



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17 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 exciting updates from St John's Stonefold this week. Our commitment to continuous improvement continues with two of our teachers participating in a fantastic training programme focused on developing more active approaches to our curriculum. This is the beginning of a two-year initiative generously supported by the Paul Hamlin Foundation, which will help us enhance our teaching methods and learning experiences for our children.

We also said goodbye to Chiggy after his final cricket sessions this week. While we're sad to see him leave, we're already planning to invite him back next year, recognising the valuable contribution he's made to our children's sporting experiences.

Community safety remains a priority for us, and I'm pleased to report that the fire service visited our school on Friday. They conducted important safety talks with our Year 2 and Year 6 children. These annual sessions are crucial in helping our children understand how to stay safe in our community.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Phillip to school this week. He led a wonderful Harvest worship, met with our Faith Council, and toured the school. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the amazing work we do here at Stonefold and learn more about his role as a Bishop. Moving onto exciting news, I'm incredibly proud to announce that we've been named finalists in three categories of the 'Education Today' awards. We've been nominated for Primary School of the Year, Overall School of the Year, and our business manager, Mrs Wilkinson, is a finalist for Business Manager of the Year. We are thrilled to have reached the finals and celebrate our school's achievements.

A quick reminder for parents: FOSS are hosting our Autumn disco next Wednesday evening and there is an upcoming fashion show taking place in November. Tickets are available in the school office. Please check Dojo and the newsletter for more detailed information about these exciting events. Have a fabulous weekend,

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head

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)

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 – 15th January 2026/High School – 31st 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.

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

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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

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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% |
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| EAGLETS | Jett & Lottie | 98.1% |
| AVOCET | Theon & Ellis | 96.67% |
| GOLDCREST | Ayrton & Maya | 94.81% |
| LAPWING | Frankie & Kelsea | 91.33% |
| EAGLE | Lola & Jesse | 95.71% |
| This week's Value Award – Quality: ASPIRATION | | |
| EAGLETS | Mabel always strives to do her best in everything that she does, we are so proud of you. | |
| AVOCET | Theodore is reaching for the stars each and every day he's at school. I am so impressed with his positive attitude and eagerness to learn. He is aspiring to give his 100% effort in all that he does, and I am unbelievably proud of him! | |
| GOLDCREST | Jacob H for trying so hard in all of his lessons - you aspire to give the best that you can all of the time even when things might get tricky. Keep giving your all and great things will come your way. | |
| LAPWING | Nellie has shown great aspiration by setting herself career goals for the future. Through discussions with myself, Nellie has asked how to become a teacher and what steps you need to do to become one. Nellie uses her amazing skill sets to support children in our classroom and other ones too. It is often like we have an additional Teaching Assistant in the classroom. | |
| EAGLE | Zoya! This week you have shined like a diamond! We are so proud of you, and we truly aspire to be like you. Congratulations! | |



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| Team Points Winner this school year | CONKERS |
| 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.



LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

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!**

HONEY POTS

Please can you return your used (washed out) Honey jars to school for next years harvest. Thank you!



**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



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!!**



MACMILLAN MONIES RAISED

Huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Macmillan coffee afternoon – we raised an impressive £216.28

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,

As we gather around our tables to enjoy the goodness of your creations, we are reminded of the hardworking farmers who have toiled tirelessly to bring this bountiful harvest to our plates. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment to feeding the world and providing us with nourishment.

Lord, we thank You for the sun, the rain, and the fertile land that have all contributed to this abundant harvest. We pray for Your blessings upon the farmers and their families, for strength, and protection as they continue to work the land.

Thank You, God, for the variety of food we have on our tables, and we ask that You bless it and make it nourishing for our bodies. May we never take for granted the blessings of food and may we always remember to share our abundance with those in need.

We remember those who do not have enough to eat and ask that You provide for them through the kindness and generosity of others.

We pray all this in Your holy name.

Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Dates | Time | Event |
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| Monday 20 October | 3.30 pm | HOTHERSALL LODGE PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 11 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 |
| THURSDAY 18 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.