



Livingstone Newsletter

26th September 2025

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Melody

Reception: Mabel

Year 1: Fern

Year 2: Miles

Year 3: Charlie

Year 4: Izzy

Year 5: Lewis

Year 6: Aurora

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

No Art club or debate club next week. All other clubs are on as normal. 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 3 Spanish day at Mossley Hollins

On Tuesday 7th October, Year 3 will be going up to Mossley Hollins for their Spanish Day as an introduction to learning Spanish. They will leave after registration and walk up to Hollins. After a morning of Spanish activities, they will have their packed lunch and some Spanish nibbles and then walk back to school for the rest of the afternoon.

Individual and Sibling photo day Thursday 9th October:

Individual and sibling photos will be taken on Thursday 9th October. We will sort out sibling photos for children who are in school. If you would like to have photos taken with younger children who do not attend school, you can bring them to the school hall from 8.30am that day.

Nasal flu paper forms:

If your child brought home a paper form for the nasal flu vaccine please return to the office as soon as possible. Even if you **don't** want your child to have it, please complete the **No** side and return. Thank you.

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:

I am sure that parents and carers will have noticed that the School Street scheme has improved safety for our children on the way to and from school. We really do need more volunteers to keep the scheme running. 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.

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.

Parent Governors:

We currently have vacancies for parent governors on our governing board. Our existing parent governors are happy to continue in their roles, but if other parents would like to put themselves forward, we will hold an election. As the school will soon academise, we expect further opportunities for new governors in the future, so if you are interested in the role, either now or later, please let us know. To find out more, or for an informal chat with the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors get in touch with the office. If no one comes forward before the 10th October, the current parent governors will be re-elected unopposed.

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.

Uniform Price increase:

Due to suppliers increasing the costs that they are charging us, we will unfortunately have to increase the costs from 1st October.

24" – 34" cardigans £11.15

36" – 38" cardigans £13.90

24" – 34" sweatshirts £10.35

36-38" sweatshirts £13.10

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.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 th October	Year 3 Spanish Day – Mossley Hollins
Thursday 9 th October	School photos – individual and siblings
Tuesday 14 th October	Tag Rugby Competition – Mossley Hollins
Thursday 23 rd October	Halloween Disco (Nursery and Reception AM, Years 1&2 5-6pm, Years 3-6 6-7pm)
Friday 24 th October	Last day of half-term
Tuesday 11 th November	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>

TAMESIDE UMBRELLA PARENT CARER FAMILY EVENT DAY



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!**

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS SWAP and STORY TIME

WE WANT YOUR COSTUMES!

Donate your pre-loved costumes to any
Tameside Library during staffed hours
before **6th October**.

Costumes must be in good, clean condition.
(Donors receive an extra clothes swap token).

11 October

Pick up a costume **10am - 12pm**

Stories and craft **11am - 11:30am**

Dukinfield Library
Concord Way, Dukinfield, SK16 4DB

For more info contact:

information.direct@tameside.gov.uk or call 0161 342 4000





SENSORY STORY TIME

Exploring Through the Senses

SENSORY
TOUCH/SEE/SMELL/HEAR
STORY

Neuroinclusive
Libraries
Project

FOR SEND CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

SAT 18TH OCTOBER

11-11:30AM

BOOKABLE EVENT AT
HATTERSLEY LIBRARY

Large/inclusive space
Session involves loud sounds

Book here:
[Tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)

information.direct@tameside.gov.uk
0161 342 4000

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There are lots of interesting things to see and do as you walk, wheel or scoot to school. How many of these activities can you tick off on your Autumn Street Safari?

Find a pretty feather <input type="checkbox"/>	Spot a bird and draw it <input type="checkbox"/>	Make art using fallen leaves <input type="checkbox"/>	Hug a big tree <input type="checkbox"/>
Look under a rock - who lives there? <input type="checkbox"/>	Find a red leaf <input type="checkbox"/>	Make up a scary story <input type="checkbox"/>	Juggle with pinecones <input type="checkbox"/>
Jump over a puddle <input type="checkbox"/>	Pretend to be a squirrel asleep for the winter <input type="checkbox"/>	Learn why leaves change colour <input type="checkbox"/>	Spot a zebra crossing <input type="checkbox"/>
Say hello to a neighbour <input type="checkbox"/>	Dance around a mushroom <input type="checkbox"/>	Close your eyes and listen - what do you hear? <input type="checkbox"/>	Stamp on a pile of leaves <input type="checkbox"/>



AUTUMN FAMILY WALKING ACTIVITIES



Going for a walk is a great way to explore your local area and have fun with your friends and family. Notice what you can smell, feel, hear and see as you walk in a local park or green space - it might surprise you!

Did you discover a sticky mushroom or make an autumn mandala? We'd love to see your autumn finds! Your parents or carers can share your photos and videos on social media using the hashtag #AutumnStreetSafari

WHY NOT TRY...



Write a poem or story about a raindrop's journey down the street.



Use the items you collect on your walks to create an autumn nature mandala.



Make a hedgehog house from an upturned plastic box filled with dry leaves.

PARENTS AND CARERS - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Share a memory from your Autumn Street Safari for a chance to win a Shoezone shopping voucher worth £25 in our prize draw!

FIND OUT MORE BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE OR VISITING
[LIVINGSTREETS.ORG.UK/AUTUMN](https://livingstreets.org.uk/autumn)



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