



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16 January 2026



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 wanted to share some exciting updates from St John's Stonefold this week. Our staff recently had a fantastic opportunity for professional development, visiting St John's Baxenden for joint training focused on Special Educational Needs and behaviour management. It was incredibly valuable to collaborate with local schools, and we've gathered some brilliant ideas that we're looking forward to implementing. Don't forget, if you have any concerns about SEND or behaviour, please arrange a meeting with Mr Martin through the school office to see how we can best support you and your family.

This week has been full of engaging experiences for our children. Eagle class enjoyed a fantastic "move and learn" session delivered by Blackburn Rovers. The children were thoroughly enthusiastic, and the session was a great success. These sessions will be continuing for the rest of this half term. I'm excited to see what fun, energetic things the children will be doing.

I'm particularly proud to celebrate Lapwing class, who started their swimming lessons this week. They represented our school wonderfully, diving into their lessons with enthusiasm and demonstrating excellent behaviour.

On Monday, our school adviser and I conducted a comprehensive review of our current provision, visiting all classes in the morning. I'm delighted to report that she was thoroughly impressed with the learning happening across our school. I cannot express how proud I am of both our dedicated staff and our wonderful children.

I do have a couple of important notices for parents. Due to recent wet weather, our school field is currently very muddy. Could I kindly ask that children stay off the grass for the time being? Additionally, please ensure children avoid the forest school area, as we are still waiting for repairs following a burst pipe, and the area is currently unsafe. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Betty & Jett	99.52%
AVOCET	Alban & Daisie	97.41%
GOLDCREST	Freyja & Willow	97.04%
LAPWING	Elijah & Ren	98.96%
EAGLE	Esmae & Summer	99.64%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Jaxon has shown our school value of empathy by offering support and comfort to those who need it.	
AVOCET	Skylar, for always thinking about others' feelings. Her heart is filled with so much love and care, she is a wonderful friend to all.	
GOLDCREST	Lily P for always thinking of others and doing her best to include everyone.	
LAPWING	Ella, to show empathy it is important that you put yourself into someone else's shoes for a moment and understand that at times someone may find things difficult that someone else may not. Ella has done this throughout the week and been so caring and supportive to her peers in the classroom. Ella has always been on hand to support people when they need equipment to start their tasks, she has frequently offered encouragement when her friends are working and she has made sure to include everyone during playtimes. Well done Ella!	
EAGLE	Zoya - this week, you have gone above and beyond in maths, confidently stepping into a teacher role and helping your classmates understand their learning. Thank you for being an amazing role model and a true credit to our school.	
Team Points Winner this week		MAPLE
Class Attendance Winners this week		EAGLE

Time for Reflection

Dear God

We come before you today as young pupils, seeking your guidance and strength as we try our best in school. Please help us to remember that our minds and hearts are gifts from you, and with your help, we can overcome any challenge that comes our way.

Give us the wisdom to understand our lessons, the patience to persevere through difficult tasks, and the motivation to excel in all that we do. Help us to see the value in our education and the opportunities it provides for our future.

Remind us that it is not about being the best, but about giving our best in all that we do. Let us not compare ourselves to others, but instead, focus on our own progress and growth.

Lastly, bless our teachers, who guide and support us in our educational journey. May we show them respect, gratitude, and a willingness to learn.

We thank you, Lord, for the privilege of receiving an education, and we pray that you continue to guide us and give us the strength to try our best in school.

Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 23 January		LIFE EDUCATION
Thursday 29 January	3.30 pm	RESIDENTIAL TRIP INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS
Monday 2 –Friday 6 February	All week	NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK
Thursday 12 February	3.30 pm	Last day before half term
Monday 23 February	8.45 am	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM
Thursday 26 February	Am	EAGLE CLASS TO VISIT HAWORTH ART GALLERY
Tuesday 3 March		PINOCCHIO WORKSHOP – WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT
Tuesday 10 March		KS2 DANCE COMPETITION IN BURNLEY
Friday 13 March		COMIC RELIEF DAY – NON UNIFORM ALL DAY
Friday 27 March	1.30 pm	Last day at school before Easter break – finish early
Monday 13 April	8.45 am	School re-opens after Easter 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.