



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 12 February 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

We are coming to the end of a busy half term, and I wanted to share some wonderful moments and updates from our school.

Lots of good work and progress have been made in school this half term. The children all settled in well after Christmas and have been working hard to make excellent progress. Something we have been monitoring closely is the improvements in writing that the children have been making, and I must say that the work in books is a high standard. It is clear that the children are very proud of the work they are producing in class.

Our Spring Disco's are happening tonight! I am sure they will be well attended and enjoyed by both the children and staff. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and the Friends of St John's Stonefold (FOSS) who generously give up their time to deliver these exciting events for our children. This week, we celebrated Eucharist with Father Simon and some of our Governors on Wednesday. It was a special occasion where Avocet class received a blessing as part of the service. We are grateful to Father Simon for his continued support in delivering these meaningful moments for our school community.

We are also saying a fond farewell to our two teaching students this week. Mrs Foster and Mr Jackson have been excellent additions to our teaching team during their placement, and we wish them the very best of luck for the rest of their course.

Looking ahead, I'm delighted to share an exciting update about our school's bee project. After a successful first year, the hive will be returning after half term. We are currently in the process of inducting some of our eco councillors to look after the bees and are exploring the possibility of completing a Junior Beekeeping award in the summer term.

Have a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing you all soon.



Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



SPRING DISCO – TONIGHT!!

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Infants (EYFS, YR 1 AND 2) 5.30 PM -6.30 PM

Juniors (YR 3, 4, 5, 6) 6.45 PM – 7.45 PM

Children can bring up to £1 in change for the sweeties that will be on sale



We break up today for half term – We are back in school on Monday 23 February – doors open at 8.45 am



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.

Don't Forget!



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

CLASSES	★ Half Term – 'SOAR AT STONEFOLD AWARDS' (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/ Be Thankful) ★	★ ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation ★
EAGLETS	Tallie & Lottie	Finley
AVOCET	Romilly & Oscar Bear	Harriet
GOLDCREST	Livia Beth & Rico	Leo P
LAPWING	Lillie & Lydia	Pearl
EAGLE	Aoife & Edward	Joshua



★ **HALF TERM VALUE AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING SCHOOL CORE VALUES: Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance!** ★★

EAGLETS	Isaac has shown all of our school values this half term, he has made fantastic progress and lights up the room with his infectious smile.
AVOCET	Ellis for consistently demonstrating all of our school values each and every day she comes to school. Ellis has a huge heart, filled with kindness, love and care, and she is a ray of sunshine that puts a smile on all the faces of everyone around her. We are all so lucky to have her in Avocet Class!
GOLDCREST	Charlie You Enthusiastically take on board everything school offers you showing a fantastic Attitude towards your learning. You have shown great Growth in Goldcrest class – it is hard to believe that you are still only in Year 2. You give your all towards your Learning taking on board feedback and doing your utmost to include it in your work. You show an Eagerness to please and when you do your smile lights up the room. EAGLE - never change.
LAPWING	Arya has shown all of our school values with her desire and pride of her work this half term. Arya has shone across all subject areas, most recently taking a prize from me for her Times Tables. Arya is a pleasure to teach and all of the adults who work with Arya are proud of her endurance in class. Well done Arya!
EAGLE	Olive, You truly embody love and empathy through your incredible kindness and the way you treat others. You are a joy to have in our school community and a wonderful example to us all. Well done!

Team Points Winner this HALF TERM	MAPLE
Class Attendance Winners this week	AVOCET





ADVANCE NOTICE: Dinner money price increase –
The price of school dinners will increase from £2.90 to £3.00 per meal, £15.00 for a full week, from 1 April 2026.

Time for Reflection

End of Term Prayer

Dear Lord

Thank you to the teachers who have worked so hard to fill the minds of their students with wisdom and knowledge this term.

Thank you to the parents who have supported their children's learning at home, parent helped on class trips and transported children to sport and cultural activities during the term.

Bless the children as they head away on their term break. Keep them safe on their travels and may they have a restful and happy holiday.

Amen

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Thursday 12 February	3.30 pm	Last day before half term
Thursday 12 February	Yr R, 1 & 2 5.30 pm-6.30 pm Yr 3, 4 ,5 & 6 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm	SPRING DISCO TONIGHT – Please send money to the office in a named envelope – your child will not get a ticket – their name will be added to a disco list.
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 20 March	2.30 pm – time might change	MOTHERS DAY TEA PARTY
Wednesday 25 March	5-5.30 pm to arrive please	LAST CHOIR SINGING COMPETITION – MUNI THEATRE – COLNE BB8 OAE
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
Monday 18 May	ALL DAY	EAGLE CLASS TRIP TO YORK – JORVIK VIKING CENTRE
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 19 June	2.30 pm time might change	FATHERS DAY TEA PARTY
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
Tuesday 14 July	ALL DAY	YEAR 6 'SPECIAL TREAT' DAY OUT TRIP!!
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.*