St Simon of England RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that we will be moving away from elastic ties and returning to traditional school ties, as the elastic ties have become a distraction for some children during learning time. There are other options, such as clip on ties that some children now use and this is fine and works very well in the younger years.

On Thursday, Year 3 led their Class Mass in church. We were incredibly proud of them. Their reading was clear and confident, their singing was beautiful and they represented the school exceptionally well. Thank you to all the children for their reverence and participation, which helped make the Mass such a special celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Bryant.

Coats



As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. We spend time outdoors in almost all weather conditions, whether for learning, playtimes, lunchtime or enrichment activities and being outside is an important part of school life.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved an outstanding 99.3% attendance this week. Well done!

Year R: 92.2%
Year 1: 99.3%
Year 2: 97.7%
Year 3: 94.0%
Year 4: 98.4%
Year 5: 97.9%
Year 6: 98.4%



Clubs

Some of our school clubs got off to a fantastic start this week, and ALL clubs will be fully up and running from next week. Clubs will continue until 4th December – they will not run during the last 2 weeks of the December term.

In January, clubs will rotate to different year groups to ensure that more children have the opportunity to take part in the wide range of enrichment activities we offer. A letter will be sent out in December inviting children to express their interest in joining a club for the spring term. We will confirm club places before we break up for Christmas, so families can plan ahead for the new term.

We are incredibly proud of the breadth of opportunities available to our children and would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff who generously give up their own time to lead these clubs. Their dedication and commitment enable our children to develop new skills, pursue their interests and enjoy valuable enrichment experiences beyond the classroom.

Timestable Rockstar

If your child is in KS2, please ensure that they are logging on to Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and practising regularly at home. Sessions do not need to be long; even a few minutes each day can make a significant difference.

Consistent practice is key to developing rapid recall of times tables, which supports learning across many areas of mathematics.

Week 2, Term 2:

Monday - KS1 Drama Club at 3:15-4pm
Year 6 Swimming

Tuesday - Netball Club at 3:15-4pm
Lego Club
Mindfulness Club

Wednesday- Whole School Remembrance Mass 9:30am
KS2 Drama Club 3:15-4pm

Thursday - Art Club 3:15 - 4pm
Running Club 3:15 - 4pm

Friday - Rosary Club
Choir Club

Loving God,

As we move through this busy and exciting term, we thank You for the many opportunities to learn, grow and work together as a school family.

Help us to show patience, compassion and respect to one another, and to use our gifts to serve others.

May Your light guide us each day.

Amen.

We work, learn, play and pray together, fulfilling God's unique plan for each and every one of us.