



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 3 October 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,

What a fantastic few weeks we've had here at School! I'm delighted to share some of the exciting developments and achievements from our school community.

Over the last few weeks, we've been busy welcoming prospective parents for school tours for our 2026 Reception intake. It's always a pleasure to showcase our wonderful school and introduce potential new families to our learning environment. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place, please pass on our details for them to arrange a school tour.

Our children have been preparing enthusiastically for our upcoming Harvest celebration at St James' Church, which will take place next Wednesday morning. I encourage all parents to check Dojo for the latest updates about this special event.

I'm particularly thrilled to highlight our Science Selfie competition, which concludes today. The creativity and scientific curiosity of our children has been truly remarkable. Seeing them engage with science beyond the classroom and create imaginative photos at home has been incredibly inspiring.

On the sports front, I'm immensely proud to report that our children represented Stonefold brilliantly, securing victories in both football and netball against St James' school. Their sportsmanship and team spirit were outstanding, and they were exceptional ambassadors for our school.

We're also making practical improvements to our school facilities. We're in the process of transforming our shipping container into a changing area for our forest school, which will enhance our outdoor learning opportunities.

Looking ahead, I want to remind everyone about the Autumn Disco organised by FOSS, scheduled for 22nd October (before half term). Please check Dojo for further details about this exciting event.

We continue to be a school that celebrates learning, achievement, and community spirit.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER -

All Ladies & Gentlemen/Parents and Carers/Friends & neighbours are invited to a fashion show on Friday 14 November in school – The event will start at 7.00 pm (doors will open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets are on sale at the school office (please bring correct change if possible), or via School Money (Eduspot)

Tickets cost £6.00 each, or 3 tickets for £15 and include a glass of prosecco & nibbles.

Tickets bought on School Money will be sent home with your child.

School will be running a raffle at this event - more information about this to follow.

PLEASE SUPPORT SCHOOL –

– All monies raised from the sale of tickets will go to school funds!



STONEFOLD 'BEE JUICE' HONEY FOR SALE

Honey from our school bee hive now for sale in the school office. £5 per jar – please bring the correct change to the office – first come – first served! Max two jars per family – money raised will buy more



bee suits for children! – **Only a few jars left!!**



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)

CLASSES	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	★ The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Sam & Isaac	94.76%
AVOCET	Daisie & Alban	96.67%
GOLDCREST	Libby & Leo	92.5%
LAPWING	Pixie & Abdullah	89%
EAGLE	Isaac & Olive	95%

This week's Value Award – Quality: ENDURANCE

EAGLETS	Elena has continued to strive to do her best, she has pushed herself out of her comfort zone during our team building exercises.
AVOCET	Skylar amazes me everyday! She shows so much endurance, perseverance, and determination when it comes to her learning. Skylar will ensure she gives her subjects 100% effort and no less. Well done, Skylar!
GOLDCREST	Freyja for wowing me with your attitude towards your learning. You don't always find things easy but you slowly and steadily keep going showing what you are capable of achieving.
LAPWING	Learning a new skill is really difficult, but learning a new sport can be even tougher! Watching Arya show endurance with cricket this week was amazing. Arya did not let it knock her confidence when she missed the ball on the first attempt but tried even harder the second time and batted really well. Arya finished the session as one of the leading run scorers in her team!
EAGLE	Joshua, this week you have shown remarkable perseverance, focus, and commitment in everything you've done. You've shown us all what it means to keep going, to work hard, and to never give up. Well done!



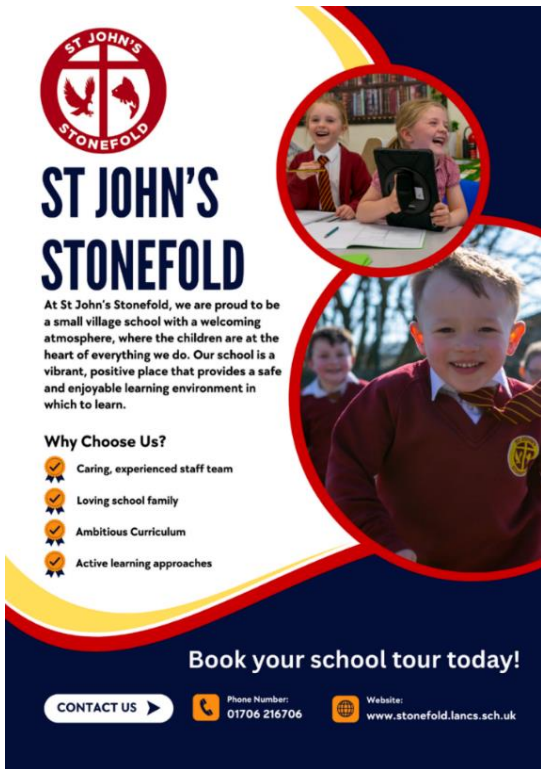
Team Points Winner this school year	BLOSSOM
Class Attendance Winners this week	AVOCET

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.





**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!

CONTACT US ▶ Phone Number: 01706 216706 Website: www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk

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!!

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/>

Closing dates are:

Primary School – 15th January 2026

High School – 31st 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)

Lancashire County Council

FRIENDS OF STONEFOLD SCHOOL (FOSS)

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS SO THAT FUNDRAISING EVENTS LIKE DISCOS, FAIRS AND RAFFLES CAN CONTINUE. YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY YOU ARE ABLE TO, AND COMMIT ONLY THE TIME YOU HAVE. CAN YOU HELP WITH...

Fundraising ideas

- Running raffles/providing raffle prizes
- Setting up/tidying away at events
- Supporting staff and FOSS at discos
- Attending school trips
- Attending periodic meetings

We will also be seeking a new chairperson from Sep '26!

FOSS HAVE RAISED FUNDS IN THE PAST FOR:

- Leavers hoodies
- Christmas books
- Class prizes
- Class books
- playground markings

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH MRS WILKINSON IN THE OFFICE.



ROSSENDALE HOSPICE APPEAL

This appeal for the Rosendale Hospice will run over a 7 week period.

Money boxes will be collected w.c 24 November– Many thanks for your support.

Time for Reflection

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today with grateful hearts for the beautiful gift of family. We thank you for the families of our school, each unique and special in their own way. We pray for your guidance and wisdom to guide them in their journey of love, patience, and understanding.

Bless the parents, the pillars of their homes, with strength and courage to lead their families with love and humility. Grant them the ability to provide for their children's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

We pray for the children, the precious jewels of their parents' hearts. May they be filled with happiness, joy, and a thirst for knowledge. Bless them with protection, confidence, and a deep love for you.

We also lift up our teachers and staff who play vital roles in the lives of these families. Bless them with patience, compassion, and wisdom to guide and nurture our children.

Lord, we ask for your grace and mercy to be upon all the families of our school. May they always find strength and support in each other and in you. May your love and peace reign in every home.

In your name, we pray. Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 10 October		WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – NON UNIFORM - WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW
Wednesday 22 October	Yr R, 1 & 2 5.30 pm-6.30 pm Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm	AUTUMN DISCO – see poster attached – please note new time slots
Thursday 23 October & Friday 24 October	Full days	Year 6 CHILDREN BIKEABILITY
Friday 24 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Friday 31 October		LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
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
Wednesday 12 November	3.30 pm onwards	PARENTS EVENING
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
Monday 24 November		Last day to hand in PENNY APPEAL boxes FOR ROSSENDALE HOSPICE
Thursday 27 November	am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Wednesday 10 December	Lunchtime	CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL
Friday 12 December	2.30 pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR – more information to follow
Tuesday 16 December	Times to follow	NATIVITY SHOWS- more information to follow
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.*