

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 BurnsMr D MartinHeadteacherDeputy Head

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



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/

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



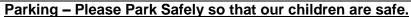


TIES—If anyone needs a spare tie or loses a tie — ties are on sale in the office. The price is as follows:

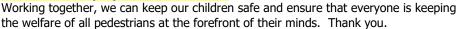
Elastic Ties = £3.99 (recommended for KS1) Clip on Ties = £4.99 (recommended for KS2)

CLASSES	SOAR AT STONEFOLD (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful)	The School's Attendance Target is 96%		
EAGLETS	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!			

Team Points Winner this school year	CONKERS	Great :
Class Attendance Winners this week	EAGLETS	at job!



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.







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!







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





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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY				
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	Event		
Monday 20 October	3.30 pm	HOTHERSALL LODGE PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING		
Wednesday 22 October	Yr R, 1 & 2	AUTUMN DISCO – see poster attached		
	5.30 pm-6.30 pm	 please note new time slots 		
	Yr 3, 4 ,5 & 6			
Thursday 22 Oatabar 9	6.45 pm – 7.45 pm	Year 6 CHILDREN BIKEABILITY		
Thursday 23 October &	Full days	YEAR O CHILDREN BINEABILITY		
Friday 24 October	2.20.55	School closes for half term		
Friday 24 October	3.20 pm			
Friday 31 October	0.45 am	LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL		
Monday 3 November	8.45 am	School re-opens		
Monday 3 November		FLU IMMUNISATION		
Monday 10 November	0.00	ODD SOCK DAY – ANTI BULLYING – WEAR ODD SOCKS		
Tuesday 11 November	3.30 pm	PARENTS EVENING		
Thursday 40 Navasahas	onwards	KINDNIF CC DAV		
Thursday 13 November		KINDNESS DAY		
Friday 14 November	7 pm – doors open	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – WEAR SPOTS		
Friday 14 November	at 6.30 pm	LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – tickets for sale in		
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Monday 17 to Friday 21 November		ROAD SAFETY WEEK		
		YEAR 6 TO HOTHERSALL LODGE - RESIDENTIAL		
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November		TEAR 6 TO HOTHERSALL LODGE - RESIDENTIAL		
Monday 24 November		Last day to hand in PENNY APPEAL boxes FOR		
Monday 24 November		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 BINNER IN SCHOOL 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		
		V 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.