

SIMBI SCHOOL HISTORY – PRIMARY & JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Motto

- **Education is power** – Junior Secondary School (JSS)
 - **Strive to excel** – Primary School
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Mission

To provide, promote, and coordinate quality education for both boys and girls, enabling them to become caring, competent, and responsible citizens.

Vision

To mold competent and dedicated individuals for both personal and national interests.

Core Values

- **Responsibility**
 - **Discipline**
 - **Integrity**
 - **Honesty**
 - **Co-operation**
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Board Members

Name	Position	Title
James Okwatch	Chairman	Overall
Geoffrey Ogutu	Vice Chairman	JSS Representative
Josephine Nyatogo	Secretary	Head Teacher
Janet Onyango	Member	SDA Sponsor
Salome Osika	Member	SDA Sponsor
Maurice Omondi	Member	Special Interest Rep

Name	Position	Title
Linda Auma	Member	Special Needs
Enosh Angiro	Member	Teacher
Evans Ochola	Member	Parent Representative
Timothy Osano	Member	Parent Representative
Millicent Ngara	Member	Parent Representative

Note: The current board members will serve until May 2025, after which a new board will be nominated for a three-year term.

School History

In **1917**, Mzee Joseph Geda Nyagwange introduced "mashambulio," meaning to mobilize or gather people to share the Christian word. After consulting with the late Chief Paul Mboya, they established **Simbi SDA Church** under a large tree on land donated by two villages, Kamuga and Kolonde. These parcels of land were contributed by the following families: Joka Kibuye, Joka Musa Okech, Joka Mbira, Joka Otiu, and Joka Joseph Geda.

Once the church was built, the need to teach people how to read and spread the word of God arose. In response, **Isaac Ogutu** and **Isaiah Mboya** joined to help with teaching. Mzee Joseph Geda, Isaac Ogutu, and Isaiah Mboya had received their training from missionaries who arrived at Gendia in 1910, bringing knowledge in **Christianity, health, and education**.

In **1921**, a single classroom was built with mud and a grass-thatched roof to accommodate learning. The school operated in shifts:

- Standard 1-3 from **7 am to 10 am**
- Standard 4 from **10 am to 2 pm**
- Standard 5 was introduced in **1965** as the intermediate school.

The local community contributed to the construction of the mud classroom, donating animals, grains, and in some cases, being forced to donate.

Teachers were initially sponsored and paid by the church until **1922**. By that year, public schools were registered under the **County Council**. Simbi, Alego, and Gendia were among the first registered schools. New teachers, including **Pastor Mathayo Wandiga** and **Atieno Kasera**, joined in **1922**.

By **1964**, **Jacob Abuto** took over as head teacher and initiated the change from grass-thatched classrooms to **iron-sheet** roofed classrooms.

In **1967**, the **Teacher Service Commission (TSC)** began employing teachers. Before that, teachers were paid by the County Council, starting in **1924**. The curriculum at the time covered English, General Paper, and Arithmetic.

History of Head Teachers (1924 – 1979)

Name	From	To
Pastor Mathayo Wandiga	1924	
Philip Oteko	1950	1959
Daniel Olweny	1959	1963
Jacob Abuto	1964	1974
Samwel Awuor	1974	1975
Mr. Okeyo	1975	1976
Mr. Oyoo	1977	1979

In **1980**, **Professor Shem Oyoo Wandiga** organized a fundraiser to replace the mud classrooms with permanent **stone-built classrooms**. The event was supported by notable figures such as **Prof. Odhiambo**, **Prof. Keya**, and **Mr. Bango Ongus**, and was a success due to the community's support. The new classrooms were built under the leadership of **Mr. Yusuf Aganda** (Chairman) and **Mr. Samwel Odeny** (Treasurer).

In **2001/2002**, the **CDF (Constituency Development Fund)** built new classrooms for **ECDE learners**. Another classroom was added in **2020** for **Standard 8** students. In **2023**, a new classroom was built by the **County Government** for ECDE students.

In **2024/2025**, two classrooms were renovated by **NG-CDF** for **Grade 6 & 7**, and a new classroom was built for **Grade 9** by **KPEEL (National Government)**.

History of Head Teachers (1980 – 2025)

Name	From	To
Timothy Riaga	1980	1982
Jairus Ogondi	1982	1983
Tiberius Akaka	1983	1984
John Kireta	1985	1988
Eliazar Ajwang'	1989	1992
Nelson Achungo	1992	1994
Peter Ouma	1994	1997

Name	From	To
Henry Osika	1998	1999
Leonard Ondiek	2000	2002
Kepha Otung'	2003	2008
Joseph Oyugi	2008	2010
George Onyango	2010	2011
Chris Osumba	2012	2016
Washington Akuno	2017	2023
Jacob Wara	2023	2024
Josephine Nyatogo	2024	

Recent & Current Statistics

Simbi Primary School Staff Establishment

Code	Name	Designation	Responsibilities
1	Josephine Nyatogo	Head Teacher	Grade 4
2	Jared Ondiek	Deputy Head	Grade 1
3	Enosh Ang'iro	Senior Teacher	Grade 2
4	Kennedy Owino	Teacher	Grade 6
5	Daniel Onditi	Teacher	Grade 5
6	Jacob Ochola	Teacher	PP2
7	Nancy Salim	Teacher	PP1
8	Lilian Odongo	Teacher	Grade 8
9	Melisa Mandera	Teacher	Grade 7
10	Sam Juma	Teacher	JSS Grade 7
11	Beryl Achieng	Teacher	Grade 3
12	Ronny Kireta	Teacher	JSS Grade 9
13	Quinter Adhiambo	Teacher	JSS Grade 7

Grade 9 Statistics:

- Boys: 29
 - Girls: 11
 - Total: 40
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SIMBI PRI School KCPE Performance Analysis

YEAR	ENG	KISW	MATH	SCIE	SSRE	TOTAL	DEVIATION
2006	46.55	37.32	43.05	52.58	47.44	226.00	—
2007	50.28	38.03	47.75	46.50	49.33	231.89	+5.89
2008	43.89	30.56	52.25	49.22	41.86	217.77	-14.12
2009	41.03	28.68	43.29	39.92	38.53	191.45	-26.32
2010	39.77	44.60	40.90	39.98	41.15	204.27	+12.82
2011	34.58	31.08	37.00	31.62	30.63	165.10	-39.17
2012	45.54	34.65	46.22	43.54	43.91	213.18	+48.08
2013	47.00	40.10	44.70	45.30	44.70	222.00	+8.82
2014	43.97	33.85	42.18	48.47	45.18	213.44	-8.56
2015	39.45	35.33	44.57	40.24	44.00	203.60	-9.84
2016	39.91	29.86	41.11	42.14	34.77	187.80	-15.8
2017	49.23	38.92	46.08	48.58	52.04	234.85	+47.05
2018	47.74	40.87	47.39	56.00	46.74	238.74	+3.89
2019	50.61	37.98	41.53	49.92	46.61	226.69	-12.05
2020	44.44	39.72	46.38	53.81	44.59	228.94	+2.25
2021	42.45	37.09	40.55	49.45	42.56	212.42	-16.52
2022	44.15	45.01	43.21	45.22	44.06	221.57	+9.43
2023	48.08	43.72	46.56	47.12	46.52	232.20	+10.15

Some of the challenges faced by the school include:

- **Flooding during the rainy season**
- **Inadequate latrines** for learners, which have not yet been adequately addressed.

Feeding Program

A feeding program has been introduced for JSS learners to reduce time wasted going home for lunch. However, the program faces challenges as parents are unable to consistently support it. Occasionally, well-wishers donate maize, rice, and beans, but the program has still faced significant challenges.

School Perimeter Fence

Over the years, the perimeter fence was in poor condition. However, with the support of the headteacher and the Board of Management (B.O.M.), the school was able to erect a new fence to prevent encroachment on the school compound. This project was successfully completed with

the contributions of **Mr. Charles Oduya**, **Mr. Ajowi Owuoth**, and **Mr. Alima**, who donated rolls of barbed wire.

Academic Term Dates

- The school calendar is subject to adjustments based on the education ministry's guidelines and changes within the community.
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Ministry of Education Office of the Principal Secretary, State Department of Basic Education 2025 Academic Term Dates

Term Schedule

Term/Period	Opening Date	Closing Date	Duration
Term 1	6th January 2025	4th April 2025	13 Weeks
Halfterm Break	26th February 2025	2nd March 2025	5 Days
April Holiday	7th April 2025	25th April 2025	3 Weeks
Term 2	28th April 2025	1st August 2025	14 Weeks
Halfterm Break	25th June 2025	29th June 2025	5 Days
August Holiday	4th August 2025	22nd August 2025	3 Weeks
Term 3	25th August 2025	24th October 2025	9 Weeks
KPSEA Exams	27th October 2025	30th October 2025	4 Days
KILEA Exams	27th October 2025	31st October 2025	5 Days
KJSEA & KPLEA	27th October 2025	6th November 2025	9 Days
KCSE Exams	3rd November 2025	21st November 2025	3 Weeks
December Holiday	27th October 2025	2nd January 2026	10 Weeks

Abbreviations and Meanings

- **KPSEA:** Kenya Primary School Education Assessment
- **KILEA:** Kenya Intermediate Level Education Assessment
- **KJSEA:** Kenya Junior School Education Assessment
- **KPLEA:** Kenya Pre-Vocational Level Education Assessment
- **KCSE:** Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

