



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12 September 2025



At St John's Stonefold Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of **Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance**.

Our School Motto is based on Ephesians 3: 17-19,
'Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly'

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week here at Stonefold with classes in full swing and the children working incredibly hard. We were privileged to welcome Lancashire Mind into school this week, who delivered an inspiring assembly focused on wellbeing for all our children. This was just the beginning of their work with us, as they'll be spending the next few weeks working closely with our Eagle and Lapwing classes. Mental health and wellbeing remain at the heart of everything we do, and having this expert support will be invaluable for our children as they develop the tools they need to thrive.



Our forest school programme has officially launched, and I'm thrilled to report that the first lessons have taken place. Watching the children explore, discover and learn in our beautiful outdoor environment has been truly magical. There's something special about seeing young minds engage with nature in such a hands-on way, and I know this will become a treasured part of their learning journey with us.

Cricket fever has returned to St John's Stonefold! Chiggy is back in school leading cricket sessions for all our children, and the enthusiasm has been infectious. It's wonderful to see

children of all abilities picking up bats and balls and having a go, developing not just their sporting skills but their confidence and teamwork too.

Our individual school photographs took place on Tuesday, and I must say every single child looked smart and ready for their moment in front of the camera. These photos capture our children at this particular moment in their school journey, and I know they'll become treasured keepsakes for families.

I'm particularly proud to announce the appointment of our new head boy and girl, and deputy head boy and girl. These children have shown exceptional leadership qualities and will be wonderful ambassadors for our school community. They've already begun taking on their responsibilities with maturity and enthusiasm.

Fantastic news regarding our Tesco blue token appeal – we won £1500! This wonderful sum has enabled us to create our forest school fire pit area, which will enhance our outdoor learning experiences immeasurably. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative.



Finally, we are now conducting school tours for parents considering St John's Stonefold for their children starting in September 2026. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange their visit.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

If you would like to arrange a guided tour of our school, please contact the office by calling in or ringing 01706 216706 or email office@sjstonefold.com



LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14

NOVEMBER - Parents/carers are invited to a fashion show on Friday 14 November in school – which will start at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets will be on sale later today via School Money (Eduspot) £6.00 each including a glass of prosecco & nibbles or 3 tickets for £15 or by calling into the office with cash (please make sure you have the correct change) tickets will be sent home with your child

CLASSES	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	★ The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Imaan & Bohdi	100%
AVOCET	Albert & Zahra	96.4%
GOLDCREST	Ethan & Ralph	98.15%
LAPWING	Haniya and Frankie	93.67%
EAGLE	Aoife & Georgia	98.93%

This week's Value Award – Quality: ASPIRATION

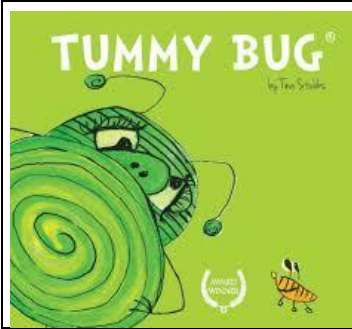
EAGLETS	Tallie she has certainly shown our school value awards by being the best that they can be.
AVOCET	Oscar always displays his very best at school and it has been wonderful to see him so excited to tackle more challenging work now he is in Year 2. He is eager and determined to aim for the stars this year and I can't wait to see all that he will achieve.
GOLDCREST	Jack P - you try so hard in all of your lessons aspiring to do and be the best that you can be.
LAPWING	Reece has shown great aspiration to improve his local area this week. He has been inspired through our geography topic that focusses on Rising Bridge and how we can improve it. Reece has created open questions for market research and supported his peers in planning fieldwork to test his findings. It has been amazing to see Reece thrive and take ownership of his learning in this way and seeing him hold aspiration to support our school and the local area in their growth.
EAGLE	Luca, you have blown us away with your amazing effort in lessons this week and the incredible vocabulary that you have been using to answer questions. You are a superstar! Keep flying high!



Team Points Winner this school year	CONKERS
Class Attendance Winners this week	EAGLETS



TIES –If anyone needs a spare tie or loses a tie – ties are on sale in the office. The price is as follows:
Elastic Ties = £3.99 (recommended for KS1)
Clip on Ties = £4.99 (recommended for KS2)



SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA & SCHOOL:

If your child has a sickness and/or diarrhoea bug please make sure that you do not bring them to school. Children with these types of illness need to stay away from school until 48 hours after the last episode.



Vomiting and diarrhoea?

- Stay hydrated
- Take paracetamol if needed
- Prevent spread
- Stay at home until 2 days after symptoms stop

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs like norovirus. Treat yourself at home while the virus runs its course.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2025

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search "school transport" at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in **September 2026** at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Please note the online system went live on **1 September 2025**.

Closing dates are:

Primary School – 15th January 2026

High School – 31st October 2025

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
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School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

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Lancashire County Council

Parking – Please Park Safely so that our children are safe.

Once again we politely request that parents park carefully, legally and safely around school at busy times. **So that we are good neighbours, please make sure that you do not park in the lane next to school, the houses at the back of school need access to their properties at all times.**

Working together, we can keep our children safe and ensure that everyone is keeping the welfare of all pedestrians at the forefront of their minds. Thank you.



Breakfast and After School Club

We have wonderful wrap-around provision in school - breakfast club starts from 7.45am and is only £5 including breakfast. After school club is from the end of the school day until 6.00 pm (please note the change of time) and costs £9 including a snack for the children.

Please do consider this as your 'go-to' for care for your child - it can be booked in advance on our school money app or phone school if it is a short notice booking. For this provision to continue, we need parents to utilise the clubs so that they are viable for the future. Thank you.





REMINDER: FOODBANK -We have a foodbank collection point in the front entrance, please do make donations as you are able, these will be collected and distributed via St James' Church. If you are struggling at all with the cost of living and providing food at home, please get in touch – we are able to refer our parents to the foodbank.

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!!

Time for Reflection

*Dear God,
Thank you for the wonderful world you have created.
Help us to appreciate the beauty around us and to take care of everything you have made.
May we live rooted and established in your love, nurturing our school family and the environment.
Guide us to grow in kindness and respect for each other and all of creation.
Amen.*

Rooted and Established in God's Love – Nurture, Grow, Fly

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 19 September		GREAT ATHLETE AFTERNOON – more information to follow
Tuesday 23 September	am	YEAR 3 CHILDREN TO VISIT ACCRINGTON STANLEY
Friday 26 September	pm – time to be arranged	MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON
Monday 29 September	am	Vision Screening for Reception Children
Friday 10 October		WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – WEAR YELLOW
Wednesday 22 October	pm	AUTUMN DISCO
Thursday 23 October & Friday 24 October	Full days	Year 6 CHILDREN BIKEABILITY
Friday 24 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Monday 3 November	8.45 am	School re-opens
Monday 3 November		FLU IMMUNISATION
Monday 10 November		ODD SOCK DAY – ANTI BULLYING – WEAR ODD SOCKS
Thursday 13 November		KINDNESS DAY
Friday 14 November		CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – WEAR SPOTS
Friday 14 November	7 pm – doors open at 6.30 pm	LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL
Monday 17 to Friday 21 November		ROAD SAFETY WEEK
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November		YEAR 6 TO HOTHERSALL LODGE - RESIDENTIAL
Thursday 27 November	am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY 18 December	1.30 pm	LAST DAY FINISH EARLY FOR XMAS BREAK

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST

School Vision: *Our vision is to live and grow together as a loving church school family, who celebrate one another's individuality. Built upon our shared Christian values, St John's provides our children with teaching of a bespoke and innovative curriculum, empowering them to flourish with the knowledge and skills for life. From our vision, we inspire our children to have uncompromising aspirations and to thrive and succeed.*