



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24 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,

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to share some wonderful highlights from St John's Stonefold after what has been an action packed time at school.

The last week has been particularly exciting, and I hope you all are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. With darker evenings approaching, I'd like to remind everyone to stay safe during these shorter daylight hours.

Our Year 6 children recently participated in Bikeability, which provided a valuable opportunity, despite the rainy weather, to advance their cycling skills and learn crucial road safety techniques. This practical experience is so important for our children's independence and awareness and is something that I am happy that we can provide for our children each year.

A real highlight has been our inaugural forest school programme. The children have been developing fantastic outdoor skills throughout the half term, culminating in an incredible session where they built a fire and enjoyed toasting marshmallows. I want to extend a special thank you to Mrs McGrath and all the adults who have worked tirelessly to deliver this exciting new initiative at Stonefold.

I'm particularly proud to celebrate our Mixed Year 3/4 football team, who came third in a tournament on Monday night. What made this achievement even more remarkable was that some children had never played football before, yet they all represented our school with exceptional spirit and determination. Thank you to Mrs Burrow, the children and the parents for making this event possible for our children.

In our recent half-term assembly, we celebrated Headteacher's awards, recognising the hard work and positive attitudes of our wonderful pupils, including announcing the winners of the Science Selfie competition organised by Miss Whiteford. It has been great to see our children grow and flourish this half term and I look forward to seeing more exciting learning opportunities in November.

As we break for the holidays, I encourage everyone to have a well-earned rest. Please take care and stay safe.

I look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Mr P Burns

Mr D Martin

Headteacher

Deputy Head

REMINDER – School closes today at 3.20 pm and re-opens after half term on Monday 3 November 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)

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.

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 – 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 listed to your child's nursery.

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

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CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

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

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CLASSES	★ Half Term – 'SOAR AT STONEFOLD AWARDS' (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	★ ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation ★
EAGLETS	Finley & Tallie	Bohdi
AVOCET	Jaxon & Darice	Ava
GOLDCREST	Jack R & Harriet	Ethan
LAPWING	Thea & Ernest	Sophia
EAGLE	Zoya & Taya	Lewis



★ HALF TERM VALUE AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING SCHOOL CORE VALUES: Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance! ★★	
EAGLETS	Imaan has consistently demonstrated all of our school values this half term. She is a credit to Eaglets class as she goes above and beyond to excel in everything she does. We are so lucky to have her.
AVOCET	Romilly- For consistently demonstrating all of our school values in all that she does, truly embodying what it means to be a pupil at St John's Stonefold. She is a superb role model and strives to make a difference with her huge heart. Well done, Romilly.
GOLDCREST	Aurora for showing our school values all of the time. You E mbrace all that school has to offer for you showing a willingness to take part in everything. Your A ttitude is exemplary - nothing is too much trouble whether it be with your friends, working with others or for the staff at school. You G uide and support not just your peers but the younger children in school too. You give your all towards your L earning taking on board all feedback and doing your utmost to include it in your work. To finish off you E mbody all of our school values ensuring that they play a big part in your school journey - never change. EAGLE
LAPWING	Haniya is a role model to all the other children in our school upholding all of our School Values. Haniya always tries her best with her work and includes everyone around her.
EAGLE	Jack, you consistently uphold every value of our school and have been making the effort to show this since that start of the term! You are a kind, thoughtful and empathetic member of our class, always looking out for others and being a calming, respectful and lovely friend. Thank you for such a wonderful start to the year!

Team Points Winner this week and the whole of the half term– REWARD
NON UNIFORM DAY will be on Friday 7 November

CONKERS!



LADIES FASHION SHOW IN SCHOOL – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER All Ladies & Gentlemen/Parents and Carers/Friends & neighbours are invited to a fashion show. Tickets on sale at the school office £6 each or 3 for £15. 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**



Time for Reflection

Dear God,

As we gather around with family and friends during the break from school, we thank you for the love and blessings you have given us. We ask for your protection and guidance during this time rest.

Please keep us safe as we travel to see loved ones, and help us to make wise choices that will keep us out of harm's way. Protect us from accidents and dangers, whether we are playing outside or inside our homes.

Help us to be kind and caring towards one another, spreading love and joy wherever we go. Remind us to look out for our friends and family, and to always be there to lend a helping hand.

Thank you for giving us this time to celebrate and remember the true meaning of the holidays. Help us to be grateful for all that we have and to share our blessings with those in need.

Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
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
Saturday 8 November	2-4 pm	St James' Church Haslingden – Messy Remembrance
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
Saturday 15 November	10 am – 2 pm	St James' Church Haslingden – Autumn Extravaganza
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.