



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Alice

Reception: Ronnie

Year 1: Amelia

Year 2: Bea

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: Theo

Year 5: Isabella

Year 6: Matias

Well done to all our stars of the week!

### Clubs:

All clubs are on next week although Debate club is a competition instead of a club at Mossley Hollins.

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:

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.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb after school at 3:30pm The second session will take place online over Teams on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am.

In School Workshop	Online Workshop
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3:30pm	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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’.**

### Children’s Mental Health week:

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week which is led by the charity Place2Be. This years theme is ‘This is my Place’ which focuses on the importance of belonging, encouraging schools, families, and communities to create supportive environments where children feel safe, understood, and connected. We know that our sense of belonging as individuals in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

The goal of this year's theme is to spark conversations and build skills for long-lasting emotional health, emphasising that feeling safe and included is crucial. In class this week, the children will create a map of themselves to show all the different places where they feel they belong – at school, at home, at a club, with friends, with family etc. We are really looking forward to seeing their creations.

### Lost Property:

Please check in lost property if you have lost jumpers, cardigans or fruit tubs!

### 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.

### School Streets:

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.

### 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 below.**

### Online safety:

The Children's Commissioner has published a guide for parents and carers entitled 'What I wish my parents or carers knew....' It has lots of information in it and guides to how to manage children's digital lives along with activity packs to work through with your child. It looks very useful so we would recommend parents and carers take a look.

<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/>

### Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 visit to Mossley Library

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 – Reception Educational Visit to Z Arts; Y3/4 Dodgeball tournament at MHHS

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin; Science fair after school for parents and carers

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening 3.30- 6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Current Nursery stay and play 1.45pm

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



### Trans Pennine Trail Activity Pack for half term

Our brand-new Kids' February Half Term Activity Pack, filled with fun nature-themed activities, crafts, recipes and puzzles for families to enjoy during the holiday. It's a great way to inspire children to get creative, explore the outdoors, and learn more about the outdoors and the Trans Pennine Trail.

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. They're perfect for use on the Trail, in your local park, or even indoors on a rainy day.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home.

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





# TOGETHERNESS

An update on

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Your NHS learning space created by psychologists

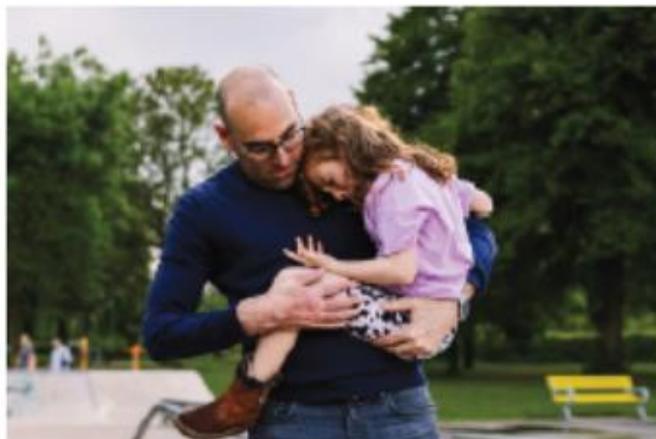
### February 2026

This Spring Term, we're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

[Togetherness](#) the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on Togetherness to help your children thrive.

#### Here for big feelings



### Understanding your child's feelings

Our taster online learning journey to support you to understand your child's feelings as they head back to the classroom

[\(bite-size e-learning\)](#)

#### Three key questions



### How can I support my child with anxiety?

The Clinical Psychologist and Child Psychotherapist's advice

[\(3 minute read\)](#)

## Teenage brain and exams



### What happens to the teenage brain during exam time?

Clinical psychologist, Dr Rebecca Johnson, explains how teenage brain development can impact exam stress – helpful for teens taking mock exams

[\(4 minute watch\)](#)

## Healthy sleep habits



### How to support bedtime routines

Health Visitor, Mary Rheeaton, explains how bedtime routines can support your child's emotional and physical health

[\(short video watch\)](#)

## Raising kind kids



### Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Online learning journey to support your parenting and help nurture your child's emotional health anytime, anywhere

[\(bite-size e-learning\)](#)

## Anxiety: all feelings welcome



### Understanding anxiety

A digital hub of resources to support parents to understand feelings of anxiety in children and young people

[\(easy reads and watch digital hub\)](#)

# FREE ACCESS

You're receiving this update as your school is based in a free (pre-paid, funded) access area for [togetherness.co.uk](http://togetherness.co.uk)

Find the [Free Access Checker](#) in the pathway library to unlock free online learning that could change your relationship with your child for the better.

Evidence based - Created in the NHS - Private and available anytime, anywhere

Follow Togetherness on social media



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[togetherness@uhb.nhs.uk](mailto:togetherness@uhb.nhs.uk)

Family Engagement  
Project (0-6 years)

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## 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 @ Aquanature, 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. For further information visit our Facebook page or email us at: [familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk](mailto:familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk)



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## 0-5'S SEND STAY AND PLAY



Come and join us at our stay and play group for children 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.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month  
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](mailto:familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk)



## Community Provision

### Mainstream and Youth Community Sessions

Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Age	Price
Monday	5.00-6.00pm	Football	Active Copley – Astroturf	10-16	£2
Tuesday	5:00-6:30pm	Multi-sports	Active Medlock	8-16	£2
	5:00-7:00pm	Youth Bowling	Tameside Wellness Centre	8-16	£2
Wednesday	5:30-7:30pm	Youth Swim, Slide and Waves	Active Hyde	8-16	£2
Thursday	4.45-5.30pm	Little Athletes	Active Oxford Park	6-9	£3.50
	5.00-6.00pm	Football	Active Ken Ward	10-16	£2
Friday	5:30-7:30pm	Multi-sports & Wellbeing	Active Oxford Park	8-16	£2

All sessions are booked via **EEQU**: [Active Youth Community · Eequ /  
eequ.org/activeyouthcommunity](http://ActiveYouthCommunity.Eequ/eegu.org/activeyouthcommunity)



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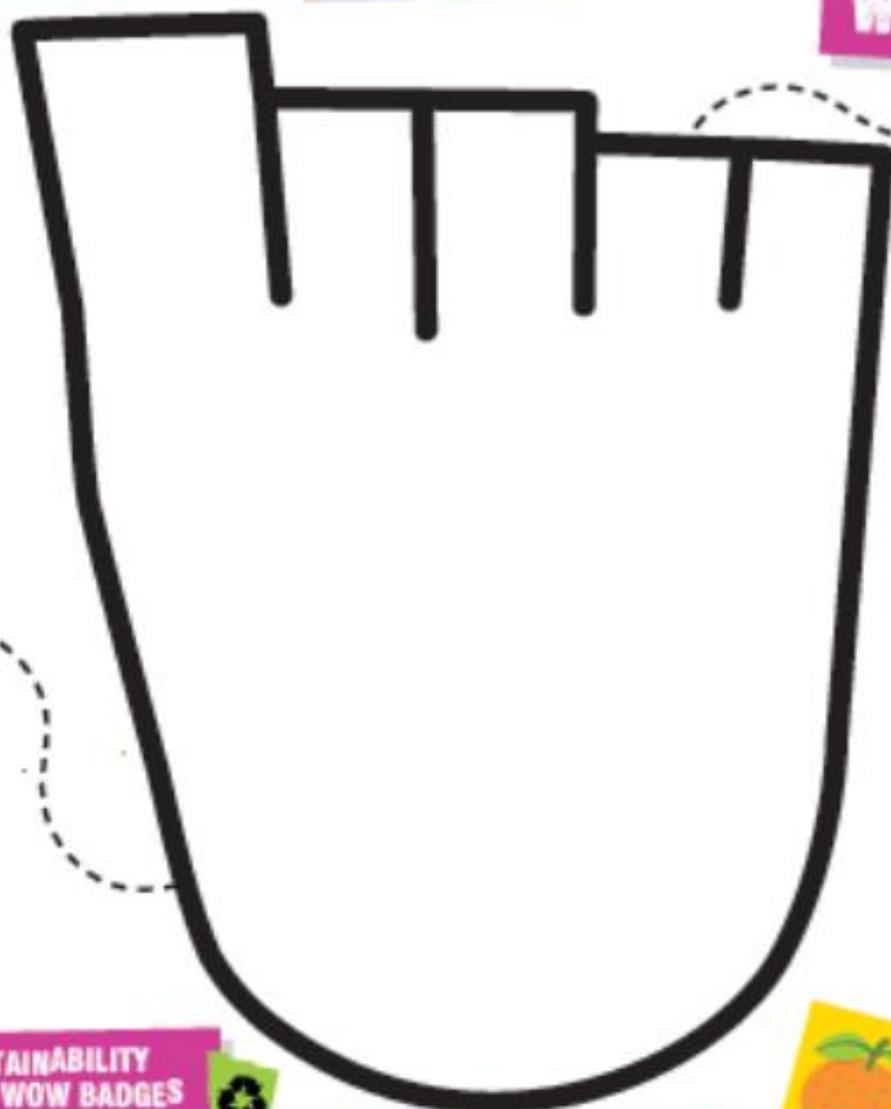


LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

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](http://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)



WHATEVER WAKES UP YOUR SENSES, DRAW IT!

### CLOSING DATE

TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026

PUPILS

Pupil name:	Age:
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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](http://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](mailto:badgecompetition@livingstreets.org.uk) or upload at [livingstreets.org.uk/badgesubmission](http://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 for how to claim from using school 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](http://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](http://livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2026) and find out more.

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**TUESDAY 24 FEB 2026**

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

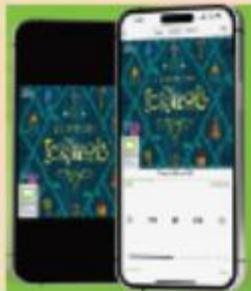
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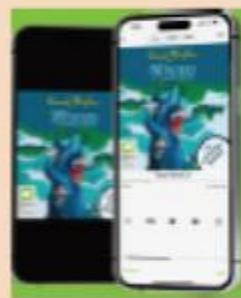
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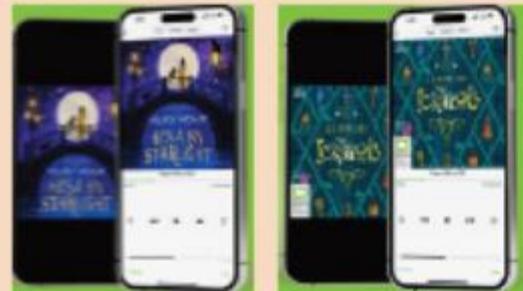
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# Half Term



**Make your drawings come to life!**  
**Come and learn how to make your drawings move with simple animation techniques.**  
**Suitable for ages 8yrs plus.**  
**Drop in session**  
**Ashton library**  
**Monday 16 February - 10am-12pm**



**Come and get creative at our craft sessions. No need to book, just turn up on the day**



**Ashton and Hattersley Libraries are hosting fun board game sessions for children and families. Everyone is welcome, and there's no need to book – simply drop in and join in!**



**Explore Learning are running 2 fun grammar workshops. Places are free but must be booked via [tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)**

