



# Livingstone Newsletter

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

### Star of the Week:

**Nursery:** Mohammed

**Reception:** Ava

**Year 1:** Lily

**Year 2:** Alfie

**Year 3:** George

**Year 4:** Jasmine

**Year 5:** Myla

**Year 6:** Emeylah

Well done to all our stars of the week!

### Clubs:

No Y1/2 multisports on Tuesday next week as Mr Flint is taking a team to a competition. All other clubs are on as normal next week.

### New School Administrator:

After months of being without anyone in the front office, I am delighted to let you know that Katie Logan (whom some parents might remember as a TA from a couple of years ago) is returning to school to take up the front desk role from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We are delighted to welcome her back to the Livingstone team!

### Science Fair Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

As part of our Science week activities, we are holding a Science Fair for parents and carers on Wednesday after school (3.30pm – 4.30pm) where parents, carers and children can come along and participate in lots of Science experiments that relate to the Science curriculum. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Stamford Park Multi Academy Trust:



Parents and carers will remember information last year about our plans to join Stamford Park Trust. We are delighted to share that Livingstone is now working in partnership with Stamford Park Trust (SPT), a well-established multi-academy trust serving schools across Tameside.

Stamford Park Trust is a key Multi-Academy Trust operating within Tameside, with a strong track record of supporting schools to deliver excellence and ambition and for all. The Trust currently includes:

- Ashton Sixth Form College
- Rayner Stephens High School
- Longendale High School
- Fairfield High School for Girls

While formal processes are still underway, we are already working closely with the Trust. This partnership strengthens opportunities for collaboration, professional development and school improvement, while ensuring our school's values and identity remain firmly rooted in our local community.

We are excited to bring our strong primary expertise into the Trust, helping to build a seamless educational journey from early years through to post-16 across Tameside.

Importantly, our school's values, ethos and commitment to our local community remain unchanged. This partnership strengthens our ability to provide the very best education and experiences for our pupils.

We look forward to sharing further updates as we move towards formally joining Stamford Park Trust.

### School Council Bake Sale:

School Council will be running a Bake Sale on Tuesday and Wednesday next week after school to continue raising money for playground equipment. If you are able to donate, they would really appreciate donations of cakes on Monday. No nuts please! Thank you for your support.

### Easter Egg Raffle:

We would love any donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and tickets will be sold in the couple of weeks running up to that.

### Egg Decorating Competition:

This year, we are eggcited to announce a brand-new egg decorating competition! First, hard boil your egg and once it has cooled, you can decorate it! Remember to include your name and be as creative as you can.

- Bring eggs in week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Prizes will be given for the best egg in each class on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- £1 per egg entry to raise money for Friends of Livingstone.

Have a cracking time!

### Educational visits:

We have a lot of Educational visits coming up. If your child is in Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 6 please make sure you have given permission for the trip on SchoolSpider under 'surveys and forms' and make your contribution to the cost where appropriate under products. Thank you for your support.

Please also remember to order the school packed lunch if your child is having one. If no order has been made, we will assume they have brought a lunch from home.

### SchoolGrid school meal ordering:

Remember to order your child's meal on School Grid. If there's no choice marked, they will get the default option which is a jacket potato with a choice of filling. The cut off time for orders day is 8.55am.

### Parents Evenings: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March:

Slots are available for booking on School Spider.

### Nursery lists for future years:

If you have a child under 3 and you haven't yet added them to our Nursery lists please do so! We maintain these lists for future years so that we can then offer places to those on the lists. Please do let us know if you'd like to add your child to the list – they are never too young – I recently added a child who was only a week old to the list for September 2029!

### Eco Committee Update:

The Eco-Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that was able to donate cat food. Sue and Sally from Hog Manor Hedgehog Rescue came into school and were absolutely thrilled with the amount that had been collected. They could not believe how generous our Livingstone family had been! They talked to the Eco-Committee about why hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction and what we can all do to help them. The children will be passing this information on to the rest of the school and have made a leaflet that you can read below.



### Smart watches:

Please do not let children wear smart watches for school. Some have calculator or camera options even when not connected to a phone and this is not appropriate in school. Thank you for your support.

### Diary Dates

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

A vertical poster for a Spring Fair. At the top center is a circular logo depicting a red brick building with a chimney. The poster is decorated with yellow and orange flowers and green leaves. The text is centered and reads: "You Are Invited To Mossley Town Team's Spring Fair Saturday 14th March 2026 11am until 2:30pm Mossley Methodist Church Chapel Road, OL5 0HE Free Entry. Refreshments. 24 stalls, including: craft, food and gift stalls."/>

You Are Invited To

**Mossley Town Team's  
Spring Fair**

**Saturday 14th March 2026**

**11am until 2:30pm**

**Mossley Methodist Church**  
**Chapel Road, OL5 0HE**

**Free Entry.**

**Refreshments.**  
**24 stalls, including:**  
**craft, food and gift**  
**stalls.**

## How can we help hedgehogs?

1. Keep an eye out for them on the roads and ask grown-ups to drive more slowly.



2. After a football match, make sure that nets are packed away or lifted off the ground.



3. Use natural ways to keep slugs off plants such as place bark around the base of plants- slugs struggle to crawl over it.



4. Try to keep hedgerows. If you have a garden fence, make sure there is a hedgehog sized hole (13cm x13cm) in it so it can roam around your garden.



5. Leave a shallow bowl of water and some kitten biscuits, or meaty cat food in jelly outside at night for hedgehogs to eat. If you see lots of crumbs in the morning, you will know a hedgehog has been.



6. Try to leave the autumn leaves and twigs in a small part of your garden so that the hedgehogs have materials to build their hibernaculum.



7. Make sure you don't drop litter. If you have fruit nets, cut them up before you put them into the bin.



8. Ask grown-ups to check the grass and leaves before they start to strim or mow the lawn.



9. Buy or make a hedgehog house and leave it in your garden. You can also make a feeding station for them from a plastic tub.



10. If you see a hedgehog during the day, it means that it is poorly – they should only come out at night. Let a grown up know, and ask them to contact Hog Manor Sanctuary.





**Re: Brass Band Contest Competition**

**To be completed by: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

Dear schools and groups.

Our theme for this year's Band Contest is '*Design a Zine*'. Zines are a wonderful way of being creative and expressing thoughts, and are a great medium to share messages in.

We would like to invite your young people to create a paper-based zine (instructions included) of the iconic Brass Band Contest. We are encouraging everyone to be 'creative' this year and think about what the contest means to them (e.g., family, instruments, marching, colourful bunting, celebrations) and to transfer that into a small zine.

We will arrange to collect all the zines on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and they will be judged that week. The winning entries will have their front cover and inner sleeves printed in the Band Contest programme for 2026, and winners will be presented with a prize before the contest on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

We kindly request that the entries have name, age and school/group on the back of the pictures, so that they can be judged accordingly. We are running a zine making session at the club on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11-14:00 and your young people are very welcome to attend with their parents/guardians.

If you need any more information about the competition, please contact me on the below email address. We really hope that you can take part in this competition.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicky Iqbal". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Nicky Iqbal. Director and Events Coordinator, Mossley AFC.



# DESIGN A ZINE

DESIGN A WHIT FRIDAY  
ZINE 

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY **APR  
13TH**

WHAT DOES WHIT FRIDAY MEAN TO  
YOU?  
CREATE A ZINE THAT CAPTURES THE  
MEANING OF THE CONTEST

WHIT FRIDAY

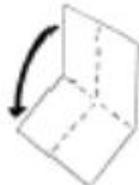
**MAJ  
29TH  
2026**



You will need a A4 or A3 piece of paper



Fold your piece of paper in half length ways.



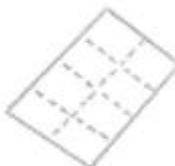
Then fold the piece of paper from the shorter side to the other shorter side.



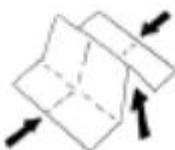
Unfold the piece of paper, then take one of the shorter sides and fold it in to meet the middle crease.



Open the piece of paper back out. Repeat the last fold again on the other side.



Unfold your piece of paper so it is flat. You should be able to see eight boxes. Turn the paper over.



Push the shorter ends of the piece paper towards each other. This will lift the central fold upright.



# How to fold a Zine



Cut along the side where the crease is. Be sure to only cut half way down the piece of paper.



Open your zine up by bringing the corners on the long sides together.



This should create a booklet shape.



Then fold each one of the pages down to create a folded zine.



Now that you have made your zine it is time to decorate, be sure to colour in the covers, pages and even the inside of your zine too!

*Ta Dah!*



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

WEDS  
4TH  
MARCH

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

THURS  
5TH  
MARCH

**0-2 SEND Babies**  
@ Angels and Acorns, Knowl Street Stalybridge, SK15 3AZ  
10.00 - 11.30am

TUES  
10TH  
MARCH

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

THURS  
12TH  
MARCH

**Adults only Wellbeing Painting session with The Mixing Pot**  
@ Academy HQ Grosvenor St, Stalybridge SK15 1SD  
6.30pm - 8.30pm **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

THURS  
19TH  
MARCH

**0-2 SEND Babies**  
@ Angels and Acorns, Knowl Street Stalybridge, SK15 3AZ  
10.00 - 11.30am

TUES  
24TH  
MARCH

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

THURS  
26TH  
MARCH

**Education Health Care Plan Information Session**  
@ ONLINE 8.00pm Complete the booking link to join us.

**Course 3 Splash Class 6 week course@ Aqua Nurture, Wednesdays 1.30-2.30pm**  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Contact for details of next course.**



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](mailto:familyengagementgm@mencap.org.uk)

WELCOME | BABIES

## Have Your Say on Support for Children and Families in Tameside...

We are developing Tameside's Early Years Strategy, which will set out how the Council and partners will support children and families from pregnancy through the first five years of life.

To tell us what matters to you, and be in with a chance to win a **£50 voucher of your choice**, please scan the QR code:

