



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7 November 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 hope this newsletter finds you well. As we settle back into the rhythm of school life after half term, I wanted to share some updates and highlights from our school community.

We are currently focusing intensely on behaviour and attitudes across the school. Each week, we're introducing a specific focus to help our children develop important social skills and respect for one another. Following our half-term work on corridor movement and doorway etiquette, this week we've been encouraging children to knock and ask politely when entering rooms. I'm delighted to report that our children are embracing these expectations with pride and enthusiasm.

Our drop-in session with the school nurse on Wednesday was well attended. These monthly sessions provide a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns about their child's health and wellbeing. We'll continue to share the dates for these sessions on Dojo and in our newsletters.

I'm thrilled to celebrate our boys' football team's recent success. They played against Peel Park on Thursday night in a challenging match, ultimately securing a fantastic 3-1 victory. It was wonderful to arrange a game with a local school we haven't previously played, and we're already looking forward to hosting a return fixture. Thank you to Mrs Burrow for working hard to prepare the team for these events. Looking ahead, we have two important events next week. On Tuesday, we'll be observing Remembrance Day. The children will participate in a special assembly and attend a service at the war graves adjacent to our school, helping them understand the significance of this important day of remembrance.

On Friday, we'll be supporting Children in Need. We're hosting a non-uniform day with a voluntary £1 contribution to support this fantastic cause. It's a great opportunity for our children to have fun while raising money for an important charity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P Burns
Headteacher

Mr D Martin
Deputy Head



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.



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 money raised will go to school funds to develop our Forest School and other projects!

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/>

Closing dates are: Primary School – 15th January 2026



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, as the school is linked to your child's name.

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)

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

CLASSES	★ SOAR AT STONEFOLD ★ (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/Be Thankful) ★	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Tallie & Cole	96.19%
AVOCET	Scarlett & Jacob W	91.2%
GOLDCREST	Arthur & Millie D	94.23%
LAPWING	Owen & Pearl	90%
EAGLE	Charlie & Erinn	95.71%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Bohdi she has been our little empathetic angel looking after everyone. Well done Bohdi Boo on the first week back!	
AVOCET	Clayton is a wonderful friend to all in our classroom and we are so lucky to have such a ray of sunshine putting a smile on all our faces each day with his infectious personality. Clayton is the first to be there for somebody if they are upset and he will do all he can to brighten their day. Well done, Clayton!	
GOLDCREST	Lillie R for being a thoughtful and kind member of the class. You take time to check in with your friends making sure that they are ok and can be relied upon to help anyone who needs it showing great empathy when they find things hard.	
LAPWING	Kelsea has been very emphatic during PE when creating dances. She worked very hard to include all of her group within her dance, listening to other people's opinions and using this to create an amazing performance. Using empathy, Kelsea was able to work in a group and create a fantastic end product.	
EAGLE	Olive, you are an excellent ambassador for our class and a wonderful example of what empathy looks like in action. We are all so proud of you and the positive difference you make every single day.	

Team Points Winner this week	BLOSSOM
Class Attendance Winners this week	EAGLETS




ST JAMES' CHURCH HASLINGDEN

AUTUMN Extravaganza

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER
10am - 2pm

FEATURING
ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD SCHOOL CHOIR
CAFE
JIGSAWS
RAFFLE
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
TREASURE HUNT
LUCKY DIP



St James' Church Haslingden

Merry Remembrance
Saturday 8 November
2-4pm

Music Food

Child friendly crafts

All Welcome!

Remembrance

Time for Reflection



Dear Lord, on Remembrance Day, we come to you with heavy hearts as we remember and honour those who have bravely served our country. Help us to never forget their sacrifices and the freedom we enjoy because of them.

We pray for the families who have lost loved ones in war and for those who are still fighting for our safety and freedom. Give them strength, courage, and protection in their duties.

As we wear our poppies, may we also wear them in our hearts as a symbol of remembrance and gratitude. May we never take for granted the peace and security we have because of those who have served before us.

Lord, we ask that you guide us to be grateful and compassionate towards those who have served and their families. May we always remember their sacrifice and strive for peace in the world.

We also lift up to you all the innocent children and families who have been affected by war and conflict. May they find comfort and healing in your loving arms.

Thank you, Lord, for the brave heroes who have fought for our freedom. May we always remember and honour them.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Dates	Time	Event
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 – Please book a slot online
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
Friday 21 November		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE ITEM in the class colour
Monday 24 November		Last day to hand in PENNY APPEAL boxes FOR ROSSENDALE HOSPICE
Thursday 27 November	am	SNOW WHITE PANTO – WHOLE SCHOOL
Friday 28 November		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A CHOCOLATE RAFFLE ITEM
Friday 5 December		NON UNIFORM – PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE FOR THE RAFFLE
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.