



## St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter Friday 19 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,

I'm delighted to share some wonderful experiences from our school this week. Our children have been enjoying a range of exciting activities that support their learning and personal development. In our forest school sessions, children have been exploring their creativity and problem-solving skills through den building. It's always inspiring to see them working together and using their imagination in our outdoor learning environment.

Friday saw our youngest children participating in Bikeability here at school, learning crucial cycling safety skills. These practical lessons are essential in helping our children develop confidence and understanding about staying safe while cycling; skills that can then be used outside of school.

Our Eagle class has started something new and musical this week - ukulele lessons! It's fantastic to see children exploring musical instruments and developing their artistic talents.



A highlight of our week was the visit from Paralympic athlete Antony Cotterill. His inspirational story truly resonated with our children. Antony's journey is remarkable - in 2003, he broke his neck, which left him unable to walk. However, inspired by wheelchair tennis during his recovery, he went on to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games, winning numerous singles and doubles titles worldwide. His visit was a powerful reminder of resilience, determination, and the importance of believing in oneself.

As mentioned on Dojo this week, I would like to emphasise the importance of school attendance. We aim for 96% attendance, which gives our children the best possible chance of success in their future educational journey. Regular attendance is crucial for consistent learning and progress. A quick practical reminder: please ensure all clothing items brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us ensure items are returned to the right child if misplaced. Thank you for your continued support in making St John's Stonefold such a vibrant learning community.

**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



### **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 are on sale 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



# ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD

At St John's Stonefold, we are proud to be a small village school with a welcoming atmosphere, where the children are at the heart of everything we do. Our school is a vibrant, positive place that provides a safe and enjoyable learning environment in which to learn.

### Why Choose Us?

- Caring, experienced staff team
- Loving school family
- Ambitious Curriculum
- Active learning approaches



**Book your school tour today!**

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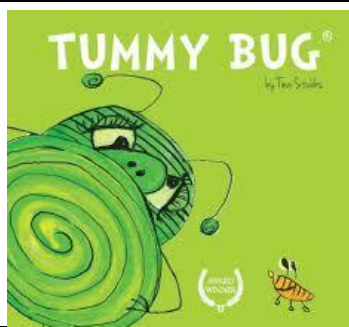
CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Poppy & Betty	98.57%
AVOCET	Ezra & Primrose	97.6%
GOLDCREST	Charlie & Jack R	94.44%
LAPWING	Ren & Ella	89.33%
EAGLE	Ellis & Arlo	92.86%
<b>This week's Value Award – Quality: GENEROSITY</b>		
EAGLETS	Alfie has been super generous in class this week with all his friends. He has been generous with his time to explain what we do in drawing club! Keep up the fantastic work!	
AVOCET	Daisie is consistently showing her generosity in all that she does. She is generous with her time, her kindness and her care. We are very lucky to have her in our classroom brightening our school day!	
GOLDCREST	Millie for being generous with her time helping others with their learning.	
LAPWING	Koby has been very generous with his time this week. He has strived to include every child in our class and encouraged children to play with him at play times. Koby has moulded the games he has played at break to follow the interests of other children and used his own expertise to allow the games that they have played to be explorative and fun! Well done Koby on being generous with your time and helping those around you thrive as well as being happy in school.	
EAGLE	Well done Jack! Thank you for your generosity this week! You are such a kind, patient and helpful member of our class and fully deserving of this award!	



Team Points Winner this school year	<b>OAK</b>
Class Attendance Winners this week	<b>EAGLETS</b>



**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?



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

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

**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 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

High School – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**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 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.

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

**CLOSING DATE**  
15 January 2026

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

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## 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.





**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*

A Prayer for Resilience:

Lord, in the face of adversity, make me resilient. Strengthen my spirit to bounce back from challenges, knowing that your grace sustains me. Grant me the perseverance to endure. Amen.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 19 September		GREAT ATHLETE AFTERNOON
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 – tickets for sale in school and via School Money
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
<b>THURSDAY</b> 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.*