



St Simon's

NEWSLETTER



Friday 5th September 2025

Mrs Crisp's notice

How wonderful it is to be back for our new school year together. All the children look well rested and extremely smart in their uniforms and have settled into their new year groups and classrooms well.

A warm welcome to all our new children and their families who have joined us this year. You are all valuable additions to our school community and we look forward to getting to know you further as the year progresses.

A further welcome to Ms Smith, Mrs Oates and to Mrs Davies who join our school team this year.

The beginning of the year is always rather busy and there is an awful lot to remember. Please look on our website at the class pages, for specific information that is pertinent to each year group.

A polite reminder that earrings are not permitted at St Simon's. They must be taken out and, if recently pierced, then acrylic retainers may be worn until they are fully healed. No child will be able to take part in PE or Forest School if they are wearing earrings, even with tape over. This is in compliance with school policy.

Each child was given a brand new school water bottle this week, for them to access water during the school day. Please do not send your children in with any other water bottles - they will not be allowed to drink from them.

Dojo continues to be our active communication tool. If you are struggling to access this resource then please speak to your child's class teacher. Messages can be sent to teachers at any time of the day, to inform them of important information that needs to be shared. In line with staff well being and work/life balance, staff are not expected to respond to dojo messages between the hours of 5pm and 8am. They will however, respond within their working day.

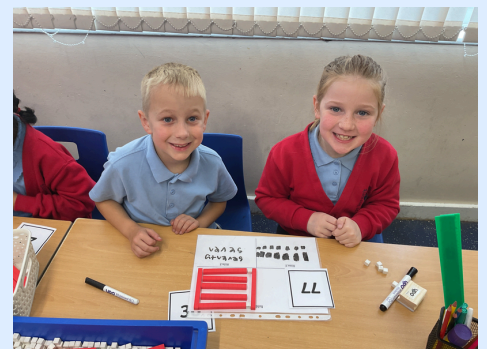
Wishing you all a relaxing weekend; there will be a number of exhausted children coming home to you this evening.

God bless
Mrs Crisp

Prayer

Heavenly Father, as a new school year begins, we lift up all students, teachers, and staff to You. We pray for Your divine protection, keeping them safe from harm and guarding their minds and bodies. Please fill them with wisdom, a love for learning, and the courage to do what is right. Grant them patience, clarity, and confidence in their abilities, and help them to be kind, compassionate friends to others.

Bless the teachers with energy and understanding, and bless the students with joy and a strong sense of Your loving presence. May this be a year of growth, purpose, and many new blessings for everyone in our school community.
Amen.





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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 1 - Saturday 20th September 10.30 - 12.30pm

Match 2 - Saturday 18th October 10.30 - 12.30pm

Match 3 - Saturday 22nd November 10.30- 12.30pm

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

Yr 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)



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HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Parents of school children 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.

TOAST will start back THIS Sunday 7th September



SCHOOL MENU

Next week we will be on week 1 of the school menu.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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



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RESPECT

Reception - Zuzanna

Year 1 - Alea

Year 2 - Hayden

Year 3 - Mini

Year 4 - Nina

Year 5 - Simeon

Year 6 - Jude

WINNING TEAM

The winning team this week is St David's.

Well done to all who are in this house.

STRIVE

Reception - Jorgie

Year 1 - Diego

Year 2 - Ellie

Year 3 - Haribala

Year 4 - Agnes

Year 5 - Alice


Year 6 - Jack

EBNO - Fionn

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 94.0%

Year 1 - 93.1%

Year 2 - 99.4% 

Year 3 - 95.2%

Year 4 - 89.7%

Year 5 - 98.6%

Year 6 - 97.1%

STRIVE VALUE

The most house points were awarded for being Exceptional this week

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 100% 

Year 1 - 100% 

Year 2 - 99.4%

Year 3 - 100% 

Year 4 - 100% 

Year 5 - 99.3%

Year 6 - 99.5%