



Livingstone Newsletter

23rd January 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Evie

Reception: Hooriya

Year 1: Harper

Year 2: Aria

Year 3: Willow

Year 4: Keir

Year 5: Erin

Year 6: Emrys

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

Most clubs start next week – These are Singing, Multisports for Y1/2, Recorders, Coding and Sewing. The Multisports for Y3/4 will also be on. Motorskills for Reception does not start until 3rd February.

There are still places available in singing (Y3-6), Multisports for Y1/2, Motor Skills (Rec) and Multisports (Y3/4). These are still available to book on School Spider.

SchoolGrid school meal ordering and payment system:

Thank you to all parents and carers for your efforts to log in and order on SchoolGrid. Please make sure you keep on ordering each week. 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.

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 19th January onwards.

Lost Property:

- **black framed glasses** handed in which were found on the road up from school.
- **a dummy on a clip** handed in that was found in the playground.
- **crystal growing kit** that has been left on the front desk!
- **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.

As usual there are also lots of lost jumpers, cardigans and fruit tubs in the normal lost property.

Online Safety Parents and Carers Workshop:

To accompany **Safer Internet Day 2026**, we will be hosting our annual Parent workshop. This year we will be delivering two sessions. The first will take place on Tuesday 10th Feb after school at 3:30pm The second session will take place online over Teams on Thursday 12th February at 9:30am.

In School Workshop	Online Workshop
Tuesday 10 th Feb 3:30pm	Thursday 12 th Feb 9:30am

This workshop will cover practical ways to help keep families safer online, covering the dangers that can occur from content on YouTube, gaming platforms, social media, online challenges, cyber bullying and grooming from strangers. We will be talking about how children engage with technology from Early Years to preparing them for mobile phones. We will offer advice on parental controls and how you can ensure your child recognises online dangers and who they can approach for help.

The content will also contain recent updates for example the importance of managing screentime from an early age and the impact of AI and fake news. So, if you have not already attended one of these workshops or you simply would like a refresher, we'd love to see you.

DUE TO THE CONTENT OF THESE SESSIONS CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND WITH THEIR PARENT/CARER. PLEASE ALSO TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION IF ATTENDING ON TEAMS.

Please let us know if you would like to attend – there is a survey on School Spider for this under 'surveys and forms'.

Second hand school uniform:

There is a lot of second-hand school uniform available for free on School Spider. Please do order what you can use.

Basketball:

Well done to our Y5 and y6 teams who competed in a basketball tournament against other Mossley schools on Tuesday. The Y5 team came 4th overall and the Y6 team came 2nd overall. Well done to Amber, Thomas, Avah, Lochlan, Emrys, Riley, Paisley, Phoebe C, Freddie, Benji Mc, Jack and Aaron.

Eco Committee Update:

The eco-committee are still collecting stamps for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society- we counted them last week and had managed to collect 486 stamps in less than a month. We also counted the number of batteries that had been sent into school for recycling, and we had a grand total of 789, so please send these in too.

This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It is the UK's biggest citizen science survey and by taking part, we can help the RSPB know how our garden birds are doing right now. If you would like to take part, you go onto the RSPB website and download your free guide. You spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 23 and 25 January, and record the birds that land. You then tell the RSPB what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post. There are resources on their website including bird identification sheets. The link is below:

[It's Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend. Get counting!](#)

WOW Badge competition for 2026

ARE YOU READY TO GET CREATIVE?

Join one of the UK's biggest design competition for children! We'll turn **11 winning entries into more than 300,000 badges** to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

This year's theme is **Walk the Senses** – we want pupils to tell us what they see, hear, smell, taste or feel as they walk or wheel to school. That might be the sound of birds singing, the smell of flowers or a tasty snack eaten on the way to school. Or it could be the feel of raindrops or snow on their skin – or spotting a rainbow in the sky!

The badge competition is open now and you have until Tuesday 24 February 2026 to enter.

The entry form is on the next page.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

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 – TEAMS Internet safety session for parents and carers with Mrs Dawson; 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

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES

STORYTELLING WEEK

31 January - 8 February 2026

Saturday - Stalybridge, 11-11.30am
Monday - Mossley, 3.45-4.30pm
Tuesday - Ashton & Hattersley, 3.45-4.30pm
Wednesday - Hyde, 3.45-4.30pm
Thursday - Denton & Dukinfield, 3.45-4.30pm
Friday - Droylsden, 3.45-4.30pm
Saturday - Dukinfield, 11-11.30am

Story time & craft drop-ins for 3-7s

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

National Storytelling Week
Soundtrack your story
2-8 February 2026

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



LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2026

WOW - the walk to school challenge

WALK the SENSES

WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

What do you see, hear, smell, taste or feel as you walk or wheel to school? Have you spotted a fluffy cloud in the sky or a cute dog passing by? Maybe you like the sound of feet walking. Or do you like the smell of flowers or wild garlic on the journey to school? Maybe it's the taste of your favourite yummy snack or it could be feeling the rain on your skin.

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Seeing a tree, a rainbow or wildlife
- The sound of birds singing or people talking
- The smell of flowers or food from a shop
- Tasting your favourite snack on the journey to school
- Feeling sun or snow on your skin

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

WHATEVER
WAKES UP
YOUR SENSES,
DRAW IT!

CLOSING DATE

TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026

PUPILS

Pupil name:	Age:
What did you draw? Why does it bring you joy?	

TEACHERS

School email:
School name and address:
Local authority:



WOW – the walk to school challenge

Badge design competition 2026

WALK the SENSES

WIN FREE RESOURCES for your school*



Get involved in one of the UK's biggest design competitions for children. Encourage your pupils to think about what evokes the senses. We'll turn each winning entry into more than 300,000 badges to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

WHAT IS WOW?

WOW is Living Streets' walk to school challenge. Pupils log their daily journeys to school on the WOW Travel Tracker. Those who walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school at least once a week for a month earn a WOW badge, with a new one to collect each month across the year. It's as easy as that. WOW successfully reduces congestion outside schools, helping to tackle road danger and air pollution – all whilst children benefit mentally and physically from being more active. livingstreets.org.uk/WOW

HOW TO ENTER

STEP 1: Print out the badge template overleaf for pupils

STEP 2: Encourage pupils to get creative – either in class or at home

STEP 3: Select your school's best three designs and submit, either via email to badgecompetition@livingstreets.org.uk or upload at livingstreets.org.uk/badgesubmission

PRIZES

- Winning designs to feature on WOW badges in 2026/27
- Up to £500* free WOW resources for winning schools, plus five additional schools selected by prize draw
- WOW trophies for winners and highly commended runners-up
- Downloadable certificate for your school's top badge designers

* Please see your school's instructions on how to access free WOW resources from Living Streets projects. Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for more details.

TOP TIPS FOR WINNING DESIGNS:

- Be big, bold and colourful!
- Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd!
- WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details work best!
- Trademarks, logos and images of Strider will not qualify for the competition.
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens.

For full details about the WOW badge design competition, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2026

The WOW badge design competition is for everyone

We support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to enter the badge design competition. Head to livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2026 and find out more.

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We are Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking.

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