



St Simon's

NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th October 2025

Mrs Crisp's notice

A huge thank you to our St Simon's PTA, for another amazing Family Night. What a success it was! Chris, the DJ, was on form with his music and fun challenges for the children and the adults. Well done to all who took part in the 'Dance off' - parents you were in fine form and were smashing some super moves, but the children, as ever, were the stars of the show! We raised a staggering £551, which will go towards enriching our school curriculum further. Thank you to every member of our school family who worked towards making the evening such an enjoyable experience.

This weekend we welcome our new parish priest, Fr Philip Atkinson, to our blessed community. Having had the privilege of working with Fr Philip in my previous headship, I can share what a wonderful man he is. His calm, gentle and kind personality will benefit all, what a fabulous addition to our St Simon's family he will be. Once Fr Philip is settled, he will be in school to meet everyone; we will look forward to the prospect of that.

As the autumnal weather is truly upon us, please ensure that your child has a change of shoes with them for break times. We will access the field in all weathers, so a separate pair of outdoor shoes / wellies will help to minimise the mud on themselves and in the classrooms.

The holiday food support scheme is due to run, once again, during October half term. This means that families can access a food parcel that will provide three days worth of food tailored to the size of the family and, where possible, dietary requirements will also be catered for. If you feel that you would benefit from such support, then please contact me directly using the following email address: headteacher@st-simons.stockport.sch.uk and I will make the necessary arrangements. Please know that such information will be treated with the utmost confidence.

Wishing you all a cosy weekend.
God bless

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are the source of all healing and mercy. We come before You with hearts full of gratitude, remembering the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, and the one who returned to give thanks.

Teach us, Lord, to be that one. To recognize Your grace in our lives, to return to You with praise, and to live each day in joyful thanksgiving.

Strengthen our faith, that we may rise and go forth as Your disciples, sharing Your love with those in need, and bearing witness to Your saving power. May our lives reflect Your goodness, and may our hearts never forget the blessings You pour out upon us.

Through Christ our Lord,
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 date for this term

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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VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

Our virtual parents evening will take place on Thursday 23rd October. At 3.45pm TODAY the booking system will go live. Please use the below link to book your child's virtual time slot.

You will also have received an email with further information.

<https://stsimonscatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



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KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Don't forget that the Online Safety Hub is now live! You can access it for free here:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent. It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

We're also offering you as a parent, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any individual device and free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the link to create your free account:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Useful links:

Parental controls:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/navigating-the-need-for-parental-controls>

A review of Tiktok Information, advice and guidance for parents:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/reviews/tiktok>

The ABC model for creating a safe environment includes 3 key steps. Access, Boundaries and Communication:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-abc-model-for-digital-safety-and-wellbeing>

How sharing influences your child's online identity:

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/how-sharenting-influences-your-child-s-online-identity>



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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 3 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 - Jorgie

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Jayden

Year 3 - Jack

Year 4 - Freddy

Year 5 - Anna

Year 6 - James

WINNING TEAM

The winning team this week is St David's.

Well done to all who are in this house.

STRIVE

Reception - Lara

Year 1 - Harrison

Year 2 - Hunter

Year 3 - Johan

Year 4 - Daniel LS

Year 5 - Isaac

Year 6 - Kevin

EBNO - Jaxon

ATTENDANCE

Reception - 92.9%

Year 1 - 96.4%

Year 2 - 93.8%

Year 3 - 95.8%

Year 4 - 96.3%

Year 5 - 93.1%

Year 6 - 97.4%



STRIVE VALUE

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

PUNCTUALITY

Reception - 99.4%

Year 1 - 100% 

Year 2 - 95.8%

Year 3 - 98.9%

Year 4 - 99.4%

Year 5 - 98.4%

Year 6 - 99.3%