



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13 March 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 to another Stonefold Newsletter. This week has seen lots of exciting things for our children and some future planning for developing spirituality in school.

On Monday, Coach Lee delivered an assembly about the upcoming Easter HAF club at school. It was great to see how excited the children were and some of the great activities that are on offer. The children should have come home with a letter on Monday about the club but please see the office if you need another.

On Tuesday, our key stage 2 dancers took part in a local competition organised by the Rossendale Sports Trust. A lot of hours of preparation went into event and our children were a shining example of what we strive for here at St John's Stonefold. The girls even went on to win best outfit for the competition! Thank you to Mrs Burrow and Mrs Gray for their hard work and time to allow us to compete in the event.

School staff and leaders this week have been looking at spiritual development across school. On Wednesday, the staff looked at how this can be developed in school and how children can take more of a leadership role through the Faith Council. On Thursday, Father Simon and I attended a full day conference at Ewood Park for headteachers and incumbents. This was a great opportunity to explore links between the school and church community and how to strengthen the active role that children can play in worship. We have some exciting ideas on how this will look, including a development of our forest school provision.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this afternoon at our Mother's Day Cake and Coffee afternoon here in school. Mrs Gray and the Year 6 children have organised the afternoon and have prepared a lot of delicious treats for the wonderful mothers and families in our school community. I am sure that it will be a roaring success as it was last year.

Some notices for next week: The Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in dress rehearsals for the Easter Performance and on Friday, we will be having a non-uniform for Comic Relief.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



MOTHER'S DAY INVITATION TODAY AT 2.30 PM

All parents and carers are invited for Cake and Coffee or Tea today at 2.30 pm – in the school hall.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our Easter egg raffle is on again. Tickets are priced at 20p each and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term Friday 27th March. You can start buying tickets from Mrs Burrow today! YAY! - Remember you've got to be in it to WIN it!

All proceeds go towards school funds - Thank you for supporting our school

WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGED: The school website is now: sjstonefold.com – not sjstonefold.lancs.sch.uk



THANK YOU with your help we raised £81 from our non-uniform on 27 February towards the cost of our Pinocchio Workshop on World Book Day Week last week! Your support is always appreciated!



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

ATTENDANCE

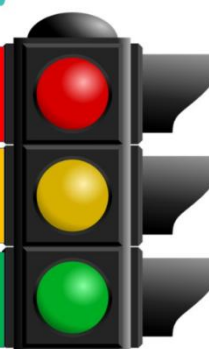
Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

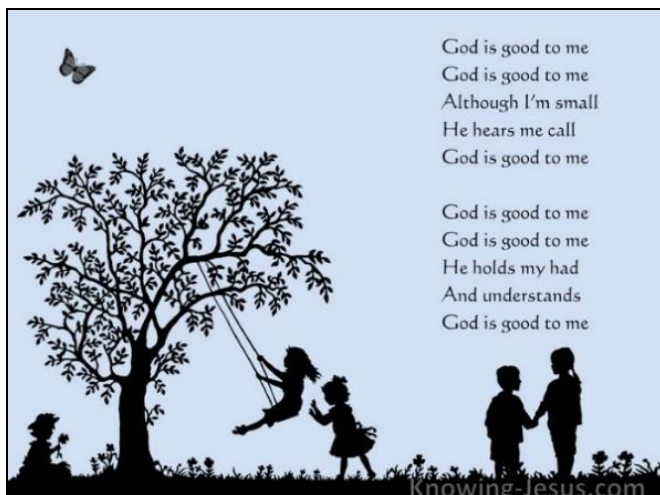
96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Ethan & Alfie	97.62%
AVOCET	Theodore & Alfie	98.15%
GOLDCREST	Millie & Elliot	99.63%
LAPWING	Brooklyn & Ren	98.62%
EAGLE	Alessandro & Ffion	94.29%
This week's Value Award – Quality: GENEROSITY		
EAGLETS	Cole is super generous with his time as he kindly talks others through their problems, he shares resources and is always generous all the time.	
AVOCET	Jack - It has been lovely to see Jack's kindness this week, trying really hard to offer kind words to his friends and share his equipment during lesson time. Well done, Jack.	
GOLDCREST	Maya for always being there to help others when needed. You can be relied upon to help and support your peers when they just need a helping hand - nothing is too much trouble for you.	
LAPWING	Owen has shown generosity this week through his support and feedback to other children in the classroom. Often finishing his work quickly and to a high standard, Owen becomes an expert in our classroom and goes around marking and giving feedback to other children. Owen conducts these conversations with care and support, showing a great maturity throughout. Well done Owen!	
EAGLE	Lola, you are our Generosity winner this week! While representing our school at a dance competition this week, you showed real kindness and thoughtfulness with your enthusiastic support for those around you. Your actions were a fantastic example of kindness, generosity and representing our school in the very best way. Well done — we are very proud of you	
Team Points Winner this week		OAK
Class Attendance Winners this week		GOLDCREST
CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE		94.94% up to 12 March 2026





TIME FOR REFLECTION

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HONEY POTS

Please can you return your used (washed out) Honey jars to school for next years harvest. Thank you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 13 March	2.30 pm	MOTHERS DAY TEA PARTY – ALL WELCOME!
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
Friday 3 July	AM ONLY	YEAR 5 BURNLEY CRUCIAL CREW CHILD SAFETY EVENT
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.