



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22 May 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 busy and exciting week we've had at St John's Stonefold! There's so much to share with you all. Our Year 6 children had a wonderful trip to York this week, visiting the Jorvik Viking Centre and DIG. It was a fantastic day out, and the children were absolutely captivated by the fascinating facts they learned about how the Vikings lived. These kinds of experiences really bring learning to life, and it was brilliant to see them so engaged and enthusiastic.

I'd like to take a moment to talk about uniform, as we've noticed a rise in children not wearing the correct uniform this week. We've seen issues with ties not being worn, jewellery that doesn't meet our uniform policy, and trainers instead of proper school shoes. Additionally, some children haven't had their PE kits in school. I know uniform might seem like a small thing, but it's an important part of our school identity and helps us maintain standards across the board. Please do have a chat with your child about getting back on track with this, and if you need a reminder of our uniform expectations, you'll find full details on our website.

On a more positive note, I'm delighted to tell you about the Eco breakfast meeting we hosted this week. Mrs Burrow and Mrs McGrath did a fantastic job welcoming teachers from local schools who came to see all of the amazing eco and forest school work that's been taking place here. It was wonderful to showcase what our children and staff have been achieving in this area, and we've had some really positive feedback from our visitors.

Before we break for half term, I do want to mention that attendance has dipped this week with illnesses and some term time holidays. We understand that children do get ill from time to time, and we're sympathetic to that, but it's really important that children are in school whenever they possibly can be. Please do get them back in as soon as they're well enough.

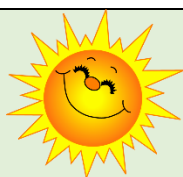
I'm also delighted to announce that we've appointed a new teacher to join us in September. Mr Patterson will be joining us on a part time basis to replace Miss Dunn, who left us at Christmas. He brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we're really looking forward to welcoming him to our team. He'll be coming into school before the summer holidays so he can meet the children and get to know everyone.

Finally, everyone deserves a well-earned week off next week. Please be safe when you're away from school, and we look forward to seeing you all after half term.



Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



We break up today for the May half term holiday at 3.20 pm – We are back in school on Monday 1 June – doors open at 8.45 am



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.



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)



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

CLASSES	★ Half Term – 'SOAR AT STONEFOLD AWARDS' (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/ Be Thankful) ★	★ ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation ★
EAGLETS	Bohdi & Mabel	Tommy
AVOCET	Scarlett & Oscar	Darcie
GOLDCREST	Caleb & Ralph	Sophia
LAPWING	Kelsea & Muhammad-Yusuf	Myles
EAGLE	Jude & Evelina	Ethan



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



EAGLETS	Lottie has shown all of our school values this half term, she's gone above and beyond to look after everybody. She is a true credit to Eaglets class.
AVOCET	Throughout this whole half term, I have been so proud of you Jaxon. You seem to be shining brighter each and every day! You are an all-round super star, consistently demonstrating our school values. Well done
GOLDCREST	Millie is a thoughtful and determined child who quietly shows her values every day. She notices when others are upset and gently comforts them, showing true E mpathy by understanding how they feel. She dreams big and works hard to achieve her goals, never giving up even when learning feels challenging, demonstrating strong A spiration and E ndurance. Millie is always willing to share her time, ideas, and belongings, reflecting a natural G enerosity that brings joy to those around her, as acts of giving can foster kindness and connection. Above all, she treats everyone with warmth and respect, showing L ove in her words and actions, making her a positive and inspiring member of her class.
LAPWING	Abdullah - This half term has shown Abdullah encompass all of our school values. He has consistently held high expectations of himself but also those around him with the conversations that he has held and the way he has modelled behaviour. Abdullah enjoys learning and has even joined myself in supporting the Eagle children in their preparation for SATs. Abdullah is a fantastic role model for all children in the school, well done!
EAGLE	Daisy, you have shown such dedication to your learning this term, always pushing yourself to achieve your very best and never giving up when faced with challenges. You are a lovely member of our class community who demonstrates all of our school values so naturally. You're a superstar!

Team Points Winner this HALF TERM

MAPLE HALF TERM WINNERS REWARD NON UNIFORM FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

Class Attendance Winners this week

AVOCET 97.78%

CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE

95.1% up to 21 May 2026



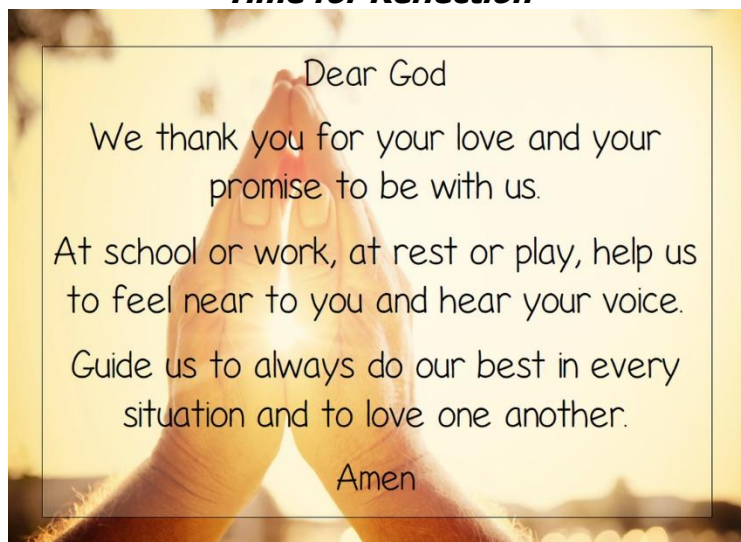
SUMMER FAIR – FRIDAY 26 JUNE – 1.30-4.00 PM

Our school summer fair is taking place on 26th June on the school field. In the past, we have had bakery, toy and craft stalls among many others. If you would like to hold a stall, please contact the school office on 01706 216 706.

There is a charge of £15 per stall to be paid before the event.

If the weather isn't great, we will be using classrooms for the event.

Time for Reflection



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

Curious Cats Community
MAY HALF TERM MUDDY MEET UP
Victoria Park, Cambridge Street
Haslingden

WEDS 27TH MAY 10AM – 12PM

Join me at Victoria Park for a fun filled, learning experience in the great outdoors. We have a tyre swing, a hammock, obstacle courses, den building, nature crafts, mud kitchen, tool bench and team games. Throughout the session, there is an opportunity to try fire lighting and cook a tasty treat!

£7.50 per child incl. drinks and campfire treats for everyone!
Under 2's and brews are always free!
Private group session for bookings of 10 or more are available from 1-3pm.

BOOK NOW
Contact Nicola@CuriousCatsCommunity
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 22 May	3.20 pm	Last day before half term
Monday 1 June	8.45 am	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM
Thursday 4 June	4.30 – 6.00 pm	NEW RECEPTION 2026 PARENTS EVENING
Friday 5 June	Pm	SPORTS AFTERNOON – WEATHER DEPENDENT
Friday 12 June	All day	MAPLE TEAM (GREEN) REWARD NON UNIFORM DAY!
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	Pm	SPORTS AFTERNOON – (BACK UP DAY)
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 26 June	1.30-4.00 pm	SUMMER FAIR
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.