



What a fantastic year. 2025-2026 will be long remembered at SSW for a number of reasons, with the most important being that young people and children have heard the gospel, and have been invited to find out more about our risen Saviour. That's no different to previous years, but it's still the most important part of what we do, and this year we have even more evidence to prove that His voice has been heard and His word has gone into homes that have not even considered Him before.

I will provide lots of numbers, but I am acutely aware that behind each one is a person who is loved by God, and we never want to lose sight of the fact that He wants each individual we encounter to be encouraged to respond personally, and to know Him like we do. SSW only exists so that the schools of Sutton continue to be places where the name of Jesus is spoken boldly, with clarity and purpose, and every interaction we have must enable each and every person in the room to know that Jesus is alive, relevant and available. We pray that we have done that this year!

Before the numbers, I want to thank all of our supporters once again. As Christians we know the power of prayer, and both staff and volunteers have felt an overwhelming awareness of that prayer powerhouse as we have asked you to petition God, and He has responded. We have so many stories of moments where we just knew He was in the room, and we tell everybody we meet! Please continue to get on your knees regularly (even if it's only figuratively!)





PRIMARY

Maisie and Abby have worked wonders. They have brought a new dimension of professionalism to our work, created a real sense of team, and have enhanced our already strong relationships with our schools. Several schools have increased their engagement with us, and we have even added some new ones to the family.

Here's the facts...

16500 children from 37 schools have enjoyed at least 1 (usually 5) assemblies

880 from 14 schools had Y1 Creation Treasure Hunters

720 from 12 schools had Y2 Discover Christmas

1075 from 16 schools had Y2 CSI Easter

910 from 14 schools had Y3 Bible Explorers

2295 from 31 schools had Y4 Easter Experience

935 from 14 schools had Y5 Ordinary Extraordinary Christmas

1415 from 22 schools had Y6 Transit

In total we ran workshops at 26 of the 45 schools, and a record 31 attended Easter Experience. Next year looks incredibly exciting, as we already think we'll pass the above numbers in every category, and Easter Experience should reach 33 schools!

Our team of volunteers never ceases to amaze me. Many of them are retired, and can provide their time, but we have some who also work, and so enjoy engaging with children that they're prepared to work around their commitments to work alongside us. Thank you!

We're always on the look out for new faces though, especially if our workload continues to increase as it has this year. Please consider approaching us to see if there's any area of our work you can help with.

Dear Simon and Nick,
 Thank you so much for giving
 me advice on RT, now
 it doesn't feel so scary.
 You also inspired me to
 read more of the bible.
 So you've made my
 day coming to Simon, thank
 you <3

PS: I told my friend a few
 things you like Simon
 like board games.



To Maisie,
 Thank you for visiting us
 today, you have showed me
 that there's always
 something



To Maisie,
 Thank you for visiting us now I
 know how to solve my problems.
 I know how to make wiser
 choices. Thank you



SECONDARY

Although the relationship between us and Secondary schools can never be the same as that found in Primary, we have continued to forge close links with a key number of them, and have even managed to increase engagement. A few schools still remain closed to us, and it is always our prayer that God will open doors up to allow us to tell more young pupils about Jesus. Our new relationship with Good News For Everyone has changed the game massively, and the fact that we have been able to provide New Testaments to almost a thousand pupils and staff tells us that there is an interest and curiosity about our faith that needs to be encouraged, and flourish into personal faith.

The facts...

940 New Testaments distributed to pupils and staff who asked for one

167 lessons delivered in 5 schools (Pilgrimage, Abraham, Science and Faith)

15 assemblies delivered in 3 schools

CUs either run or supported in 6 schools

In total, we delivered workshops to nearly 5000 pupils across the borough during the school year

A particular highlight was the launching of our first ever joint venture with Christians Against Poverty, delivered to the entire Year 10 cohort at Cheam High. This was a real exercise in faith, in that we needed to find sufficiently skilled and knowledgeable facilitators to enable us to run the programme to over 330 students, but God found a way! We're really excited to report that they've already booked it back in for next year, as well as Oaks Park asking to have it for the first time.

Throughout all of these workshops, we seek to encourage pupils to consider Jesus, and to be inquisitive about Him. Evidence that this has occurred can be seen in the fact that Simon has been spontaneously asked for Bibles by pupils, and having supplied them, they've later confirmed they're reading them. We've also been made aware of young people attending their local church in a bid to discover more. Let next year be one where we see even more seeking to find a life of faith, rooted in God's word, and established in a church.

As we end this year, we've already secured bookings for our regular schools who simply can't get enough of us. And, wonderfully, Nonsuch Girls have suddenly contacted us, and after a short meeting booked us in for years 7-9 when they've realised what we can bring to their school. Looks like we'll be incredibly busy next year!



CHURCHES

And our relationship with our supporting churches continues to deepen and grow. Simon and Maisie have spoken at 12 fellowships over the last year, bringing the wonderful news that God is working in our schools, telling many of the stories of our impact, and how individuals are seeking answers to questions of life and faith. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received, with many joining up to pray for us, and we've had so many positive messages come into our office encouraging us.

If we haven't been to your church recently, and you'd love to hear even more about what God is doing, then please mention us to your leadership. We never tire of talking about Jesus, and would love to do so in your services in some capacity.

And we have launched our 'Giving of the 5000' appeal. We are facing, as many charities are, a funding shortfall, and we need to find the resources to enable us to continue to enter all these schools and talk Jesus. We have had so many supporters commit to giving us extra funding and we are so grateful for this increase in support. However, we are in urgent need of more, and we would encourage you all to spread the word to all your friends, and, if you feel that your church would be in a position to respond, maybe you could prompt your leaders?

However, God is good, and He has continued to supply our needs. He has provided us with so much, and we passionately believe He will carry on, as long as SSW remains in His plans.

Please pray for SSW and all our volunteers. We need His Spirit to enable us to function properly, and without Him we're going to be so ineffective. However, this last year continues to convince us that He is undoubtedly filling every element of what we are doing, and we are eternally grateful to Him for His provision and power.

Thank you for being part of the family!

Simon Ellingham

SSW Director

THE POWER OF PRAYER



Would you like to be able to pray for SSW when they need it most?

Please join our new, growing WhatsApp group, which staff use to post as they arrive at a school what they are about to do.

Praying supporters can then quickly pray for that particular activity, asking God to do amazing things.

Please contact the office on
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and have your details added.



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