



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15 September 2023

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

We have now settled well into the routine of school life once again following the summer break. Children have made a super start and we have now welcomed Miss Bridgewater to Lapwing class. Our new 8.50am start has now also become part of our routine and we are thankful to all our parents who are bringing their children on time – well done!

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ ★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award. ★	★ ★ This week's Value's Award - EMPATHY ★	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
EAGLETS	Rory & Ellis	Isla	96%
AVOCET	Halle & Caleb	Myles	98.89%
GOLDCREST	Owen & Brooklyn	Joshua	96.96%
LAPWING	Taylor & Adam	Evelina	97.2%
EAGLE	Thomas & Aaila	Elsie-Mae	97.5%
This week's winners areAVOCET Class			

Team Points Winner this week	OAK
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OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS



ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD are holding an **OPEN EVENING** on **TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER** between **4-5 pm** – if you have a child who is due to start in September 2024 please come with them to have a look in our Reception Class and meet Miss Brady our Headteacher, Miss Isherwood our Deputy and Mrs Burrow our Reception Class Teacher and her team.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

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.

School transport
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2023

Lancashire County Council

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

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in **September 2024** at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Please note the online system went live on **Friday 1 September 2023**.

Closing dates are:

Primary School – 15th January 2024

High School – 31st October 2023



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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CLOSING DATE
31 OCTOBER 2022

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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. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STAFF CAR PARK – THIS IS THE AREA AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL.** 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.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AROUND THE ENTRANCE TO LANXESS due to large lorries turning and the entrance/lane being used at all times by the company!

This is really important as this week there was a near miss where a delivery vehicle came around the corner where a car was parked with the doors open and a lady helping her children from the car. By chance, there was no traffic coming the other way and so the driver was able to swerve to avoid the car/pedestrians, but this could equally have resulted in a serious injury, especially if it had been one of the delivery lorries which would not have been able to avoid the car!

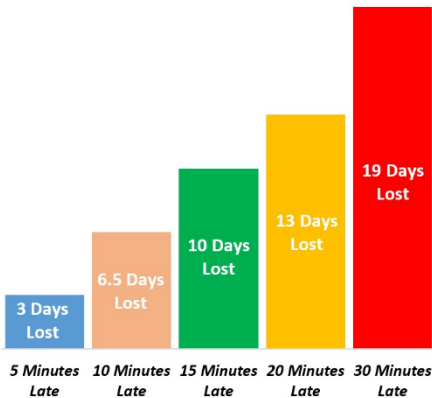
Working together, we can keep our children safe and ensure that everyone is keeping the welfare of all pedestrians at the forefront of their minds. Thank you.

Attendance Matters



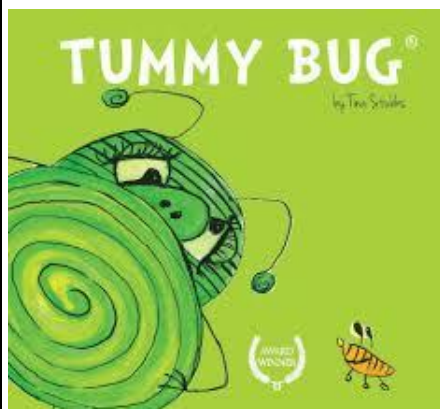
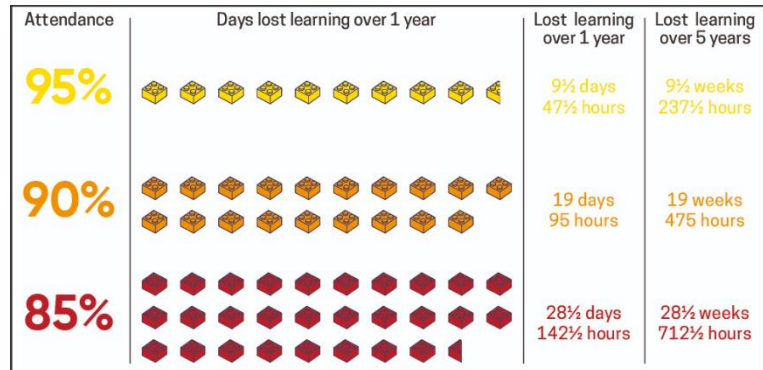
Every Day Counts....

Over one academic year



Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!** Please note the new start of day time – this is 5 minutes earlier than previously expected.

DID YOU KNOW??? LOST LEARNING WHEN CHILDREN ARE LATE TO SCHOOL.....



SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA & SCHOOL:

If your child has a sickness and/or diarrhoea bug please make sure that you do not bring them to school. Children with these types of illness need to stay away from school until 48 hours after the last episode.



Vomiting and diarrhoea?



Stay hydrated



Take paracetamol if needed



Prevent spread



Stay at home until 2 days after symptoms stop

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs like norovirus. Treat yourself at home while the virus runs its course.

FOODBANK

We now have a foodbank collection point in the front entrance, please do make donations as you are able – Father David will be able to collect these as St James' Church is a hub for this purpose. 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 or to Father David who can help.



St Thomas' & St James' Churches
invite your family to a



Saturday 23rd September

2-4pm

St Thomas' Church Hall,
Helmshore

Songs, Bible stories, craft activities,
worship time & food
with children & families in mind

All are welcome! Come & see!

More information Fr David 07539 264279

ECO CLUB NEWS –FINAL PUSH FOR TESCO BLUE TOKENS!



Following on from our ECO Team's successful application to be a part of the Tesco Tokens Scheme, please make sure you put any blue tokens in our section of the stand in either Haslingden or Rawtenstall Tescos **before the end of September 2023**. If you are struggling to get to either Haslingden or Rawtenstall Tesco please hand your tokens into the school office and we will make sure that they get there!

Our school project is entitled: GREEN, GREEN, GREEN, and focuses on improving our outdoor environment with the children hopefully growing some fruit and vegetables for the school and local community. The first prize is £1500, second prize is £1000 and third prize is £500.

We would love it if you could help us to win the top prize – thank you in anticipation of your support!!

Breakfast and After School Club

We have wonderful wrap-around provision in school - breakfast club starts from 7.45am and is only £5 including breakfast. After school club is from the end of the school day until 5.45pm and costs £8 including a snack for the children. Please do consider this as your 'go-to' for care for your child - it can be booked in advance on our school money app or phone school if it is a short notice booking. For this provision to continue, we need parents to utilise the clubs so that they are viable for the future. Thank you.



ACTIVITIES AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB W.C 18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Making Bunnies
Tuesday	Here come the Clowns
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Game Challenge
Friday	Making Chocolate Brownies



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!!

Time for Reflection



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Grow, Fly*

INTERNET SAFETY



Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video

games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game.

The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and our guide has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 25 September		CASTLE CRUSHERS – YEAR 5/6 TRIP
Tuesday 26 September	AM	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Tuesday 26 September	4.00-5.00 PM	OPEN EVENING FOR ANY NEW RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO VISIT SCHOOL
Friday 29 September	PM	MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – time to be arranged
Tuesday 3 October		FIREMEN TO VISIT YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 CHILDREN
Friday 20 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Tuesday 31 October	8.50 am	School re-opens
Wednesday 1 November		FLU IMMUNISATION
Friday 1 December		WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO

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.*