



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

### **Friday 12 December 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. ***Today is our Christmas fair, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. We have lots of exciting stalls and even a grotto with Father Christmas – it promises to be a wonderful community event!***

This week has been filled with festive cheer. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our whole school Christmas lunch, with everyone squeezing into the hall. The children wore party hats and pulled crackers, creating a magical atmosphere. A huge thank you to our fantastic staff who made the day run so smoothly, and to our governors who joined us for this special occasion.

I'm particularly proud to share some wonderful achievements. Our two child wellbeing ambassadors recently attended training last Friday. They're already planning some exciting initiatives, including a 'Wellbeing Wednesday' and a six-week wellbeing project starting after Christmas. It's fantastic to see our children taking such an active role in supporting each other's mental health.

The Christmas plays for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children are almost ready, and they look absolutely fantastic. The children have worked incredibly hard, and I want to thank all the adults who have helped prepare these performances.

Our sporting achievements continue to impress me. Four of our older children represented our school in the Key Stage 2 sports hall athletics competition. Despite competing against much larger schools, they showed tremendous spirit and finished an impressive fourth place. We're incredibly proud of their effort and determination.

Looking ahead, there's a lot happening next week as we approach the Christmas break. I'd recommend keeping a close eye on Dojo and our newsletters for key dates and information.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season!

**Mr P Burns**  
Headteacher

**Mr D Martin**  
Deputy Head



### **ADVANCE NOTICE – don't forget!**

**After School Club will not operate on Thursday 18 December – school is finishing at 1.30 pm for the Christmas break on this day.**



**HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES:** Please can we also ask that packed lunches contain healthy elements for our children to have the necessary vitamins they need to be able to concentrate throughout the day. We have become very concerned of late that lunches appear to contain crisps, chocolate, haribo sweets, pastries, cakes, biscuits, etc which are not healthy choices and will not give the children the energy levels they will need to last throughout the afternoon. We would expect to see

COLOURFUL lunch boxes with fruit and vegetables – please see the guidance below from the NHS:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



**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 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 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 are a new local authority resident apply through your own local authority.  
Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from here.

**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 preferences, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

**Lancashire County Council**

## 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

CLASSES	★ Half Term – 'SOAR AT STONEFOLD AWARDS' (Do Your Best/Respect Others/Make Good Choices/ Be Thankful) ★	★ ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation ★
EAGLETS	Sam & Jett	Mabel
AVOCET	Daisie & Zahra	Ezra
GOLDCREST	Arthur & Jack P	Libby
LAPWING	Lydia & Pearl	Owen
EAGLE	Zoya & Isaac	Georgia
★	★ ★ HALF TERM VALUE AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING SCHOOL CORE VALUES: Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance! ★ ★	
EAGLETS	Isabelle for showing wonderful love, empathy, endurance, and generosity in school this half term.	
AVOCET	Isla- For showing the true heart of our school each and every day. Your love shines in the way we see you treat all those around you with your kindness and care. Your empathy makes you so understanding and supportive towards your classmates. Your generosity is evident in the way you share your peers. Your endurance shows when you come into school each day ready for whatever challenge comes your way. Your aspiration inspires all children around you as you aim to be your very best. We are so proud of you!	
GOLDCREST	Lily P - You <b>Eagerly</b> take on board everything that school throws at you. Your <b>Attitude</b> to school is amazing - you quietly get on with things without fussing. You are polite, considerate, and kind showing how <b>Gracious</b> you are at all times. You are a <b>Loyal</b> and trustworthy friend to all. You <b>Enthusiastically</b> take on board new learning and do your best without being asked to. <b>EAGLE</b> - never change.	
LAPWING	Frankie encompasses all over our school values consistently throughout his daily school life. He always strives to do his best when attempting any school task and he completes this in a respectful way but always looking to add fun into everything he does. Frankie is always the first child to say thank you at the end of a school day and makes sure those around him are treated with respect and fairness. Frankie is a valued member of the class and he is a pleasure to work with. Well done Frankie.	
EAGLE	Evelina, you are someone who consistently encompasses every value we have. You were so courageous this week, when you stood at the front of church, delivering a fantastic reading and we couldn't be more proud! Well done superstar!	

## Christmas Services

All Welcome

At St James'

Christingle Party 3.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> December

9 Lessons and Carols 3pm 21<sup>st</sup> December

Crib Blessing 4pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day 10am 25<sup>th</sup> December

At St Thomas'

Fun Family Carol Service 3pm 23 December

Family Christingle 6pm Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Joint Service 10am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December



### Time for Reflection

Dear God,

As we continue our journey through Advent, we come to the second week where we focus on the theme of peace. You are the source of all peace, and we thank you for allowing us to experience it in our hearts and homes.

We pray for all the children and families around the world that may be facing challenges or turmoil. May your peace envelop them and bring comfort and strength during difficult times.

Help us to be peacemakers in our own families and communities. Teach us to love one another, to forgive and to spread kindness wherever we go.

As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we are reminded that he is the Prince of Peace. Help us to follow his example and to bring peace to our world.

We thank you for the promise of peace and for being with us every step of the way. May this Advent season fill our hearts with your peace, and may it extend to everyone we meet.

We pray all these things in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 12 December	2.30 pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR – please come bring plenty of change!!
Tuesday 16 December	9.00 am 4.00 pm	EAGLETS NATIVITY SHOW – no tickets required
Tuesday 16 December	2.00 pm 6.00 pm	YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY SHOW – TICKETS REQ'D LETTERS SENT OUT TO PARENTS – PLEASE RETURN!
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18 December	1.30 pm	LAST DAY FINISH EARLY FOR XMAS BREAK
<b>Monday</b> 5 January 2026	8.45 am	BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER 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.