



# St Simon's

## NEWSLETTER



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Mrs Crisp's notice

This week Mrs Pickles, the headteacher from Harrytown, visited our school to talk to our Y5 & Y6 children about the school and to invite them to the open evening on Thursday, 2nd October. Mr Pontifex also paid our school a visit last week and invited the Y5 & 6 children to their open evening that took place the week before. Choosing a secondary school is an important decision and so attending open sessions can help to make a decision. Y7 preferences need to be submitted to the LA no later than 31st October; good luck to all our Y6 parents who are in the process of choosing future schools.

There has been an increasing amount of inappropriate language being spoken by children around school lately. Such language is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated on any terms. From Monday, parents will be alerted, by class teachers, if their child swears. If such behaviour continues then further consequences will come into effect, including parental meetings and reflection time. I ask for your support and cooperation with such procedures moving forwards, to ensure that we continue to teach our young ones the beauty of speaking and being heard with precision and grace.

The darker days are upon us; have a cosy weekend everyone.

Mrs Crisp

### Prayer

Generous God, you created the world with enough food for all people, but we have not shared fairly. Help us to play our part in building a better world, where all have enough to eat, just as you intended.

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 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)

### SCHOOL NURSE

#### School nurse dates for this term

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 8.30 - 11am

Wednesday, 3<sup>RD</sup> 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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### PTA NEWS

## FAMILY NIGHT

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**Friday 3rd October-7pm-9.30pm**

## St Peters Parish Centre

A chance for all St Simon's children **and** their families to meet up socially! With a **disco** for the kids, a **tombola** & **snacks** will be available and the **bar** will be open!

Adults £2, Children £1 - or £6 for families of 5 or more

**Pay on the door!**



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### The Rosary Challenge

**October is designated as the Month of the Rosary in the Catholic Church, this is a time for families and children to focus on devotions to Mary, the mother of Jesus and reflect on the life of Christ. Children can participate by praying a decade of the Rosary, using their fingers or rosary beads to count prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary.**

**In school we will say parts of the Rosary each day. Our Mini-Vinnies will also help teach the Rosary to children.**

**Please find attached a Mission File from 'The Mark 10 Mission'.**





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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.



### 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=MTAI01634&u=163.4>



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### RESPECT

Reception - David

Year 1 - Norah

Year 2 - Jackson

Year 3 - Haribala

Year 4 - Savannah

Year 5 - Sarita

Year 6 - Alba

### WINNING TEAM

The winning team this week is St Andrew's.

Well done to all who are in this house.

### STRIVE

Reception - Fionn

Year 1 - Ivah

Year 2 - Kalyn

Year 3 - Stanley

Year 4 - Daniel U

Year 5 - Anna

Year 6 - Luke

EBNO - Tadhg

### ATTENDANCE

Reception - 92.6%

Year 1 - 95.0%

Year 2 - 95.0%

Year 3 - 100% 

Year 4 - 98.9%

Year 5 - 95.7%

Year 6 - 97.3%

### STRIVE VALUE

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

### PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 100% 

Year 1 - 100% 

Year 2 - 98.3%

Year 3 - 100% 

Year 4 - 97.8%

Year 5 - 98.1%

Year 6 - 99.0%