

# Livingstone Newsletter

## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: **Arthur**

Year 3: **Max**

Reception: **Autumn**

Year 4: **Fliss**

Year 1: **Tino**

Year 5: **Freddie**

Year 2: **Laina**

Year 6: **Lochlan**

Well done to all our stars of the week!

### Clubs:

Clubs bookings will be live on Monday at 6pm. Please see the table below for full information about which club is open to which year group. Please note the different start dates due to staff commitments.

Club	Year Group	Day	Time	Teacher	No of places	Start date
Singing	Y3-Y6	Monday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Bromley	30	26 <sup>th</sup> January
Multisports	Y1/2	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Flint	20	27 <sup>th</sup> January
Recorders	Y1/2	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4pm	Mrs Davies / Mrs Marshall	15	27 <sup>th</sup> January
Motorskills	Rec	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4pm	Ms Sellers / Ms McCann	15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
Multisports	Y3/Y4	Wednesday	3.15-5pm	Tameside Active Coach	30	21 <sup>st</sup> January
Coding club	Y3 / Y4	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Legge	12	29 <sup>th</sup> January
Debate club	Y5 / Y6 Same children	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Miss Mathews	6	29 <sup>th</sup> January
Sewing Club	Y3- Y6	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Miss Willard	10	29 <sup>th</sup> January

### SchoolGrid school meal ordering and payment system:

Each family has been sent an email link to log into SchoolGrid, our new system for ordering and paying for school dinners. If your children have school dinners (rather than packed lunch) you need to create an account on SchoolGrid to select food options. Please order with your child(ren) so that they can tell you which things they like to eat. This will now replace the paper menu system.

If you pay for your child's school dinners, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, SchoolGrid will replace School Spider as the place to do this.

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.

If you pay for your child's meals you have two options on SchoolGrid:

1. Top up your account by making a **Card Payment**
2. Set up a **Direct Debit**.

To place an order, you need to have 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 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 (eg if they are unwell and not in school), otherwise you may still be charged. This also helps cut down on food wastage.

**If you are having any problems with the system please let us know so that we can try to resolve them today before going live on Monday.** SchoolGrid support can be contacted via email on [support@schoolgrid.co.uk](mailto:support@schoolgrid.co.uk) or by telephone on 01506 300310.

### School Dinner Debts:

As we move over to the new system, any outstanding debt money for school dinners will be chased. When you get this message please continue to pay the debt on School Spider only: use School Grid to pay for meals from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

### Lost Property:

We have had a pair of black framed glasses handed in which were found on the road up from school. We have also had a dummy on a clip handed in that was found in the playground. There is also a large black and blue umbrella that was left at a Y1/2 nativity performance. If any of these belong to you, please pop into the office.

### Online Safety:

You can find lots of information regarding digital safety and staying safe online on the link below. There are specific sections relating to roblox, netflix and YouTube

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

### Parking and School Streets:

We have again had complaints from neighbours about people parking across driveways and blocking them in or preventing them being able to access their driveways. Please park with consideration for our neighbours even if it is just for 5 minutes.

We are still on the lookout for School Streets volunteers – please let us know if you can spare 30 minutes a week to help keep our children safe. Without volunteers we would not be able to run the scheme. Thank you.

### Knowledge Day:

On Monday we held our first 'Knowledge Day' which was an opportunity for the children to recap on their learning from last term. They worked their way around different stations in the classroom to complete a wide range of activities that recapped on the knowledge and skills from a wide range of subjects.

### 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.

### School Council News:

The school council are looking for second hand children's books that are still of a good quality so that they can hold a book stall after school to raise money for playground equipment. Please could you send any donations in to Miss Mathews in Year 2 or the school office. Thank you.

### 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.

### Diary Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – School's Grid go live date for menu orders and dinner payments

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

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January – selected Reception and Nursery dental survey

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Nursery stay and play session 1.45pm

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

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – TEAMs Internet safety session for parents and carers with Mrs Dawson; Debate competition

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of term 3.15pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – February half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – children return to school

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Careers Fair for Year 6 at Mossley Hollins

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Y3/4 Dodgeball tournament at MHHS  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening 3.30- 6pm  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ Evening 4-6.30pm  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Maths Challenge  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y3,Y4,Y5 and singing club Easter Concert 2pm and 6pm  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – End of term 3.15pm  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Staff Training  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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](mailto: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.

No booking required - just turn up

Not suitable for children - sorry for any inconvenience



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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



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**Family**  
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THE BEST START FOR  
LIPS IN TAMESIDE



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:**  
**13<sup>th</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00am - 11.30am**

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



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