St Simon of England RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was fortunate to attend a Headteachers' Conference this week and hear from a number of inspirational speakers. The message that shone through was that Catholic education is truly special and exceptional.

Catholic schools are recognised for placing children at the heart of everything they do. They are more than places of learning; they are communities where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish.

The conference reminded me of how proud I am of our own school community. Through our strong partnership between home, school and the parish, we continue to provide a nurturing environment where our children can grow in faith, knowledge, compassion and educational achievement.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Bryant

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERYDAY COUNTS

Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved the best attendance this week. Well done!



Year R:	96.3%
Year 1:	97.1%
Year 2:	99.2%
Year 3:	94.6%
Year 4:	95.5%
Year 5:	94.2%
Year 6:	100%

Week 3, Term 2:



Monday - KS1 Drama Club
Year 6 Swimming

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

Wednesday - KS2 Drama Club 3:15-4pm

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

Friday - Rosary Club
Choir Club

PTA News

Tonight is our PTA School Disco and the children are extremely excited for what promises to be a fantastic evening of fun, music and dancing. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful PTA members, whose hard work and dedication behind the scenes have made this event possible. Their commitment to organising events such as this helps to create special memories for our children and raises valuable funds to support the school.

We would also like to thank all the staff and parent volunteers who have generously given their time to help with the preparations and the running of the event. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our school community and hope that everyone has a wonderful evening. Enjoy the disco!



Celebration Corner

On Monday, I led an assembly reminding all of our children that God has gifted each and every one of them with unique talents and abilities. Whether those talents are seen on the sports field, in the classroom, on the stage, or through simple acts of kindness and compassion, every gift is special and has a purpose.

Throughout the week, it has been a joy to see so many children eager to share their achievements with me, proudly bringing in certificates, medals and awards. Alongside these accomplishments, many children have also shared examples of how they have used their talents to help and support others. This links beautifully to Catholic Social Teaching, reminding us that our gifts are not just for our own success but are given to us by God to serve the common good and make a positive difference in the lives of others.



Loving God,
Thank You for the many blessings You give us each day and for the unique gifts and talents You have placed within each one of us. Help us to use these talents with confidence, kindness and generosity, always seeking to help others and bring joy to those around us.
Guide us to grow in faith, love and friendship and remind us that every person is special in Your eyes.
Amen



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