



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5 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,

Welcome Back to St John's Stonefold!

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we've had! It's been absolutely delightful to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays, and I must say, seeing all our children looking so smart in their brand-new uniforms has filled me with immense pride. There's something quite special about that first week back – the excitement in the air, the fresh starts, and the eager faces ready to learn and grow.

I've been thoroughly impressed by the hard work I've witnessed across all our classes already. Our children have settled back into their learning routines with such enthusiasm and determination. It's clear that they're ready to embrace all the exciting opportunities this new school year will bring, and I couldn't be more pleased with their positive attitudes.

One thing that has particularly caught my attention is our excellent start with attendance across the school. This is absolutely vital – every day in the classroom counts, and when our children are present and engaged, they can truly make the most of their learning journey. Thank you to all our families for ensuring such a strong beginning to the year.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news about a fantastic new addition to our school grounds. Over the summer holidays, we've had a beautiful new firepit area installed, and from next week, each class will be enjoying weekly forest school sessions. This wonderful outdoor learning opportunity will give our children the chance to connect with nature, develop new skills, and experience learning in a completely different environment. It's going to be absolutely magical! Speaking of our outdoor spaces, our busy bees have been hard at work, and I'm delighted to let you know that our school honey will soon be available for purchase. Keep your eyes peeled for more details – it's going to be something quite special!

As we move forward into this new term, please do keep a close watch on our newsletter and Class Dojo for all the upcoming events and important dates for your diary. There's so much to look forward to, and we want to ensure you don't miss out on any of the wonderful things happening at St John's Stonefold.

One final request – with our exciting new forest school sessions beginning, please could you send spare trainers or wellington boots into school in a clearly labelled bag for your child. This will ensure they're properly equipped for all their outdoor adventures.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

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



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS – TUESDAY 9

SEPTEMBER We have arranged for all children to have their first official individual photograph next Tuesday 9 September. The photographer will arrive in school at 8.30 am for photographs you may want to be taken with any preschool siblings.



LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY

14 NOVEMBER - Parents/carers are invited to a fashion show on Friday 14 November in school – approx. 6.30 pm/7.00 pm – more details to follow – tickets available soon - please save the date!

CLASSES	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	★ The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Emily & Jaxon	99.19%
AVOCET	Clayton & Rory	100%
GOLDCREST	Caleb & Lillie R	95.06%
LAPWING	Oliver F & Leo H	95.56%
EAGLE	Harry & Lola-Jae	97.02%

This week's Value Award – Quality: **EMPATHY**

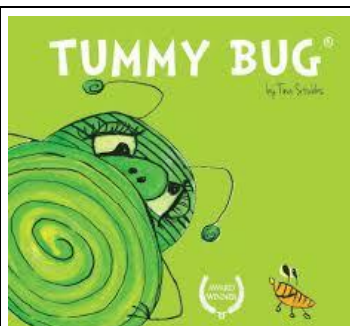
EAGLETS	Finley has shown our school value of empathy to his friends by helping them settle into school.
AVOCET	Mason - Your empathy shines brightly. You are always there to support your friends, giving them words of encouragement or cheering them along as they work alongside you. You make our classroom a sunnier place!
GOLDCREST	Presley for making our new class member feel welcome.
LAPWING	Thea is getting the 'Empathy' certificate for the care she has shown for her little brother. It is hard starting a new school, but it has been really nice to see how supportive of her sibling Thea has been and strived to make sure he settles in his new class as well as possible.
EAGLE	Jude, thank you for taking care of your classmates when they were feeling sad and for being a fantastic and caring helper with our new Eaglet friends.



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



**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 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/>



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

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

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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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15 January 2026

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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.



FREE SPORTS CLUBS START NEXT WEEK FOR KS2 CHILDREN ONLY

(Year 3,4,5 & 6) – Clubs run from 3.20 pm – 4.00 pm

Please make sure you sign your child up for new after school sports clubs on Parent App as follows:

Thursdays – KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB WITH COACH PAUL



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.



Attendance Matters

Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!**

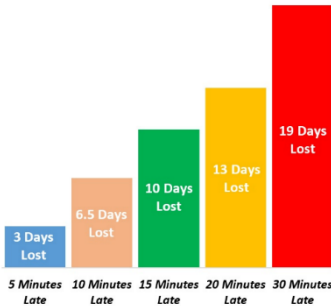


Every Day Counts....

DID YOU KNOW??? LOST LEARNING WHEN CHILDREN

ARE LATE TO SCHOOL.....

Over one academic year



Attendance	Days lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 5 years
95%		9½ days 47½ hours	9½ weeks 237½ hours
90%		19 days 95 hours	19 weeks 475 hours
85%		28½ days 142½ hours	28½ weeks 712½ hours



REMINDER: FOODBANK -We have a foodbank collection point in the front

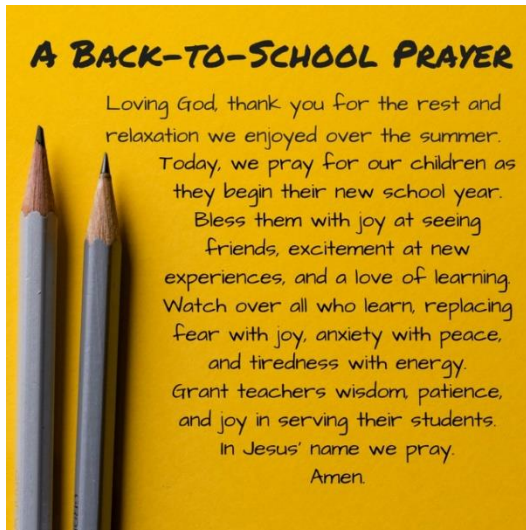
entrance, please do make donations as you are able, these will be collected and distributed via St James' Church. If you are struggling at all with the cost of living and providing food at home, please get in touch – we are able to refer our parents to the foodbank.

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

Time for Reflection

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.
 Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.
 Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.
 Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.
 Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.
 In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Tuesday 9 September	Am	SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN
Wednesday 10 September	pm	SWIMMING LESSONS START FOR YEAR 6
Thursday 11 September	3.20-4.00 pm	FOOTBALL CLUB WITH COACHES FOR ALL KS2 CHILDREN (YEAR 3,4,5,6 – please sign up on PA Connect for this club)
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
Friday 10 October		WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – WEAR YELLOW
Thursday 23 October & Friday 24 October		RECEPTION CHILDREN BIKEABILITY – LEARNING TO RIDE A BIKE
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	EARLY EVENING	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
Friday 15 November		CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY
Thursday 27 November	Am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Friday 19 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.*