

Livingstone Newsletter

9th January 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Archie
Year 3: Hallie

Reception: Ruby
Year 4: Layson

Year 1: Afreen
Year 5: Lola

Year 2: Nabila
Year 6: Annabelle

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

Clubs bookings will be sent out again next week. 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.

Knowledge Day:

On Monday we are having our first 'Knowledge Day' which is where children are able to recap on their learning from last term and present what they can remember. They will be working their way around different stations in the classroom to complete a wide range of activities that recap on the knowledge and skills from a wide range of subjects. We look forward to seeing what you can remember of your learning!

Grapes:

If you are sending grapes into school as a snack please remember to cut them in half as they can otherwise present a choking hazard. Thank you.

The Terrible Times Fun Food Feast:

On Thursday 15th January we will be holding our theme meal for this half term.

If your child normally has school diners on a Thursday, we will assume they are having a meal unless you inform us otherwise. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner on this day, please book one by purchasing the meal on School Spider (please use the theme meal rather than the normal school meal payment so that we know numbers). If you can't find both children listed please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals so will be under this product.

Cut off date for orders is noon on Tuesday 13th January.



Eco Committee News:

The Eco Committee 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/termsofuse/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.

Tameside Survey for Parents and carers about sensory pathways in schools:

We have been asked to send this survey out to parents and carers.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oXpgvI5o3k-O2cGrAkxJvZ30ZugGC6JGj_jKS4n92wFUNDdZNTc4NjVFWTdONE4wUVBMMVNUOEdJSS4u&fbclid=IwY2xjawO2EPZleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFGNmtXOUJTzEx3ZDlyUTVJc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHrCBbVRluVh0iktfrBh6nmildVHq-N8z5_f3KCcU_OCocZaa4TBmlsDELS9N_aem_GW-9HGdUnT7bohqlueTuTg

Childrens' Commissioners resource – what I wish my parents and carers knew about online safety:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

This might be of interest to parents and carers - This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

In case children have got 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.commonsensemedia.org/>

Diary Dates

Thursday 15th January – Deadline for applications for Reception for September 2026

Monday 19th January – Anticipated School's Grid go live date for menu orders and dinner payments

Tuesday 20th January – Y5/6 Basketball tournament at MHHS

Thursday 29th January – selected Reception and Nursery dental survey

Tuesday 3rd February – Nursery stay and play session 1.45pm

Tuesday 10th February – After school internet safety session for parents and carers with Mrs Dawson

Thursday 12th February – Debate competition

Friday 13th February – End of term 3.15pm

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – February half term

Monday 23rd February – children return to school

Wednesday 25th February – Careers Fair for Year 6 at Mossley Hollins

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 9th March – Y3/Y4 Educational Visit to Museum of Science and Industry

Tuesday 10th March – Y3/4 Dodgeball tournament at MHHS

Wednesday 11th March – Y6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin

Tuesday 17th March – Parents' Evening 3.30- 6pm

Wednesday 18th March – Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm

Tuesday 24th March – Y5 Maths Challenge

Thursday 26th March – Y3,Y4,Y5 and singing club Easter Concert 2pm and 6pm

Friday 27th March – End of term 3.15pm

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – INSET Staff Training

Tuesday 14th April – Children back to school



Family Engagement Project

Support for parents and carers of children aged 0-6 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Tameside

- SEND stay & play groups
- 1-1 support and signposting
- Peer support groups
- Information sessions
- Friendly online community
- No need to book Free for all

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

  

Family Engagement
Project (0-6 years)



SPLASH CLASS

Free 6 week course of water exploration,
water confidence, swimming techniques
and most of all fun!



Specialised 'in-pool' SEN support.
Small class size. Hydrotherapy pool.
Cafe on-site.

Registered families only.
Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm @ Aquanurture, Hyde
Booking Essential!

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE



Scan the QR code on the left to register with the
project and a member of team will get in touch.
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Family Engagement Project

Supporting families of children 0-6 with
emerging SEND

EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLAN (EHCP) INFORMATION PRESENTATION AND DROP IN SESSION

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2026

ACADEMY HQ GROSVENOR ST, STALYBRIDGE SK15 1SD

12.30pm - 1.30pm EHCP information
presentation.

Learn more about EHCPs and the process.

1.30pm - 2.30pm Drop in session.
Meet the team, ask questions relating to
SEND, receive peer support, and find out
more about the project.

Not suitable
for children -
sorry for any
inconvenience

No booking
required -
just turn up



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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

WEDS
7TH
JAN

SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
@ The Together Centre, Dukinfield, 287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU
10.00-11.30am

WEDS
7TH
JAN

0-6 SEND Splash Class six week course
@ Aquanurture, 1.30-2.30pm each Wednesday.
Booking essential. Contact for details of upcoming course dates.

TUES
13TH
JAN

0-6 SEND Stay and Play
@ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL
10.00-11.30am

THURS
22ND
JAN

Education Health Care Plan Information Session and Drop in
@ Academy HQ Glass Room, Grosvenor St, Stalybridge SK15 1SD
12.30 - 2.30pm

TUES
27TH
JAN

0-6 SEND Stay and Play
@ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL
10.00-11.30am

WEDS
4TH
FEB

SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
@ The Together Centre, Dukinfield, 287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU
10.00-11.30am

FEBRUARY
2026

NEW 0-2 Sensory play and parent support group.
Details coming soon!



The Mencap Family Engagement Project supports families of children 0-6 with Special Educational needs and disabilities or emerging needs living in Tameside. Scan the QR code to register with the project and access our sessions for free. For further information visit our Facebook page or email us at: familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk



Family
Engagement
Project



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:
13th January and 27th January
10.00am - 11.30am

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



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