



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 14 November 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 wonderful week we've had at our school! Myself and Mr Martin have been working hard to improve our forest school area, digging out the firepit and preparing to lay stone to create a less muddy base for our outdoor learning space.

Parents' evening was a highlight this week. It was truly heartwarming to meet with parents and hear about how our children are thriving in our school community. The conversations were filled with positivity and shared achievements.

We've had several important days of reflection and awareness this week. Odd Sock Day for anti-bullying, World Kindness Day, and Children in Need Day have all provided opportunities for our children to think about helping others and celebrating our differences. To top this off, one of our pupils led an assembly with the help of Lyndon who is a world record holder and paralympic swimmer. Despite being a quad amputee, Lyndon completed a full Iron Man challenge in under 24 hours!

A particularly poignant moment was our remembrance service. The faith council, with support from Roy from St James' church, led a moving cross-laying ceremony at the war graves next to our school alongside a Live Assembly with schools from across the country. It was a special time of remembrance and respect. I'm excited to remind everyone about some upcoming events. Our Year 6 children will be heading to Hothersall Lodge next week - an exciting adventure awaits them! We also have a non-uniform day next Friday, where children can bring coloured items for our Christmas raffle. Please keep an eye on Dojo and the newsletter for more details about this.

Finally, I hope many of you can join us tonight for our ladies fashion show. It's a chance to let your hair down and enjoy something a bit different at our school. Your continued support means the world to us. Thank you all for your amazing support this week.

**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



**TONIGHT - LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER** All Ladies & Gentlemen/Parents and Carers/Friends & neighbours are invited to a fashion show. Tickets on sale at the school office £6 each or 3 for £15. School will be running a raffle at this event – TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE

RAFFLE. **PLEASE SUPPORT SCHOOL – All money raised will go to school funds to develop our Forest School and other projects!**



**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)**

### **HONEY POTS**

Please can you return your used (washed out) Honey jars to school for next years harvest. Thank you!



**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.



**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 lives in the following parishes: 1 September 2025 and 21 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-resident you must apply through your own local authority.

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

**CLOSING DATE**  
15 January 2026

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

**School transport**

It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is transported to school. Please contact your local authority for more information.

**Lancashire County Council**

## 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/>

Closing dates are: Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



ST JAMES' CHURCH HASLINGDEN

**AUTUMN Extravaganza**

**SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER**  
10am - 2pm

FEATURING  
ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD SCHOOL CHOIR  
CAFE  
JIGSAWS  
RAFFLE  
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA  
TREASURE HUNT  
LUCKY DIP

**ADVANCE NOTICE – IT IS NON UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER – Please bring an item for the Christmas Fayre Hamper raffle following the colours below – Eagle Class will be on their residential on this date and not in school.**

Eaglets Purple	Avocet Red	Goldcrest Blue	Lapwing Green
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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	Ivie & Lottie	92.38%
AVOCET	Ava & Theodore	90%
GOLDCREST	Elliot & Lily P	94.23%
LAPWING	Leo & Elijah	95.17%
EAGLE	Edward & Luca	94.64%
<b>This week's Value Award – Quality: ASPIRATION</b>		
EAGLETS	Finley he always aspires to be the best that he can be, he is an inspiration to others, we are so proud of you.	
AVOCET	Primrose never fails to show up to school putting in 100% effort and enthusiasm towards all her subjects. You are a fantastic role model and you encourage all those around you to try that little bit harder too. Well done!	
GOLDCREST	Halle for aspiring to do the best that you can do. Even when you find things tough you give your all to achieve what is expected of you. Keep giving your all and you will go far.	
LAPWING	Koby. In DT this week we have been creating prototypes to build our own cars. Design and Technology is a passion of Koby's and an area that he thrives in. Koby worked very well in a team to plan, create and build a car identifying potential successes and failures as his went along. Koby used a variety of materials and worked on the strengths within his group to create an amazing prototype. I am very excited to see what Koby can create at the end of our topic!	
EAGLE	Ethan, you have shown incredible dedication this week. You are a wonderful ambassador for our class — always setting a shining example through your effort, focus, and determination. Ethan, you truly give everyone something to aspire towards. Well done!	

Team Points Winner this week	MAPLE
Class Attendance Winners this week	LAPWING



## CURRENT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

**Monday** – Year 5/6 Dance club with Mrs Burrow, Miss Lamb and Mrs Gray – starting 17 November (there are still spaces available – if your child would like to join – please sign up via PA Connect)



**Tuesday** – KS2 – Origami Club with Miss Whiteford – starts 18 November (runs 18 Nov & 25 Nov and then 9 & 16 December – there will be no club on 2 December) – (there are still spaces available – if your child would like to join – please sign up via PA Connect)



**Wednesday** – YEAR 3 GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB with Coach Tyler (spaces available – please sign up via PA Connect)

**Thursday** – MAD SCIENCE CLUB – parents have paid for this club directly with the Mad Science Team – runs from 13 November – 11 December



**Thursday** – KS2 Football with Coach Zak – running until 11 December

**Friday** – KS1 Football with Coach Dan – running until 12 December

### *Time for Reflection*

**Dear God,**

**I come to You today  
With a prayer for children to say  
Sometimes we face challenges that seem too tough  
And we feel like giving up is not enough**

**But Lord, please help us to remember  
That with You by our side, we can conquer  
Help us to have faith and trust in You  
For You always see us through**

**When we feel like we can't go on  
Remind us that we are never alone  
You are our strength and our guide  
In You, we can always confide**

**Give us courage and determination  
To keep striving towards our destination  
Help us not to give up, no matter what  
For in You, we have the strength to overcome every cut**

**Thank you, dear God, for always being near  
And for helping us overcome our fears  
Help us to never give up and always try  
For with you, we can reach for the sky.**

**Amen.**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
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
Saturday 15 November	10 am – 2 pm	St James' Church Haslingden – Autumn Extravaganza
Sunday 16 November	3pm	St Thomas' Church Musbury Helmshore – PET BLESSING SERVICE – all welcome!
Monday 17 to Friday 21 November		ROAD SAFETY WEEK
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November		YEAR 6 TO HOTHERSALL LODGE - RESIDENTIAL
Friday 21 November		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE ITEM in the class colour
Monday 24 November		Last day to hand in PENNY APPEAL boxes FOR ROSSENDALE HOSPICE
Thursday 27 November	am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Friday 28 November		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A CHOCOLATE RAFFLE ITEM
Friday 5 December		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE FOR THE RAFFLE
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
<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.*