



Livingstone Newsletter

19th September 2025

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Pippa

Reception: Sonny

Year 1: Ava

Year 2: Georgina

Year 3: Madison

Year 4: Charlotte

Year 5: Lyra

Year 6: Toby

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Under the Sea school meals theme day:

On Thursday 2nd October, we are having our first theme day for school meals.



If your child normally has packed lunches on a Thursday, they can join us for a school dinner and try them out!

Please buy this on School Spider. For Nursery, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 the cost of the meal is £3.00. For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the meal is free. If children qualify for benefits related free school meals please just book a meal with the office instead of ordering on School Spider. Please order any extra meals before Friday 26th September.

Children who normally have a school dinner on a Thursday will have our special theme day menu instead.

We will also be sending out an under the sea Design a T-Shirt competition and a puzzle sheet.



Clubs:

All clubs start next week. If you booked a place on School Spider, then your child has a place in the club they were booked onto. If your child no longer wants the place then please let the office know and we will refund it so that other children get a chance to attend.

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! I sent out a link to a video by Tameside Admissions yesterday – please do have a look at this before doing your application.

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.

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 ordering:

Thank you for returning menu choices for dinners, these menus will now cycle around until we introduce a new ordering and payment system after October half term. Because of this please don't pay for meals too far in advance.

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.

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-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/cobie-cere-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM)

[1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM](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!

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!

Your Voice

Your Community

Mossley

Cabinet in the Community

Have your say on local priorities and challenges in your town and across Tameside!

Join council leaders to share your views, shape decisions, and help decide where money goes in your area.



Thursday 9 October



6.30pm until 8.30pm



**George Lawton Hall,
Mossley**



Scan the
QR code to share
your views online

Can't make the session? Let us know your views
online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/boroughplan2030

Your voice matters. Your ideas count.

We're running Cabinet in the Community meetings, to be held this month and in October across the nine towns of Tameside, to give residents the opportunity to meet our Executive Cabinet – who have decision making responsibility for the council - as well as their local ward councillors. People attending the meetings will be able to ask questions and give their views on how they want their local town and the wider borough to develop over the next five years. They will also have the chance to feedback on how they want to be involved in future decision making.

The feedback will help to inform the Borough Plan, which will set out a vision for Tameside so that together residents, businesses, community organisations, the council and other partner organisations can continue to create a

place that works for everyone where people can live improved lives. It will also help to develop a new structure for local engagement to replace the existing Neighbourhood Forums.

Anyone who can't attend the meetings can contribute their views to the Borough Plan by completing an online survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/boroughplan2030>



Join Us for a Fun, Interactive Day!
Saturday 27th September
The Grafton Centre, Grafton Street, Hyde, SK14
2AX
10AM-3PM

- *Meet members of your local Parent Carer Forum Connect
- *Connect with local community groups
- *Discover what's happening for SEND families in Tameside

**A FREE event for families-full of activities,
information & fun for everyone!**

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:** _____

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

**Family Engagement
Project**



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: familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk



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