



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

### **Friday 10 October 2025**



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,

I wanted to share some wonderful moments from our school this week. I've been showing prospective parents around again this week, and it's been fantastic to witness the incredible hard work happening in our classrooms and the exceptional behaviour of our children. I'm always proud to show visitors around our lovely school.

Our school nurse drop-in session was well attended this week, providing valuable advice to parents. The session will be repeated next month, so please keep an eye on Dojo for the specific dates.

We marked World Mental Health Day/Hello Yellow Day and World Forest School Day with a special event on Friday. Everyone wore yellow, and we spent time learning about supporting ourselves and others who might be feeling sad. A big thank you to Mrs Burrow for organising such an important day.

I'm particularly proud to celebrate two amazing achievements this week. Our girls' football team played against St James' after school, with two of our girls scoring in their very first competitive game - what a milestone!

We also had our first visit to Church since I joined the school. Each class performed something special, and we walked back to school afterwards. It was a huge success, and I'm grateful that so many parents stayed to watch. Thank you to all the helpers who supported us on this trip.

A quick reminder about communication: Dojo is a key platform for school updates, alongside the Parent App and this newsletter. I urge all parents to ensure Dojo notifications are enabled so you don't miss any key events.

Next Wednesday, we're looking forward to a special visit from Bishop Phillip, who will be meeting with our faith council. It's an exciting opportunity for our children.

Hoping you have a lovely weekend and I may see some of our Year 3s at the Accrington Stanley game on Saturday.

**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



### **LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

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**All Ladies & Gentlemen/Parents and Carers/Friends & neighbours** are

invited to a fashion show on Friday 14 November in school – The event will start at 7.00 pm (doors will open at 6.30 pm)

Tickets are on sale at the school office (please bring correct change if possible), or via School Money (Eduspot)  
Tickets cost £6.00 each, or 3 tickets for £15 and include a glass of prosecco & nibbles.  
Tickets bought on School Money will be sent home with your child.

School will be running a raffle at this event - more information about this to follow.

**PLEASE SUPPORT SCHOOL –**

– ***All monies raised from the sale of tickets will go to school funds!***



**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)**

CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Isabella & Tommy	98.1%
AVOCET	Joey & Oliver	97.92%
GOLDCREST	Rico & Safa	94.53%
LAPWING	Eleanor & Muhammad-Yusuf	92.67%
EAGLE	Daisy & Erinn	97.86%
<b>This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY</b>		
EAGLETS	Harry has shown empathy towards his friends in school this week and offered a kind hand to those who need it. We are so proud of him!	
AVOCET	Isla always displays our school values in all that she does, she is a true friend to all and a joy to have in the classroom. She radiates love and shows an abundance of empathy to all her friends and the adults in the classroom. Thank you for being your amazing self, Isla!	
GOLDCREST	Livia-Beth for showing great care and concern towards another member of the class asking after them when they had had an accident. How kind.	
LAPWING	Millie has shown great empathy when supporting the younger children in school. Millie gives up a lot of her own free time to help these children during transition times and whilst eating their dinners. I have even seen Millie wiping snotty noses!	
EAGLE	Ethan thank you for showing us that small acts of kindness really can make a big difference and for being an amazing mini-teacher!	



Team Points Winner this school year	MAPLE
Class Attendance Winners this week	EAGLETS

### 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.



## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE**  
31 October 2025

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

**School transport**

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

**Lancashire County Council**

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in **September 2026**  
 at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Closing dates are: Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026/High School – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

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15 January 2026

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## ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD

At St John's Stonefold, we are proud to be a small village school with a welcoming atmosphere, where the children are at the heart of everything we do. Our school is a vibrant, positive place that provides a safe and enjoyable learning environment in which to learn.

### Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Caring, experienced staff team
- ✓ Loving school family
- ✓ Ambitious Curriculum
- ✓ Active learning approaches



Book your school tour today!

CONTACT US



Phone Number:  
01706 216706



Website:  
[www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk)



## 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.

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

FRIENDS OF STONEFOLD  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

# AUTUMN DISCO!

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

INFANTS 5.30 - 6.30PM

JUNIORS 6.45-7.45PM

TICKETS £3

(INCLUDES A DRINK AND CRISPS)

SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE  
IN A NAMED ENVELOPE

SWEET STALL AND  
GLOWSTICKS FOR SALE ON  
THE NIGHT. SEND YOUR  
CHILD WITH COINS!



## FRIENDS OF STONEFOLD SCHOOL (FOSS)

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS SO THAT FUNDRAISING  
EVENTS LIKE DISCOS, FAIRS AND RAFFLES CAN CONTINUE.

YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY YOU ARE ABLE TO, AND COMMIT  
ONLY THE TIME YOU HAVE. CAN YOU HELP WITH...

Fundraising ideas

Running raffles/providing raffle prizes

Setting up/tidying away at events

Supporting staff and FOSS at discos

Attending school trips

Attending periodic meetings

We will also be seeking a new chairperson from Sep '26!

FOSS HAVE RAISED FUNDS IN THE PAST FOR:

Leavers hoodies

Christmas books

Class prizes

Class books

playground markings

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP  
WITH MRS WILKINSON IN THE OFFICE.

## Time for Reflection

Dear God,

We come to you today to pray for all the children around the world. We know that each and every one of them is special and loved by you. So, we ask for your love and blessing to surround them always.

We pray for the mental health and wellbeing of children, as they grow and face challenges in their lives. We know that sometimes they may feel sad, anxious, or afraid. But we ask for your comfort and strength to be upon them, to help them cope with their feelings.

Help us to be kind to one another, to be understanding and supportive of those who may be struggling. Let us lift each other up and be a source of love and positivity.

We also pray for those who are working to support and care for children's mental health, especially during these difficult times. Give them wisdom, patience, and compassion as they guide and help children in need.

May we all remember to take care of our minds, bodies, and souls, and to always turn to you for guidance and comfort.

In your name, we pray.

Amen.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Wednesday 22 October	Yr R, 1 & 2 5.30 pm-6.30 pm Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 6.45 pm – 7.45 pm	AUTUMN DISCO – see poster attached – please note new time slots
Thursday 23 October & Friday 24 October	Full days	Year 6 CHILDREN BIKEABILITY
Friday 24 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Friday 31 October		LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Monday 3 November	8.45 am	School re-opens
Monday 3 November		FLU IMMUNISATION
Monday 10 November		ODD SOCK DAY – ANTI BULLYING – WEAR ODD SOCKS
Wednesday 12 November	3.30 pm onwards	PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 13 November		KINDNESS DAY
Friday 14 November		CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – WEAR SPOTS
Friday 14 November	7 pm – doors open at 6.30 pm	LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – tickets for sale in school and via School Money
Monday 17 to Friday 21 November		ROAD SAFETY WEEK
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November		YEAR 6 TO HOTHERSALL LODGE - RESIDENTIAL
Monday 24 November		Last day to hand in PENNY APPEAL boxes FOR ROSSENDALE HOSPICE
Thursday 27 November	am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Wednesday 10 December	Lunchtime	CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL
Friday 12 December	2.30 pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR – more information to follow
Tuesday 16 December	Times to follow	NATIVITY SHOWS- more information to follow
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18 December	1.30 pm	LAST DAY FINISH EARLY FOR XMAS BREAK
<b>PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST</b>		

**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.