



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24 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

What a wonderful week we've had here at school. The sunshine has brought such energy to our community, and it's been lovely to see the children making the most of the warmer weather. We've started using our field at playtimes again, which is always such a special time of year. There's something magical about those first sunny days when the children can really stretch their legs and enjoy the outdoor space.

We've also been fortunate to welcome work experience students from Haslingden High School this week. It's been great to see them working alongside our pupils in the classrooms and at playtimes. They've shown real dedication and enthusiasm, and we're very grateful for the hard work they've put in. It's a pleasure to support young people as they gain valuable experience in an educational setting.

I'm delighted to share some fantastic achievements from our children this week. Our school football team competed in a tournament on Thursday evening, and whilst the results were mixed – we lost 2, drew 1 and won 1 – Mrs Burrow was immensely proud of their performance and commitment. One of our players was even presented with the player of the tournament award, which is a tremendous honour. I'd like to extend my thanks to Mrs Burrow for organising the event and providing such excellent care and support to the team throughout the evening. On the same evening, I had the privilege of taking a group of Year 6 children to an orienteering competition at Marl Pits. The children demonstrated excellent map-reading skills and achieved some really impressive times. Although they finished just outside the medal places, for a first attempt at this level of competition, their performance was incredible. They should feel very proud of themselves.

I do need to bring a couple of important matters to your attention. We have begun transforming our garden area on the field into a memorial garden dedicated to our late Chair of Governors, Shirley Adams. An opening ceremony will take place in May, and I'd ask that you keep children away from this area for the time being as we continue with the preparations.

With the warmer weather upon us, I'd also encourage you to apply sun cream to your children before they come to school on days when UV levels are high. As always, children will have access to their water bottles throughout the day, which becomes even more important during the sunny months.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P Burns

Headteacher

Mr D Martin

Deputy Head



ADVANCE WARNING: Week commencing **Monday 4 May** school is closed for Bank Holiday Monday and due to school being used as a POLLING STATION, school is also closed on Thursday 7 May for what should be POLLING DAY - Unfortunately, this year, this area *is not* having a local election – however, school is still closed to all pupils. (Thursday 7 May is an INSET DAY for staff training) – We re-open again on Friday 8 May.



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 16th 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



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	Alfie & Emily	98.57%
AVOCET	Romilly & Dexter	97.04%
GOLDCREST	Livia-Beth & Lily P	99.64%
LAPWING	Rose & Ella	98.33%
EAGLE	Taya & Isaac	99.29%

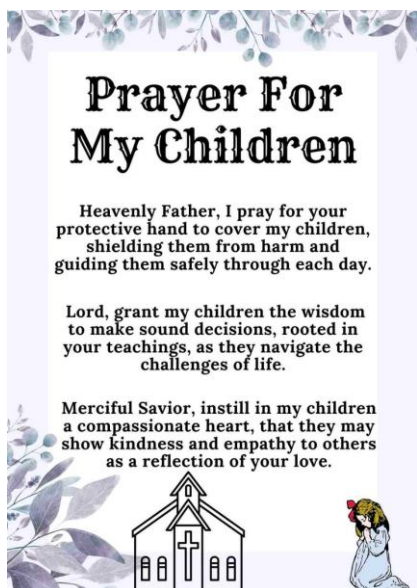
This week's Value Award – Quality: **ASPIRATION**

EAGLETS	Jett consistently demonstrates a strong sense of aspiration in his learning, approaching each day with determination, curiosity, and a genuine desire to improve.
AVOCET	Rory for always trying his best and never giving up. We are so proud of your aspiration!
GOLDCREST	Rico - You have worked hard, believed in yourself and tried your very best, even when things felt tricky. You never gave up and showed that you want to learn, improve and achieve your goals. We are so proud of your positive attitude and determination!
LAPWING	Nellie has shown great aspiration to constantly improve and learn giving amazing effort across all subject areas. Nellie realised how her own aspiration is thriving in her learning when she said during a maths lesson "I like this, it is easy". We are very proud of all the work Nellie has put in, keep up the hard work!
EAGLE	Daisy, you consistently go above and beyond in your learning, always pushing yourself to achieve more. Your positive attitude is amazing and your desire to succeed shows us exactly what aspiration is all about. You are really reaching for the stars, well done!

Team Points Winner this week	CONKERS
Class Attendance Winners this week	99.64% - Goldcrest
CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE	95.2%



Time for Reflection



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

ALL WELCOME AT OUR PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICES

24th May

**9.15am
St Thomas'
Musbury**

**10.45am
St James'
Haslingden**

**These are
All Age
Parade
Services**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
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
Tuesday 7 July	2.15 pm	GUITAR STUDENTS PERFORMANCE – GUITAR STUDENTS PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND
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.