



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28 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

I'm delighted to share some fantastic highlights from our school community over the past few weeks. Our Year 6 children recently visited Hothersall Lodge, and what an incredible experience it was! I was immensely proud watching our children step out of their comfort zones and try new activities. They represented St John's brilliantly and even enjoyed some spine-tingling bedtime stories that added an extra bit of excitement to their trip.

We've also enjoyed some wonderful whole-school experiences recently. Our entire school visited the Blackburn Empire Theatre to watch Snow White yesterday, which was a delightful and memorable pantomime for everyone.

Absolute Football has been working closely with us this week, leading worship and providing some incredibly fun activities for our children. They ran an exciting glow-in-the-dark dodgeball session that I'm sure the children absolutely loved. They'll also be running a holiday club here at school on the 22nd and 23rd December - parents can contact the school office for more details.

This week, we're supporting our upcoming Christmas Fair on the 12th December. Today is a non-uniform day, and we're asking children to bring an item of chocolate to support this event. Your continued support means so much to our school community.

This half term, we've been focusing intensively on behaviour and attitudes in school. Each Monday, we're introducing a new focus to help our children develop important social skills. So far, we've covered moving appropriately in corridors, being polite when entering classrooms, showing respect when spoken to, and wearing our uniform correctly. Next week, we'll be concentrating on lining up properly after break and dinner times. I encourage you to discuss these positive messages with your children at home.

Don't forget our Christmas Carol Concert at St James' Church in Haslingden which is taking place on Monday 6th December from 6pm. Our Year 6 children will be presenting Christingles, our school choir will be performing, and there will be plenty of carol singing. Everyone is welcome to join us and celebrate the festive season together.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES: Please can we also ask that packed lunches contain healthy elements for our children to have the necessary vitamins they need to be able to concentrate throughout the day. We have become very concerned of late that lunches appear to contain crisps, chocolate, haribo sweets, pastries, cakes, biscuits, etc which are not healthy choices and will not give the children the energy levels they will need to last throughout the afternoon. We would expect to see COLOURFUL lunch boxes with fruit and vegetables – please see the guidance below from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



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 has a 5th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.
You must apply even if an offer for either a place is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.
If you're a new applicant, you must apply through your own local authority.
Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get in touch with them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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 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 – 15th January 2026

CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Imaan & Emily	97.14%
AVOCET	Albert & Jaxon	93.02%
GOLDCREST	Ayrton & Jack R	79.23%
LAPWING	Ayra & Brooklyn	93%
EAGLE	Minnie & Olive	95.71%

This week's Value Award – Quality: LOVE

EAGLETS	Elena has shown our school value of love this week to all her friends and teachers, she has been a truly kind and caring little girl looking out for everyone this week.
AVOCET	Mason oozes love for all those around him. He is a joy to have in our classroom with his loving, kind, friendly personality. Avocet would not be the same without him! You are a radiant beam of light!
GOLDCREST	Jacob C for showing a caring attitude towards not just children but adults as well. You think about others before yourself ensuring that they are included and feel part of things.
LAPWING	Lillie shows love in everything she does. She is a loving and caring friend to her peers. She shows a love for learning, especially in English. We love having Lillie in our class as well! Well done, Lillie.
EAGLE	Ffion, thank you for being a kind, caring and supportive cheerleader on our residential last week. You were amazing!

Team Points Winner this week

CONKERS

Class Attendance Winners this week

EAGLETS





Time for Reflection

Heavenly Father,
 Thank you for the season of Advent, a time of hope and waiting for the coming of Jesus.
 Help us to be open to your will, like Mary, and to trust in you, even when things are difficult.
 As we prepare for Christmas, may our hearts be open to those in need, and may we share
 the gifts of joy, peace, and love with our school community and beyond.

In Jesus' name, we pray.
 Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Dates	Time	Event
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	9.00 am 4.00 pm	EAGLETS NATIVITY SHOW
Tuesday 16 December	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY SHOW
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.*