



Livingstone Newsletter

19th December 2025

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Eric

Reception: Mikaeel

Year 1: Lilian F

Year 2: Jacob

Year 3: Cobie

Year 4: CJ

Year 5: Lucie

Year 6: Nell

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

Clubs bookings will be sent out again in the new year. Some clubs are likely to be open to different year groups but we will confirm this in January.

Reception applications:

The portal is now open for applications for Reception places for September 2026. Please apply at

https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026.

My Child's Art:

Children have created a Christmas artwork and these can be ordered as Christmas cards and lots of other items!

Please go to [this URL](#) or type in **mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork** and use the username **Livingstone** and the password **kn4w9bmq**. Search for your child by name and order any artwork you would like. The school receives a percentage of each sale to go towards school funds. Items can be ordered up until the 31st of December.

Eco Committee News:

We have a new Eco Committee in school!

They are collecting used stamps to raise money for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. If people could please send them in with roughly a 5mm border of envelope around each stamp, that would be wonderful. There will be collection boxes at each of the school entrances.

Also, the Eco Committee have organised for Livingstone School to be a recycling point for used batteries. We accept AAA, AA, C and D type batteries. Again, there will be collection boxes at each of the school entrances.

Managing illness:

As you will be aware, it is that time of year where we find ourselves in the midst of seasonal illness. We have been asked to pass on to parents the following links which may be helpful.

- [NHS Guidance for Parents](#): Is my child too ill for school? – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.
- [A-Z of managing Infectious Diseases](#): Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

Schools Grid School Meal ordering and Payment system:

We will be implementing a piece of new software called SchoolGrid for the ordering and payment of your child's school meals, starting from 19th January 2026. With SchoolGrid, you can order and pay for your child's meals with a few clicks. To get started, SchoolGrid will be sending you a welcome email with instructions on how to activate your account and create your password. Please note that in order for your account to be created, we will be sharing your information with SchoolGrid. You can view SchoolGrid's Privacy Policy on the following link:

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/termsfuse/Privacy-Policy.pdf>

You can order on a daily, weekly, monthly or even termly basis. The system will allow you to place as many orders in advance as you like, up to the point the menu has been opened for. You can also make a same-day order up to 8:55am. Please order with your child so that they can tell you which things they like to eat.

If you pay for your child's meals, then you have two options on SchoolGrid. You can top up your account by making a card payment or alternatively, you can set up a Direct Debit. To place an order, you need to ensure you have the relevant credit on your account or a Direct Debit set up. If you do not have these, you will be unable to order and will receive a reminder message to make payment.

With Direct Debit, SchoolGrid collects the payment on a monthly basis and it is collected in arrears. Your Direct Debit amount can vary depending on the amount of meals taken within the period so a statement will be sent to you two weeks prior to the collection, detailing the exact date and the amount to be collected, as well as all the meals included.

Please remember to cancel your order if your child will not be having the meal at lunchtime, otherwise you may still be charged. This also helps cut down on food wastage.

We hope that you find SchoolGrid easy to use and convenient for ordering and paying for your child's school meals. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

SchoolGrid support can be contacted via email on support@schoolgrid.co.uk or by telephone on 01506 300310.

Until this system comes in, please pay on School Spider as previously.

In case children are getting new devices for Christmas:

Please see the following links for setting up Parental controls on new devices.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026!

Diary Dates

Friday 19th December

End of term 3.15pm

Mon 22nd Dec – Fri 2nd Jan

Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January

INSET day for staff

Tuesday 6th January

Term starts for children



Working with
Livingstone Primary School

mychild's art
co.uk

Your child has uploaded a
mini masterpiece to our website!
VIEW NOW
by logging into the parent order portal at
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Order portals open NOW until the
31/12/2025

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
valid for a limited time
only so don't delay!

Use code **LivingstoneX25**
during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and RRP. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed. Valid for a limited time from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. For specific end date, please contact your child's school group.

Username **Livingstone**
Access Code **kn4w9bmq**

QR code
Scan me



mychild's art
co.uk

Your very own heirloom is just a click away!

All of the children recently created their very own Christmas pictures and they are now available to purchase in our online shop. You can choose from Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs, bags, aprons and so much more, and there are so many ways to personalise your products, with themes ranging from floral to DIY, Eid to shining stars, and even an adorable Christmas border!

They make perfect gifts and keepsakes for loved ones, and what's even better is that a whopping **20% of the profits come straight back to us to help with our fundraising!**

The children should have brought the login details home, but if you're struggling to find them then please let us know as soon as possible: **we don't want you to miss out.**

If you have any questions or you're struggling to order, My Child's Art have a dedicated customer service team waiting to help you. You can call them on **01530 887650** or send them an email on customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk - they're more than happy to talk you through the process or answer any concerns.

Prices start from just £2.69 +P&P

Don't delay - order today!

Over 35 exciting products to choose from...

Brand new products!

NEW NEW NEW NEW



ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING - We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
actionfraud.police.uk



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 December and 23rd December
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



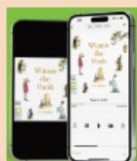
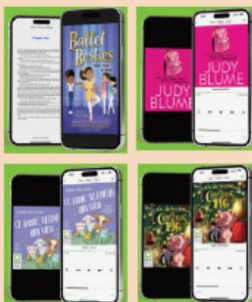
WHAT'S ON TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

NEWSLETTER



Borrowbox

This month's unlimited titles on Borrowbox!
Download for free to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.



Borrowbox



Free, unlimited ebook and audiobook titles from Tameside Libraries with Borrowbox

What's On



Don't forget our fun Boardgames are available to play in Ashton, Droylsden, Hattersley and Stalybridge libraries - grab friends and family then simply play and then tidy away!



The Winter Mini Challenge is here!
Sign up for free www.wintermini.org.uk to take part in the online challenge. Read at least 3 books to reach your goal and you'll unlock a digital badge plus a printable certificate to celebrate your achievement!

Zine Making
Come and make your own mini book
Ashton Library
Tameside One, Market Place, Ashton OL6 6BH

Monday 22nd December
Drop in between 10am and 12pm



A Zine is a mini/handmade book. Come and look at different types and learn how to make your own
free drop in workshop no booking required
Suitable for 8yrs plus

Come and make your own mini book at Ashton Library.
Monday 22 December 10-12.
No need to book, just drop in.
suitable for ages 8+



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IN TAMESIDE

The Trans Pennine Trail 2025 Christmas Holiday Activity Pack is bursting with festive fun for families and children and is available FREE to download from our website.

You'll find nature-themed challenges like a winter scavenger hunt, creative crafts such as making a bird feeder, and a delicious cake pop recipe to try at home. The pack also features sensory games, puzzles, and a heart-warming story adventure with the Trail's friendly mascots, encouraging everyone to explore the great outdoors.

With colourful characters leading the way, this activity pack inspires kids to discover winter wildlife, get creative, and enjoy the magic of the outdoors. There are opportunities to share their adventures and to earn a digital certificate.

The packs are ideal for Key Stage 1 and 2, but there's something for everyone – whether you're a teacher, parent, or young explorer. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day. Every pack is designed to help everyone learn, play, and make memories while exploring the outdoors.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. **We'd obviously prefer parents to download the pack themselves so if you could share the link with them, it would be appreciated.**

Download it from our Children's page at: [TPT Activity Packs | Trans Pennine Trail](#) or by clicking the image below:



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**Family
Engagement
Project**

SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

Join other parents and carers of children aged 0-6 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Tameside for informal advice and support.

Helpful
advice and
support

Free
refreshments

Meet other
SEND
parents

Children
welcome

Signposting
to services

**Come and join us at our next session!
Wednesday 7th January 2026**

10.00am - 11.30am

**The Together Centre, Loxley House, 287 Birch Lane,
Dukinfield, SK16 5AU**



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

