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Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye to Year 6...

As you leave Simonside Primary School, we want you to know how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of you. You have grown into kind, resilient and talented young people who are ready for the exciting challenges ahead. Thank you for the memories, laughter and the positive contribution you have made to our school community. Although your journey now takes you to new schools and new opportunities, you will always be an important part of the Simonside family. We wish you every success and happiness for the future—remember, once a Simonside pupil, always a Simonside pupil. ❤️

Summer Fair

We are delighted to share that our Summer Fair raised an incredible **£840**! This is a fantastic amount of money, and we would like to say a huge **thank you** for your support, generosity and enthusiasm. Every penny raised will be used to enhance the experiences and opportunities available to all of our children. We are keen to hear your ideas and suggestions about how this money could be spent to benefit the children most. Thank you once again for helping to make our Summer Fair such a success. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



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PTA

Our PTA plays a vital role in school life, providing a valuable voice for parents and helping to strengthen our school community. Their hard work and dedication have supported a range of fundraising events, helping to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children. We are delighted that some of our current members will be continuing their involvement next year, and we thank them for their ongoing commitment. If you would be interested in joining the PTA and making a difference to our school, please get in touch – we would love to welcome new members.

Attendance

Thank you so much for your commitment to improving attendance over the last year. Since introducing our new lining-up arrangements, we have seen a remarkable improvement, with our attendance now standing at **93.7%**. This is an outstanding achievement and reflects the positive impact of working together as a school community. We are incredibly proud of this progress and grateful for the continued support of our families. We will continue to prioritise excellent attendance and build on this success in the new academic year. Thank you for your ongoing commitment – together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed.

Communication

We no longer use Dojo Messaging, so if you need to contact the school, please telephone the office, send an email, or use the communication box located at the front office. If you leave a message or voicemail, we will always try our very best to return your call within two working days. Emails can also be forwarded directly to teachers, who will respond as soon as they are able. We understand that many families miss Dojo Messaging, and we recognise the important role it played in home-school communication. We are currently exploring alternative ways to support communication with parents and carers while ensuring information can still be shared effectively and efficiently.

Wrap around

We are pleased to inform you that our after-school wraparound provision will continue from September under a new provider, Cuba Kids. If you would like to use this service from September, you must register your child(ren) directly with Cuba Kids by emailing: ✉ cubakidsclub@gmail.com

Please note that bookings cannot be made through the school, and all registrations must be completed directly with Cuba Kids. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing to offer this valuable provision for our families.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for entrusting us with your children this year. It has been a pleasure to watch them learn, grow and flourish. We have had a fantastic year and are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Staff are now ready for a well-deserved rest and recuperation before we begin planning for another exciting and successful year in 2026–2027.

Have a wonderful, safe and restful summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Training days- Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

School starts back Thursday 3rd September 2026

Have a lovely holiday,

Mrs Carter
Head of School

