



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11 September 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,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see how quickly we have got back into the swing of things. The children have returned with fantastic attitudes to learning, and there has already been some excellent work taking place in classrooms across the school. It has been a pleasure to see children so engaged, enthusiastic and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.

This week we have also launched our new Behaviour Curriculum, which is rooted in our Christian vision and EAGLE values. The curriculum explicitly teaches the routines, manners and behaviours that help every child to flourish, both in school and beyond. Through regular teaching and practice, we are helping children to develop positive habits, good manners, respect for others and strong character. Our 'Soar at Stonefold' expectations encourage all pupils to Do Their Best, Respect Others, Make Good Choices and Be Thankful.

A reminder that we are now a smartphone-free school. Thank you for your support in helping us create a positive, focused and safe environment for all children.

Our after-school sports clubs have now started. If your child would still like to take part and has not yet signed up, please contact the school office to see what spaces may still be available.

We have also had a very exciting visit from the Mad Science team this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the demonstrations and experiments that took place during worship, and there was certainly plenty of excitement and wonder across the school! We are delighted that Mad Science will also be running an after-school club this term.

This afternoon, we are looking forward to welcoming members of our church community into school as we join together in celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese. It is always special to strengthen the links between our school, church and wider community, and we are grateful for their support.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr P Burns

Headteacher

Mr D Martin

Deputy Head

PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER



A school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 15 September taking individual photographs of all pupils – if any pupils have a pre-school sibling that they would like to have photographed please arrive in school from 8.30 am onwards.

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

If you would like to arrange a guided tour of our school, please contact the office by calling in or ringing 01706 216706 or email

office@sjstonefold.com

Parking – Please Park Safely so that our children are safe.

Once again we politely request that parents park carefully, legally and safely around school at busy times. **So that we are good neighbours, please make sure that you do not park in the lane next to school, the houses at the back of school need access to their properties at all times.**

Working together, we can keep our children safe and ensure that everyone is keeping the welfare of all pedestrians at the forefront of their minds. Thank you.



REMINDER - ECO CLUB NEWS: THE VOTE is NOW OPEN:

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 has started in the above stores and will finish at 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!!



Breakfast and After School Club

We have wonderful wrap-around provision in school - breakfast club starts from 7.45am and is only £5.50 including breakfast. After school club is from the end of the school day until 6.00 pm (please note the change of time) and costs £9.50 including



a snack for the children. Please do consider this as your 'go-to' for care for your child - it can be booked in advance on our school money app or phone school if it is a short notice booking. For this provision to continue, we need parents to utilise the clubs so that they are viable for the future. Thank you.



REMINDER: 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.

	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD ★ (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
CLASSES		
EAGLETS	Jude and Brianna	98.33%
AVOCET	Ivie and Finley	97.08%
GOLDCREST	Sophia & Alban	98.93%
LAPWING	Grace & Harriet	97.14%
EAGLE	Carter & Muhammad-Yusuf	98.4%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Teddy is the most empathetic little boy in the world, he is there for everyone in Eaglets classroom, always putting himself before others. What a shining superstar 😊	
AVOCET	Theodore- for showing empathy and kindness to the younger Year 1 pupils in our classroom.	
GOLDCREST	Skylar - for showing great empathy towards others. You make great efforts to check in with others asking them if they are having a good day.	
LAPWING	Livia-Beth has shown amazing empathy this week as we have focussed on our behaviour curriculum. Livia-Beth has greeted each of her peers and the adults in the classroom with a warm smile and a polite welcome each morning starting each day of the week off in a positive way. She has made such a difference to the start of each learning moment putting a smile on everyone's face! Well done Livia-Beth.	
EAGLE	Arya, you are our Empathy Value Winner! You have settled back in to school so well, with a warmth and enthusiasm for learning. It has been a joy to have you in class this week and your kindness and care were much appreciated during our return to school. Well done!	
Team Points Winner this week		BLOSSOM
Class Attendance Winners this week		GOLDCREST



Attendance Matters

Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!**



Over one academic year



SCHOOL.....

DID YOU KNOW??? LOST LEARNING WHEN CHILDREN ARE LATE TO

Attendance	Days lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 5 years
95%		9½ days 47½ hours	9½ weeks 237½ hours
90%		19 days 95 hours	19 weeks 475 hours
85%		28½ days 142½ hours	28½ weeks 712½ hours

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!!

Time for Reflection

Dear Lord,

We thank You for our wonderful children, families and staff. Bless us as we learn, grow and journey together.

Help our children to do their best, show kindness to others and make good choices each day. Fill our classrooms with happiness, curiosity and friendship. Give strength and encouragement to our families and help us to support one another with love and understanding.

May we be rooted in Your love, guided by Your wisdom and inspired to use our gifts to make a positive difference in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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



HERITAGE DAY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

10.00AM -4.00PM

St James' Church, Haslingden

Interested in local history? Come and learn more...

- Tour the bell tower
- Discover local war heroes
- Study Church artefacts
- Explore birth and death registers
- Find family church kneelers



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 9 September		Swimming Lessons start for EAGLE
Saturday 12 September	10am – 4 pm	HERITAGE DAY at St James Church, Haslingden – all welcome!
Tuesday 15 September	Am	SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS BEING TAKEN
Friday 25 September	2.30 pm	MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON
Mon 28 & Tuesday 29 Sept		YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY COURSE
Wednesday 7 October		HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST JAMES CHURCH, HASLINGDEN
Friday 9 October		NON UNIFORM – WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY ON SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
Wednesday 14 October		YR2 AND YR 6 children to have Fire Safety Talks by the Fire Service
Monday 19 October	3.30 pm	HOTHERSALL LODGE YR 5 & 6 PARENTS MEETING
Wednesday 21 October	EYFS & KS1: 5.00-6.00 KS2: 6.15-7.15	AUTUMN DISCO – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
Friday 23 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Monday 2 November	8.45 am	School re-opens
Wednesday 11 November		PARENTS EVENING – more information to follow
Friday 13 November		CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Non uniform donation to CIN
Monday 16 November		ODD SOCK DAY – full school uniform with odd socks
Wed 18 – Friday 20 November		HOTHERSALL LODGE RESIDENTIAL TRIP – YR 5 & 6 STUDENTS
Friday 20 November		NON UNIFORM FOR COLOUR RAFFLE – more info to follow
Monday 23 November	pm	GREAT ATHLETE AFTERNOON – more info to follow
Thursday 26 November	Am	ALADDIN PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Friday 27 November		NON UNIFORM – BRING A BOTTLE – more info to follow
Friday 4 December		NON UNIFORM – BRING CHOCOLATE – more info to follow
Friday 7 December	6-7 pm	CAROL SERVICE AT ST JAMES CHURCH, HASLINGDEN
Friday 11 December	2-4 PM	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & CHRISTMAS FAIR IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 15 December		NATIVITY & CHRISTMAS SHOWS – more info to follow
Wednesday 16 December		CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY
THURSDAY 17 December	1.30 pm	LAST DAY FINISH EARLY FOR XMAS 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.*