



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

### **Friday 10 July 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 at St John's Stonefold, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic opportunity on Monday when they visited The Hollins to work on some Design and Technology projects. Being able to access the high school resources and facilities was really valuable, and the children found the experience very interesting and informative. It's these kinds of partnerships that enrich our curriculum and give our children a real flavour of what lies ahead.

Meanwhile, Year 6 and their Reception buddies created a truly special moment this week with their teddy bear's picnic on the field. There's something rather magical about watching our oldest and youngest children together, and the sight of them sitting on the grass with their teddies from home was absolutely lovely. These are the memories that stay with children, and I'm grateful to the staff for creating such thoughtful experiences.

This morning, Goldcrest class set off on their trip to Eureka, and the excitement was palpable. What made this occasion even more special was that one of our pupil's dad was actually driving the train – a wonderful connection between home and school that the children will remember for years to come.

Of course, this week has also seen our Year 5 and 6 children perform their show, "The Wrong Way Round". Despite the rather warm weather we've been experiencing, both performances were absolutely fabulous, and the children did themselves proud. The hard work and dedication of our staff behind the scenes has been tremendous, and I want to extend a particular thank you to Mrs Gray, who has been the driving force of the production from start to finish. These performances showcase not just the talents of our children, but the commitment of our team to providing rich, memorable experiences.

As we head into our final week of term, I wanted to take a moment to mention attendance. Our whole school attendance is right on the line of 95%, and it's important that we maintain this standard. Next week promises to be full of fun and exciting things happening across the school, so please do ensure your child is in school every day. Perfect attendance matters, and your support in getting your children in each day helps us all finish the year on a real high.

Thank you for being part of our school community.



**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



**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 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**



**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<br>(Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ★ The School's Attendance Target is 96% |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| EAGLETS                                           | Ivie & Jett                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 96.19%                                  |
| AVOCET                                            | Jack HH and Oliver B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 94.81%                                  |
| GOLDCREST                                         | SCHOOL TRIP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 98.93%                                  |
| LAPWING                                           | Brooklyn & Rose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 98%                                     |
| EAGLE                                             | Georgia & Esmae & Yr 5 & 6 for the production!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 98.57%                                  |
| <b>This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                         |
| EAGLETS                                           | Mabel is always empathetic towards her friends in school and goes above and beyond to look out for everyone, well done superstar!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
| AVOCET                                            | Scarlett-Rose - for always striving to be the best friend she can be, for making sure all those around her feel loved and cared for. Well done, Scarlett.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                         |
| GOLDCREST                                         | SCHOOL TRIP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |
| LAPWING                                           | Reece has shown amazing empathy throughout this week, especially when learning and acting out the school play. I have been blown away with his enthusiasm and excitement whilst performing, with so many different adults and children noticing how impressed they have been with his performance. Reece's empathy shone through when I saw him helping other children recap the moves of the dance routines last minute and encouraging everyone before they went on stage. Well done Reece! |                                         |
| EAGLE                                             | Minnie - you have been an incredible stagehand during our performance this week. You have been reliable, hardworking, and always willing to put others first. Your positive attitude and caring nature have made a real difference, and you have been an absolute superstar! Thank you!                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                         |
| Team Points Winner this week                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>OAK</b>                              |
| Class Attendance Winners this week                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>GOLDCREST</b>                        |
| CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FIGURE            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>95.0%</b>                            |



### **ECO CLUB NEWS: THE VOTE WILL OPEN ON 3 AUGUST 2026:**

We have exciting news – Once again, Mr Burns has been successful in his application to be a part of the **Tesco Tokens Scheme**, if you remember in 2023 we were successful in our bid and received £500, and then again in 2025 we won the first prize £1500. School will have the opportunity to have a



customer vote in Baxenden Express Store, Accrington Abbey Street Express Store, Oswaldtwistle Mill Express Store and Accrington

Extra Tesco. Voting will start in August so we are asking if you can support us and put any blue tokens collected in our section of the stand so that we have a chance to win! **If you do not use any of the Tesco stores we have listed– please bring any blue tokens into school and we will ensure they are taken to the correct store to vote**

Our school project this time is entitled: Polytunnel Project, and focuses on improving our outdoor environment and will let children grow fruit and vegetables all year; providing a steady supply of fresh produce for breakfast clubs, healthy snacks, cooking and wellbeing activities. The first prize is £1500, second prize is £1000 and third prize is £500.

Voting will commence in store from the first week of August 2026 until the end of November 2026. We would love it if you could help us to win the top prize – thank you in anticipation of your support!!



### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE EXPANDING – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:**

**From September 2026, more children will be able to get free school meals. If your family receives Universal Credit, your child will be entitled to a free, nutritious school meal every day.**

#### **What do I need to do?**

Check if you receive Universal Credit and whether your child is currently receiving a free school meal. If they are not, please apply.

Have ready: the benefit claimant's date of birth and National Insurance Number

#### **Who can get free school meals?**

From September 2026, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. The current £7,400 household income cap is being removed.

#### **When does this start?**

The new rules will begin at the start of the 2026/27 school year (September 2026).

#### **How will this help families?**

Families who receive Universal Credit could save up to £495 per year for each child on school lunches. For families with more than one child, this can make a real difference to day-to-day household budgets.

#### **Why should I apply?**

Applying means your child can receive a free, healthy meal every school day, supporting their health, wellbeing and learning. Even if your child sometimes chooses packed lunches, registering still matters. It helps schools understand what support pupils may need and can unlock other help, such as support with trips or activities.

#### **Will this affect me or my child negatively?**

No. Applying for free school meals:

does not affect your benefits or immigration status

does not mean your child has to take a school meal if they do not want to

does not label or single out your child

does not reduce support for other pupils

Schools treat this information confidentially.

#### **How do I apply?**

You will need to apply if your child is not currently receiving free school meals.

Applying usually only takes a few minutes by visiting **[lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)** and clicking on free school meals.

### ***Time for Reflection***

Loving God,  
Thank You for the blessing of our school family. We pray for all our children, families, staff and governors. Fill our hearts with kindness, joy and hope, and guide us in all that we do.  
May our school continue to be a place where everyone feels loved, valued and safe. Bless our homes, strengthen our friendships, and help us to shine Your light in our community.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

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

| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b> |                |                                                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dates</b>                | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Event</b>                                    |
| <b>Friday 10 July</b>       | <b>ALL DAY</b> | <b>GOLDCREST SCHOOL TRIP – EUREKA - HALIFAX</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 14 July</b>      | <b>ALL DAY</b> | <b>YEAR 6 'SPECIAL TREAT' DAY OUT TRIP!!</b>    |
| <b>Friday 17 July</b>       | <b>9 am</b>    | <b>YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY</b>                  |
| <b>Friday 17 July</b>       | <b>1.30 pm</b> | <b>Last day at school before Summer break</b>   |

**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.*