



# St Simon's

## NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Mrs Crisp's notice

The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, has announced that 2026 will be The National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire more people to make reading a regular part of their lives and this week our school has been actively doing just that.

Our Book Fair has been popular and families have generously bought a variety of reading materials for their children to take home and enjoy. We hope that the choices made will bring hours of pleasure.

Today was our celebration of World Book Day. Many thanks to all for enabling the children to have such fun escaping into their own magical worlds, that the joys of reading can take them to.

Next week is British Science week and so we will focus our attention on the theme this year, which is 'Curiosity...what's your question?' Our children will be encouraged to ask questions about the world around them, through scientific enquiry. Watch out for more information as next week progresses.

Wishing you all a bright, cheerful weekend.  
May you all have a spring in your step!

God bless

### Prayer

Caring God, fill our hearts  
with love for all your people.  
Move us to treat all people  
with kindness and respect  
and to work to make the  
world a better place for  
everyone to live in.

Amen.





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### CROSS COUNTRY

**The Primary Schools Cross Country League**

**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 - Next 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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### GIRLS FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY

The Masia project are currently recruiting under 9's–under 11 girls who love football for the 26/27 squads. This is a programme which focuses on game intelligence and confidence in possession (scanning/awareness, smart movement, positional play, and staying calm under pressure). All coaches are DBS-checked and FA qualified, and the project aims to provide a supportive environment to encourage strong female athletes to reach their goals. This is a high performance-focused pathway which will involve competing in strong leagues. Please email Dean Clarke at the email below to register for the girls 2026/27 squad:

[info@masiaproject.co.uk](mailto:info@masiaproject.co.uk)

**MASIA PROJECT**  
Now recruiting U9s, U10s & U11s girls for the 26/27 Season

We teach players to SEE the game – not just play it.

**HOW WE TRAIN**

- Early Solutions – spot patterns before the ball arrives
- Scanning & Awareness – constant pictures, faster decisions
- Movement & Rotations – angles, overloads, third-player options
- Positional Play – spacing & support (not ball-chasing)
- Tempo Control – calm under pressure, play through it

📍 DBS checked • Safeguarding • Girls programme • Structured curriculum

**DM 'TRIAL' – LIMITED SPACES**  
[info@masiaproject.co.uk](mailto:info@masiaproject.co.uk)

- Final spaces for 26/27 squads
- Trials by application
- Stockport – training twice weekly

Perfect for: technically strong girls who want game intelligence and confidence in possession



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### PTA NEWS

## MOTHER'S DAY SALE

Next week the PTA will be holding a Mother's day sale on Wednesday and Friday.

This will take place in school time therefore the staff will help the children with their purchases.

Please send children with their money in a named envelope.





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### WORLD BOOK DAY

🌟🇪🇺 What a Fantastic Celebration! 🌟🇪🇺

Today our school was filled with excitement as we celebrated World Book Day together! The corridors were bursting with creativity thanks to the amazing costumes worn by our children (and teachers!) – it was wonderful to see so many favourite book characters brought to life.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of fun and engaging reading activities. There were lively reading quizzes, opportunities to explore new stories in a Book Tasting Café, and plenty of discussions about favourite books, authors and characters. The buzz for reading across the school was truly fantastic! 📖💬

This special day has also helped us launch something exciting – our 2026 Year of Reading! Over the coming months we will be celebrating reading in lots of different ways, with activities and events designed to inspire a lifelong love of books in our children.

•• Watch this space for more reading-related activities and celebrations throughout the year!

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families for helping to make World Book Day 2026 such a memorable and joyful day. Happy reading! 🇪🇺🌟





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

### 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 - Jeswin

Year 1 - Izah

Year 2 - John

Year 3 - Tyler

Year 4 - Agnes

Year 5 - Daniel

Year 6 - Cooper

### WINNING TEAM

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

### STRIVE

Reception - Ethan

Year 1 - Whole Class

Year 2 - Lennon

Year 3 - Jahziel

Year 4 - Emily

Year 5 - Ralph

Year 6 - Hattie

EBNO - Noah

### ATTENDANCE

Reception - 95.1%

Year 1 - 96.0%

Year 2 - 95.5%

Year 3 - 97.9%

Year 4 - 91.4%

Year 5 - 93.1%

Year 6 - 98.2% 

### STRIVE VALUE

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

### PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 100% 

Year 1 - 96.9%

Year 2 - 94.0%

Year 3 - 100% 

Year 4 - 100% 

Year 5 - 99.1%

Year 6 - 98.5%