



Livingstone Newsletter

12th September 2025

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Lola

Reception: Chuan

Year 1: Isla

Year 2: Arlo

Year 3: Reggie

Year 4: Charlie

Year 5: Phoebe C

Year 6: Tilda

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Nasal Flu Vaccines online consent:

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/1c18ae8b>

The vaccinations will take place at Livingstone on 23.09.25. **The link will close on the 16.09.25.** If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link or need help with any questions answering, please telephone 0333 358 3397 – Option 1, Option 6 & 1.

Welcome to Your New Class sessions:

We hope that you found these sessions useful. If you weren't able to make it, the presentations have been added to the class page on the school website.

Year 6 applications to High School:

Year 6 applications for high School need to be done by 31st October. If you have any questions about this, please do come and ask!

Open Day for Prospective Nursery and Reception for September 2026:

Livingstone's Open Day for parents and carers looking for places for Nursery and Reception in September 2026 will be on Tuesday 11th November. If you would like to attend, please book on for a slot at either 9.30am, 1.30pm or 6pm. If you know someone who is looking for a place, please let them know about the open day!

Updating information:

If you change your phone number, email or address, please let us know in the office so that we can update our records.

School Streets:

New parents and carers will have noticed that we have our own School Street. Every morning and evening the bottom of the road is closed for the safety of all our children. We are always looking for more volunteers – without people willing to help out the scheme will not be able to run. Can you help, even if you are only available occasionally or on one morning or one afternoon each week? There's a short training session to show you what to do, and if you need childcare Little Stones will look after your child for free for the time you are volunteering. Please let us know at school or contact the office.

Even though the last bit of the road is closed, please ensure that as a parent or carer of a child that attends our school you park legally, considerately and safely. Parking should not obstruct a junction, stop access to someone's driveway, block the pavement to pedestrians or block the road. We regularly get complaints about people leaving their cars even if just for 2 minutes in a place that blocks the road. Please consider parking further away from school and walking the last bit. This is beneficial for both you and your child's physical and mental health and provides a positive start or end to the day with time to talk to your child. It will ensure everyone's safety and mean that the journey to and from school is more pleasant for everyone.

Nut and Sesame free school:

We are a **nut and sesame free school**. This means that children should not bring to school items for their lunch that contain nuts or sesame. This includes peanut butter or chocolate nut spread sandwiches or cake bars, cereal bars with nuts in them and the one that has been catching a few people out recently is hummus as this generally contains tahini which is sesame seed paste. If we see children with these items in their packed lunch we will substitute the item.

Snacks should just be fruit or vegetables. Water bottles should just contain water although other non-fizzy drinks are allowed in packed lunches. Thank you for your help.

School Spider:

School Spider is the app we use to facilitate all payments (uniform, trips, school dinners, nursery snack money), permissions for trips and visits, surveys etc. Please download it from the app store and then select Livingstone. Then you should be able to log in with your email address if we have that on the system. If you are having problems, please check that we have your email address at the office. There is a guide to using it below.

Nursery Snack Money:

This is live on School Spider. There is a charge of £5 for each half term.

Free School Meals:

If your financial situation has changed, and you are now receiving some benefits, please contact the office to see whether you might be entitled to Free School Meals. Eligibility is defined through the benefits that you claim but we can check eligibility at school with just a little bit of information. Once we have entered this information on the system, it will check regularly whether you have become eligible and will notify us automatically. It is worth doing this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and already gets a universal free school meal or even if your child want to remain on packed lunches because it also brings additional funding in to school to support learning and can qualify you for other support such as holiday food vouchers or access to holiday clubs.

School Dinner Price:

The cost to parents for children in Nursery and Year 3-6 for a meal is now £3. Please pay on School Spider. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still get free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

We will have to implement a new ordering and payment system after October half term. Because of this please don't pay for meals too far in advance.

Please don't forget to return your menu choices if you have not already done so.

WOW scheme:

To encourage children (and parents!) to walk to school, we are continuing with our WOW badges. Children need to walk three times a week to receive a badge each month. This is either from home or, if they live too far away, there is the option to park and stride which still counts. For this to count, children need to have walked either from the Market Ground / St Joseph's or the train station / the Gillery. Walking from the road closure sign doesn't count! Please do talk to your child about where they have walked from and whether this counts as park and stride.

Uniform:

We are already getting lost and abandoned uniform and coats. Please make sure your child's name is in all pieces of uniform and if you have bought second hand uniform on School Spider, please change the names!

Cobie's Charity Chop!

Cobie in Year 3 has grown her hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust - she has her cut booked in for the 19th September and we have set up a JustGiving page for a sponsored cut, so we can raise money to cover the cost of the charity having the wig made.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Little Princess Trust, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here https://www.justgiving.com/page/cobie-cere-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!

Office staffing:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are currently operating without full staffing in the office. Please bear with us as we try to get things done between us. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd September

Tuesday 7th October

Thursday 9th October

Tuesday 14th October

Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October

Tuesday 11th November

Nasal Flu vaccines

Year 3 Spanish Day – Mossley Hollins


School photos – individual and siblings

Tag Rugby Competition – Mossley Hollins

Halloween Disco (Nursery and Reception AM, Years 1&2 5-6pm, Years 3-6 6-7pm)


Last day of half-term

Livingstone School Open Day (9.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm)



Help us run our SCHOOL STREET

At Livingstone we have a **school street**. Every morning and afternoon the bottom of Old Brow to the school is **closed to vehicles**, making it safer for our children to walk, wheel or scoot to and from school and preventing **congestion** at the gates.



Our school street relies on **volunteers** – parents, grandparents and friends – who spend **30 minutes a week** helping to keep their kids and their friends **healthy and safe**.

Can you spare half an hour to help? you'll get **training**, there's **free childcare** at Littlestones if you're dropping off / picking up, and it's a great way to **get to know** the school and other parents and carers too!

Monday – Friday (term time only)
8.25 – 9.00 am
2.55 – 3.25 pm

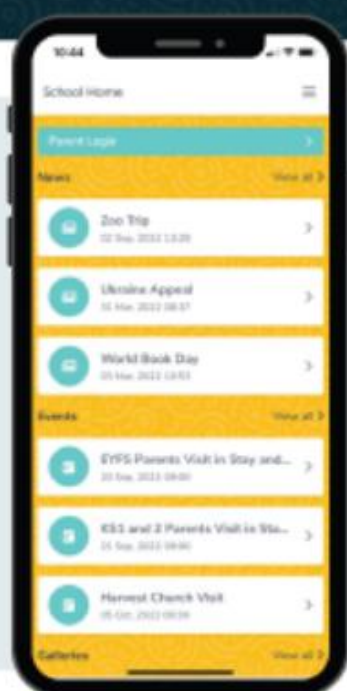
Please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know if you can help out. Thank you!

Guide to our app for parents & carers

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.



Select your school to get started!



How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

DOWNLOAD NOW



ENTER THE DREAM HOME COMPETITION!



Open to all pupils -
design your perfect home



Entries due by
27th September 2025



Prizes for pupils & schools

Winning artwork displayed
in Thompson Estates office



SUPPORTING CREATIVITY IN TAMESIDE SCHOOLS

**Thompson
Estates**

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We're excited to invite your school to take part in the Thompson Estates "Dream Home" Art Competition – a fun community project running this September across Tameside.

The challenge is simple: pupils design their "Dream Home" – it could be futuristic, eco-friendly, magical, or simply their perfect family home.

Key Details:

- Who: Open to all year groups
- Format: A4, any medium (drawings, painting, collage, digital printouts)
- Deadline: Entries to be returned to teachers by Friday 27th September
- Prizes:
 - 1st Place Pupil: £50 multi use voucher + framed copy of their artwork
 - Winning School: £200 cash donation to the school's art department or PTA fund
 - Runners-up will also receive a £100 cash donation to the school's art department or PTA fund
 - Bonus: The winning picture will be featured as our 'Property of the Month' in our office window during launch week, and the winner and their parents will be invited to our public launch event at our new Stamford Street Central office.

Safeguarding: All entries must be accompanied by a signed parental consent form if they are to be displayed publicly.

Theme: "My Dream Home in Tameside"

Entries: Pupils can use pencils, paints, collage or digital (printed A4)

Deadline: Friday 26th September (return to school for this date along with consent form below)

Judging: Thompson Estates staff

Thank you – we can't wait to see the creativity from your pupils!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has the opportunity to take part in the Thompson Estates Dream Home Art Competition.

- All entries may be displayed in the Thompson Estates office window unless you tell us you would prefer not to.

- For any artwork to be shared on Thompson Estates social media, we require signed parental consent.

I give permission for my child's artwork (with first name and year group only) to be featured on Thompson Estates' social media:

☐ **Yes, I consent**

Child's Name: _____ **Year/Class:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE INFORMATION PRESENTATION AND DROP IN SESSION

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

12.30PM – 2.30PM

ACADEMY HQ GROSVENOR ST, STALYBRIDGE SK15 1SD

12.30pm – 1.30pm DLA information presentation.

Learn more about DLA and how to apply for it.

1.30pm – 2.30pm Drop in session.

Ask questions relating to DLA or other areas of SEND, meet the team, receive support, and find out more about the project.

DLA is a tax-free benefit for children under 16, designed to help with the extra costs associated with having a disability or long-term health condition, including Special Educational Needs. It is based on need and not a diagnosis.

Not suitable for
children – sorry
for any
inconvenience

No booking
required – just
turn up



Scan the QR code to register with the project.
For further information visit our Facebook page –
Family Engagement Project Tameside or email us at:
familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk



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NATURE EXPLORERS



Join us for our free outdoor stay and play group for children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities or emerging needs aged 0-6 and their caregivers.



Safe
enclosed
space

Inclusive
free play

Parent
peer
support



This month's sessions:

Thursday 4th and 18th September

10.00am - 11.30am

Community Green Allotment Meadow
Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN



Explore
outdoors
and nature



Scan the QR code to register with the project.
For further information visit our Facebook page
-Mencap Family Engagement Project Tameside
or email us at: familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk



The Mencap logo, featuring the word "mencap" in white lowercase letters inside a purple speech bubble shape.

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SEND STAY AND PLAY



Come and join us at our stay and play group for little ones with Special Educational Needs or emerging needs aged 0-6 and their parents/caregivers.

Talk to our friendly Family Connectors and meet other parents whilst your child has fun playing in a relaxed and inclusive setting.

**This month's sessions:
9th September and 23rd September
10.00am - 11.30am**

**North Family Hub Ashton,
St Peter's Centre, Trafalgar Square, OL7 0LL**



Scan the QR code to register with the project. For further information visit our Facebook page – Mencap Family Engagement Project Tameside or email us at: familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk

