return to school we will be on week 3 of the Autumn/Winter menu.

Please note that there will be a change to the menu on Tuesday 24th February.

Sausage/Veggie sausage and mash potato.

WEDNESDAY WORD

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

TEN:TEN

Please click on the link to read the latest parental newsletter from TenTen

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



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RESPECT

Reception - David

Year 1 - Sebastian

Year 2 - Sophia

Year 3 - Mia

Year 4 - Anamika

Year 5 - Georgie

Year 6 - Eric P

WINNING TEAM

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

STRIVE

Reception - Jorgie

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - William

Year 3 - Merryn

Year 4 - Daniel U

Year 5 - Lorcan

Year 6 - Lilly

EBNO - Alessio

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 81.9%

Year 1 - 91.6%

Year 2 - 87.9%

Year 3 - 94.2%

Year 4 - 96.9% 

Year 5 - 94.4%

Year 6 - 92.6%

HALF TERM WINNING TEAM

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

STRIVE VALUE

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

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 100% 

Year 1 - 97.8%

Year 2 - 94.4%

Year 3 - 98.9%

Year 4 - 96.9%

Year 5 - 98.6%

Year 6 - 97.4%