



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23 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 hope this newsletter finds you well. I'm delighted to share some exciting updates from St John's Stonefold Primary School.

This week has been full of engaging experiences for our children. Eagle class had a fascinating opportunity to learn from the Accrington Sea Cadets, who delivered an interesting and informative talk and workshop. Our children also enjoyed a fantastic 'move and learn' session with Blackburn Rovers, which I'm sure was both fun and educational. Lapwing children have begun their swimming lessons, which are now in full swing. It's wonderful to see our children developing their swimming skills and confidence in the water.

I'm particularly pleased to note how well our children have returned to their school routine. Our focus on attitudes and behaviour is clearly making a positive impact, and I can see the difference in how children are conducting themselves both in and around the school. Their improved behaviour is a testament to their hard work and our collective efforts.

However, I do need to address a few important matters. First, I must emphasise the importance of road safety. I kindly request that parents do not park on the zig-zags outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times. This is crucial for ensuring the safety of all our children.

I also want to discuss attendance. Our school attendance has dipped below 96% this week. While we understand that there are some bugs going around, I would encourage parents to ensure children return to school as soon as they are well enough. For guidance on determining whether your child is fit for school, I recommend visiting the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school community thrive.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



**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.

PARENT APP TIPS: You may have noticed on the **CONTENT** part of the APP that you are able to submit absences and appointment dates and times. The **CONTENT** section also links you directly to our website, shows our school menu, term dates, events and your child's class pages etc. It is also a good idea to 'refresh' your APP from time to time – to do this please go to **CONTENT** and use the 'refresh' symbol in the top right corner. If you need to add another parent or grandparent to the APP – please go to **PROFILE** (along the bottom) and add them here.

As always if you have any difficulties – please let the school office know and we will help you!



UPDATE
CONTACT INFORMATION

If any parents/carers have updated their contact details, phone numbers/addresses etc, please let school know.





NEW ATTENDANCE PRIZES FOR 96% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE – EVERY TERM

– The first prize draw will be Friday 27th March – You could be in the running to win **ONE OF FOUR PRIZES!!**:

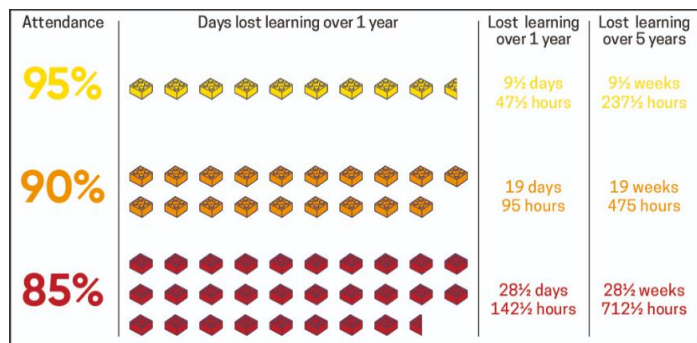
TOP PRIZE - A £40 SCOOTER OR SMYTHS VOUCHERS TO THIS VALUE or **3 X £20 SMYTHS VOUCHERS**

Attendance Matters

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



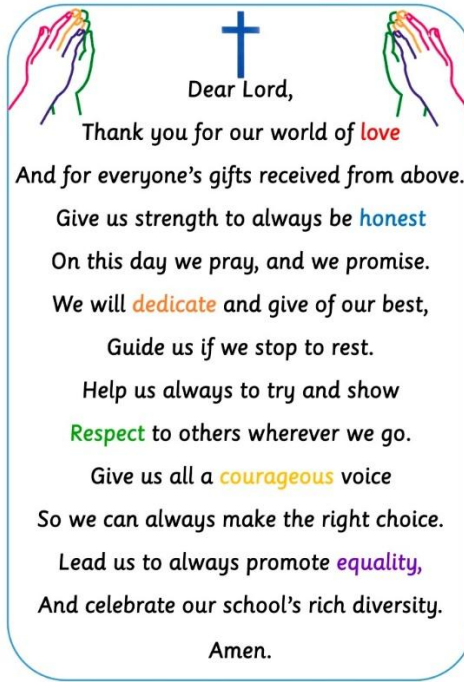
DID YOU KNOW??? LOST LEARNING WHEN CHILDREN ARE LATE TO SCHOOL.....



CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Cole & Bohdi	92.38%
AVOCET	Harriet & Isla	92.59%
GOLDCREST	Harriet & Maya	95.56%
LAPWING	Haniya & Nellie	97.24%
EAGLE	Jesse & Alice	92.86%
This week's Value Award – Quality: ASPIRATION		
EAGLETS	Poppy has aspired to be the best that they can be, putting in 100% effort each day.	
AVOCET	Jacob - for his fantastic attitude towards his writing this week and impressing us all with his retelling of a tale. It was lovely to see him striving to do his very best, to the point where he didn't even want to put his pencil down! Well done, Jacob. I am so proud!	
GOLDCREST	Abdur Rahman for his continued efforts with his learning. He aspires to achieve the best that he can and get as much out of his time at school as possible. Keep believing that you can as you are capable of great things.	
LAPWING	Ernest's aspiration in his daily life has inspired myself and all of Lapwing. Ernest has shown in recent days that he is superhuman when joining in with swimming lessons and using the apparatus in PE, not letting anything hold him back from achieving. Ernest is the only child of his age that I know who can leg press 100kg and continues to shine every day in his daily life. Well done Ernest, your aspiration is an inspiration to all of us.	
EAGLE	Ellis, you are someone who truly represents what it means to be aspirational. You work hard in every lesson, always try your best, and show a sensible, mature attitude to your learning and behaviour. You are a fantastic role model and someone others can really look up to. Well done!	
Team Points Winner this week		BLOSSOM!!
Class Attendance Winners this week		LAPWING



Time for Reflection



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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.
Tuesday 28 April	3.30 pm onwards	PARENTS EVENING
Monday 4 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY – POLLING DAY
Friday 22 May	3.30 pm	Last day before half term
Monday 1 June	8.45 am	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM
Friday 15 May	ALL DAY	EAGLETS SCHOOL TRIP – BLACKPOOL ZOO
Friday 26 June		YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
Wednesday 8-Thursday 9 July		YEAR 6 PRODUCTION – (dates might alter)
Friday 10 July	ALL DAY	GOLDCREST SCHOOL TRIP – EUREKA - HALIFAX
Friday 17 July	9 am	YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
Friday 17 July	1.30 pm	Last day at school before Summer 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.