



## **St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter**

**Friday 17 April 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 another term at St John's Stonefold. I hope you all had a wonderful break over the Easter holidays and are raring to go for the summer term.

We've hit the ground running this week with lots of exciting things taking place across school. It's been fantastic to see the children return with such positive attitudes towards their learning. The energy and enthusiasm they've brought back through our doors has been truly wonderful to witness, and it's set a brilliant tone for what promises to be an engaging and productive summer term.

This week, we've welcomed Bluemoose dance company back into Eagle and Goldcrest classes, where they've been continuing their work on using active learning approaches in school. It's brilliant to see how our children respond to these different teaching methods and the way they engage with movement and creativity as part of their learning journey.

We've also had a big focus on presentation in books this week, and it's been lovely to see how the children have responded to this. The pride they're taking in their work is evident, and the quality of presentation across the school has been really impressive. When children take care with how they present their learning, it shows they value their work, and that's something we're really pleased to celebrate.

I'm delighted to share that our whole school attendance has risen to 95.3% as a result of the whole school focus on attendance last term. This is a real achievement for our school community, and it demonstrates the commitment families are making to ensuring their children are in school, ready to learn. We've re-started the 96% and above attendance raffle for this term, with some brilliant prizes up for grabs including gaming headsets, toys and vouchers. It really does pay to be in school!

There are several exciting events coming up that I wanted to highlight. Netball club started this week, and next week we have football events and orienteering activities taking place for some of our children. These opportunities are wonderful for developing skills, building confidence, and fostering a love of physical activity.

As we move through the term, our Year 6 children are fast approaching their SATs tests and are working hard to prepare for them. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and commitment to their studies. I'd like to wish them the very best of luck in their preparations over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of St John's Stonefold. We're looking forward to a busy and successful summer term ahead.

**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



**Parents Evening – Wednesday 22 April – Please book your five minute slot with your child's class teacher via ParentApp – the system will go live Friday 17 April morning at 9 am. If you need longer than a 5 minute appointment please make arrangements directly with your child's class teacher.**



**EASTER EGG RAFFLE: Thank you – with your help – we raised an impressive £272.33 for school funds!**



**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 second prize draw will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July –

You could be in the running to win **ONE OF FOUR PRIZES!!!**

**TOP PRIZE - A £40 GAMING HEADSET, a FURBY OR SMYTHS VOUCHERS TO THIS VALUE and RUNNER UP PRIZES OF 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**



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| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Lapwing</b>            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Avocet &amp; Eagle</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Goldcrest</b>          |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Eaglets</b>            |

| CLASSES   | SOAR AT STONEFOLD<br>(Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) | The School's Attendance Target is 96% |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| EAGLETS   | Harry & Ethan                                                                    | 91.67%                                |
| AVOCET    | Ezra & Harriet                                                                   | 97.69%                                |
| GOLDCREST | Hugo & Freyja                                                                    | 96.3%                                 |
| LAPWING   | Elijah & Owen                                                                    | 97.84%                                |
| EAGLE     | Jack B & Jude                                                                    | 99.11%                                |

### This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY

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| EAGLETS   | Lottie has demonstrated empathy by recognising when others are upset and responding with kind words or supportive actions, such as offering comfort or asking if they are okay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| AVOCET    | Ellis - During a recent game, when a friend was feeling upset after being out, Ellis made the selfless decision to give up her own place so her friend could join back in and feel included again. Ellis truly understands how others feel and is willing to put their happiness before her own. We are very proud of the empathy she has shown—well done!                                                               |
| GOLDCREST | Jack R for always showing kindness and understanding towards others. You take the time to listen, notice how people are feeling, and offer help or comfort when it's needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| LAPWING   | Eleanor has shown great empathy in school this week. She has used her positive relationships to create an inclusive culture within our class where everyone is valued. Eleanor has been kind to all of her peers and made sure to allow other children the chance to be involved in her games and class work. Well done Eleanor in thriving in this quality in all that you do.                                          |
| EAGLE     | Zoya, throughout the week, you have demonstrated your kind and thoughtful nature time and time again—especially during SATs club and revision sessions, where you have supported others with such patience and compassion. Because of your actions, you help to create a positive and caring classroom environment where everyone feels supported. We are so proud of you—keep being the wonderful, kind person you are! |

Team Points Winner this week

**MAPLE**

Class Attendance Winners this week

**EAGLE**

CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE

**95.4%**



# Time for Reflection



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- Nurture, Grow, Fly**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Dates                       | Time                      | Event                                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 22 April          | 3.30 pm onwards           | PARENTS EVENING – please BOOK A SLOT            |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 19 May              | 2.45 pm-3.20 PM           | SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS |
| Friday 22 May               | 3.30 pm                   | Last day before half term                       |
| Monday 1 June               | 8.45 am                   | BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM                  |
| Monday 15 June              | ALL DAY                   | LAPWING SCHOOL TRIP TO CROCKY TRAIL AT CHESTER  |
| Thursday 18 June            | AM ONLY                   | LAPWING SCHOOL TRIP TO HAWORTH ART GALLERY      |
| Friday 19 June              | 2.30 pm time might change | FATHERS DAY TEA PARTY                           |
| Friday 26 June              |                           | YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE ST GEORGE'S CHURCH       |
| Thursday 2 July             | ALL DAY                   | AVOCET SCHOOL TRIP TO BROCKHOLES NATURE RESERVE |
| 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.