



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 9 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

It has been a hectic start to the new school year. We had a good day on Monday and then the water pipe burst on the school field. It was unfortunate to be closed for two days but without running water, legally school had to close.

Thank you for all of your patience and understanding while we dealt with the issue to get school back up and running again. United Utilities believe that they have a contingency plan to keep our water running if there was to be another repeat of this incident.

The children have settled back into work mode now we are open again. It has been great to see them all in class with their friends, working hard and discussing what they did over the Christmas break. I'm excited to see what this term will bring to Stonefold.

This week starts the centenary year of the Diocese of Blackburn. Throughout the year, we will be working with the diocese to learn all about the past, present and future of the diocese. The focus of the year is "All for Jesus". We hope that the Centenary Year will give our children and young people the chance to give thanks for all that God has done through his people.

**Important Notices:**

- Please keep children away from the digger on the school field and the firepit area until it is repaired
- Swimming starts for Lapwing class next Wednesday
- Primary School Admissions for September 2026 closes next Thursday (15th January). Even if you have a sibling in our setting, you still have to apply for a place



**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 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**

### *Time for Reflection*

Dear God,

As we welcome a brand-new year,  
We come to you with love and cheer.  
Bless our children and families, we pray,  
Guide us through every single day.

May this year be filled with joy and peace,  
In every child's heart may it increase.  
Help them learn and grow in school,  
May they follow your golden rule.

Grant us strength and wisdom, dear Lord,  
As we face challenges and work towards our goals.  
May we always remember to be kind and true,  
And walk in the path that leads to you.

Let this be a year of growth and love,  
As we seek knowledge from above.  
Guide our families with your loving hand,  
And help us all to better understand.

Thank you, God, for a new beginning,  
For your grace and endless blessing.  
We trust in your plans for this year,  
And we know that you are always near.

Amen

**Rooted and Established in God's Love – Nurture, Grow, Fly**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 23 January		LIFE EDUCATION
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.