



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27 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

Welcome back to all our families after the half term break. It's wonderful to see the children return with enthusiasm and energy, and we're excited about everything we have planned for the weeks ahead.

This week, we've introduced our new Relationships and Behaviour Policy across the school. Every child has been introduced to how the new system will work, and we've explained our new behaviour report card system, which we'll use for repeated low-level disruption or serious behavioural incidents. This policy reflects our commitment to supporting positive behaviour and helping all children develop the attitudes and resilience they need to thrive. Thank you for working with us to reinforce these messages at home – your partnership really does make a difference. If you'd like to find out more about the changes we've made, please do have a look at the post we shared on Dojo on Monday, which goes into greater detail about how the policy will operate in practice.

On a celebratory note, today we're marking Chinese New Year in school, and it's been lovely to see so many children dressed in red and yellow. Throughout the day, we're taking part in a range of activities as we learn about this important cultural celebration and what it means to communities around the world.

I'm also pleased to share that, after some persistence on our part, the Local Council has finally patched the road outside school and repainted our double yellow lines and zig zag markings. These safety measures are there for good reason – being on a bend, it's crucial that we keep these areas clear of parked vehicles so that all our children can get to and from school safely. I'd ask that you please avoid parking on the zig zags or double yellow lines around the school. Thank you for continuing to work with us on this important matter.

As we move through this half term, please do check the dates now published in the newsletter carefully, as we have a busy schedule ahead. We're particularly excited about the first-ever Easter performance for Year 3 and 4 here at Stonefold – this is a real milestone for us.

Next week, we're welcoming 'West End in Schools' to deliver workshops in preparation for World Book Day. The children will be exploring the story of Pinocchio through a range of fun and engaging activities. It promises to be a wonderful day filled with creativity and excitement.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St John's Stonefold.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



THANK YOU – With your help you raised a massive £286.25 for FOSS at the disco before February half term. Thank you!

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.



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



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)



FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE – Please remember

not to send your child in their best coats – things might and usually do get muddy!! – Please also make sure they have a pair of wellingtons in school in a labelled carrier bag



Monday	Lapwing
Tuesday	Avocet & Eagle
Thursday	Goldcrest
Friday	Eaglets

CLASSES	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Elena & Sam	95.24%
AVOCET	Mason & Jack HH	96.3%
GOLDCREST	Jack P & Libby	100%
LAPWING	Thea & Abdullah	95.68%
EAGLE	Luca & Ethan C	100%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Harry has shown pure empathy towards all of friends in class this week. We are so proud of him!	
AVOCET	Jaxon. You consistently show kindness and compassion to everyone around you. You are always there for your friends, offering a listening ear, a helping hand, and a caring heart. You are a real sunshine in stormy skies. We are so proud of the thoughtful, supportive, and wonderful person you are. Keep shining!	
GOLDCREST	Ethan for thinking about how others are feeling and showing care and understanding towards them. You are a quiet, thoughtful young man who shows respect towards others in school.	
LAPWING	Ren has shown exceptional empathy throughout the week. He has actively listened to his peers and consistently sought to engage with his friends in positive, thoughtful ways. Ren goes out of his way to make others feel valued, confident, and happy. Well done, Ren, for being such a caring and empathetic friend.	
EAGLE	Isaac, You are kind, respectful, and responsible in everything you do. You lead by example and make our school a better, warmer place to be. Keep shining your light and continuing to show others the importance of empathy.	
Team Points Winner this week		MAPLE
Class Attendance Winners this week		GOLDCREST & EAGLE!



Time for Reflection

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- Nurture, Grow, Fly**

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Tuesday 3 March		PINOCCHIO WORKSHOP – WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT
Friday 6 March		WORLD BOOK DAY NON UNIFORM
Tuesday 10 March		KS2 DANCE COMPETITION IN BURNLEY
Friday 13 March	2.30 pm – time might change	MOTHERS DAY TEA PARTY
Wednesday 18 March	1.05 pm	ECO COUNCIL – LITTER PICKING
Friday 20 March		COMIC RELIEF DAY – NON UNIFORM ALL DAY
Monday 23 March	2 pm and 6 pm	Year 3/4 Easter Performance – more information to follow
Wednesday 25 March	5-5.30 pm to arrive please	LAST CHOIR SINGING COMPETITION – MUNI THEATRE – COLNE, BB8 OAE
Thursday 26 March	2.45 pm	Easter Prayer Walk (parents invited – more information to follow)
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.
Wednesday 22 April	3.30 pm onwards	PARENTS EVENING – please note new date!
Monday 4 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 May	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY – POLLING DAY
Friday 15 May	ALL DAY	EAGLETS SCHOOL TRIP – BLACKPOOL ZOO
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 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.