



# Livingstone Newsletter

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

### Star of the Week:

**Nursery:** Clemmie

**Reception:** Ted

**Year 1:** Theo

**Year 2:** Nancy

**Year 3:** Isla

**Year 4:** Zachary

**Year 5:** Ben.Y.

**Year 6:** Avah

Well done to all our stars of the week!

### Clubs:

We will put out bookings for summer term clubs in the first week after the holiday so there will be no clubs in that first week.

### Easter Egg Raffle:

Thank you for all your generous donations. Congratulations to all of today's Easter egg winners! We raised a wonderful £368.

### Friends of Livingstone

Thank you so much for your continued support to F.O.L. This term we have been able to buy new outdoor resources for our EYFS, gardening plants and soil and we have been able to make contributions towards coaches for our school trips. Thank you again for your generosity.

### Comic Relief:

Thank you for your generous donations. We raised £169.05 for Comic Relief.

### 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!

### Reception allocations:

The date for Reception place school allocations for September 2026 is 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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 on the day is 8.55am.

We are chasing the new menu which should be uploaded very soon. If there isn't anything there please check again before we return to school in case it is uploaded over the holiday. Apologies for the last-minute information on this. This is nothing to do with us but a delay caused by the catering company and SchoolGrid.

### 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.

**Have a lovely Easter holiday, children return to school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

### Diary Dates

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 – Children not in school

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Children back to school; Knowledge Day am

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 5 Educational Visit to Joddrell Bank

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 to Big Sing at Mossley Hollins pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Blind Side Y5 & Y6 – production challenging violence against women and girls

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, School Closed  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 virtual Times Tables Challenge against Mossley Partnership Schools.  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May Y6 Bikeability  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Educational Visit to Blackpool Zoo; Y2 Athletics competition @ MHHS  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of half term 3.15pm  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Whit half term holiday.  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Robinwood  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Debate competition @ MHHS  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – MHHS Y6 Parents Partnership Evening  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – MHHS Roadshow event for Y6 (Y7 2026) at Livingstone 5pm  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Transition day; Internal transition day and new EYFS transition session  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y6 Transition day  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 7 Y6 Football Festival @ MHHS 3.45pm  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Mayan Cookery Y5 @ MHHS  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Primary Olympics – Y3,4,5,6  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance 6pm  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance 6pm  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Non uniform day to raise funds for Friends of Livingstone  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Celebration evening 3.30pm come and look at your child’s work from over the year  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers Do 5.30-7.30pm  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers assembly 2pm; End of term 3.15pm



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026** **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**TULIPS OF ASHTON**

**The Ashton Sculpture Trail Is Here!**  
 Get ready for an unforgettable family adventure right in the heart of Ashton!

A vibrant collection of hand-crafted sculptures — cast, designed, and decorated by local artists, community groups, and our very own borough's industries — is popping up all across the town centre. From the moment you step through the town's gateways to the bustling shopping districts, you'll be greeted by a trail bursting with creativity and colour, guiding you on a playful journey through Ashton.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the trail!  
[www.intameside.co.uk](http://www.intameside.co.uk)

**Tameside Metropolitan Borough**  
**IN TAMESIDE**  
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**GREATER MANCHESTER**  
**Europartners**

Look out for the information and activity packs at your local library!



**Neuroinclusive Libraries Project**

**WONDERDOME PLANETARIUM**  
**HYDE LIBRARY - WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL**  
**10AM - 4:30PM**  
 MULTIPLE SESSIONS  
 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

**BOOKING REQUIRED**  
[tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](http://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)  
 0161 342 4000

**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES**  
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**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES** Neuroinclusive Libraries Project  
 information.direct@tameside.gov.uk  
 0161 342 4000

# LEGO ROBOTICS

Hosted by **JuniorSTEM**




**Ashton Library**  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
**Stalybridge Library**  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Book your slot**  
 5-7 years: 9.15 - 11.15  
 7-9 years: 11.15 - 12.45  
 9-12 years: 1.30 - 3.00



**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES**

## DUKINFIELD LIBRARY'S STORY TIME

Sit back and listen to some of our favourite stories, then take part in crafts, colouring, and puzzles.

**STORIES FROM 11AM**  
 DUKINFIELD LIBRARY, CONCORD WAY, SK16 4DB

**SATURDAY 14 MAR**  
**SATURDAY 18 APR**  
**SATURDAY 16 MAY**

**AIMED AT 3-6 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**  
 Free, no need to book.  
 information.direct@tameside.gov.uk  
 0161 342 4000



**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES** For more information:  
 information.direct@tameside.gov.uk  
 or call 0161 342 4000

**GO ALL IN.** National Year of Reading 2026

# Short Story Competition

FOR YOUNG WRITERS



**Deadline:**  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Theme: "Once Upon a Storytime"

The winners will be published on **BorrowBox.**

**CATEGORIES:**  
 5-7, 8-11 & 12-16  
 500 WORDS MAX

Scan to enter 

Write your own fairy tale



**WHAT'S ON**  
**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES** **GO ALL IN.** National Year of Reading 2026

## NEWSLETTER

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**Borrowbox**

This month's unlimited titles on Borrowbox! Download for free to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.



Free, unlimited ebook and eaudiobook titles from Tameside Libraries with **Borrowbox**

**Story Times**



Sensory Story time for SEND children and their families is back at Hattersley Library  
 Saturday 21 March 11-11:30am  
 Booking required:  
[tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)



Dukinfield Library are hosting story time sessions aimed at 3-6 year olds and their families.  
 No need to book - just drop in.

## Half Term

Calling all young superheroes...

Join Tameside Libraries during the Easter school holidays for superhero-themed crafts, games and a treasure hunt inspired by all of your comic book favourites!

Free drop-in events designed for children aged 4-11 and their grown-ups. Other ages also welcome



**SPRING HOLIDAY CRAFT EVENTS**

CALLING ALL YOUNG SUPERHEROES...  
Join us for superhero-themed events and games inspired by all of your comic book favourites. The hero of your holiday can choose what to do and their grown-up friend will help!

Monday 20th March Hyde Library 10:30 - 11:30am	Tuesday 21st March Duckfield Library 10:30 - 11:30am
Tuesday 27th April Hattersley Library 2 - 3pm	Friday 10th April Hattersley Library 10:30 - 11:30am
Wednesday 1st April Stalybridge Library 2 - 3pm	Thursday 2nd April Duckfield Library 2 - 3pm
Thursday 3rd April Duckfield Library 2 - 3pm	Friday 10th April Droylsden Library 2 - 3pm

For more information visit [tamesidelibraries.gov.uk](http://tamesidelibraries.gov.uk)



Build Lego models and bring them to life with JuniorSTEM at Ashton and Stalybridge Libraries.

Sessions are free but booking is required:

[tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](http://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)



Step inside WonderDome and explore the stars in this cool mobile planetarium experience!

Sessions are free but booking is required:

[tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](http://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Short Story Competition



Write your own fairy tale.

For National Share-a-Story Month, we're asking Tameside's young writers to submit short stories with the chance to become published authors on BorrowBox!

The theme is "Once Upon a Story", so we want your fantasy stories. Wizards, fairies, goblins - you name it!

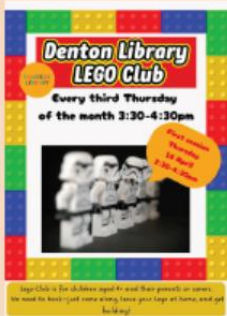
There are 3 different age categories with a limit of 500 words.

5-7 years old  
8-11 years old  
12-16 years old

Entries open Monday 23rd March and the deadline closes Friday 1st May 2026. Winners will be announced by the end of May.

The winner in each category will have their short story published as an e-book and e-audiobook for everyone in Greater Manchester with a library card.

## What's On



**Denton Library LEGO Club**  
Every third Thursday of the month 3:30-4:30pm

First meeting is Thursday 16 April 3:30-4:30pm. Leave your Lego at home and come and get building!

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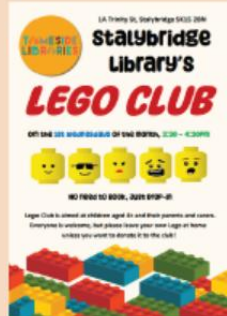
You can also find our Lego Clubs at Ashton and Stalybridge Libraries



**Ashton Library Lego Club**  
4th Tuesday of the month 4-5pm

No need to book, just drop-in!

Lego Club is aimed at children aged 4+ and their grown-ups. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your own Lego at home unless you want to donate it to the club!



**Stalybridge Library's LEGO CLUB**  
Every third Thursday of the month 3:30 - 4:30pm

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST DROP-IN!

Lego Club is aimed at children aged 4+ and their parents and carers. Everyone is welcome, but please leave your own Lego at home unless you want to donate it to the club!



Come and have fun with our board games!

**BOARD GAMES**

Play in the library and have a really good time!

We have Board Games available to play in the library at Ashton, Droylsden, Hattersley and Stalybridge.



**Micklehurst CC Easter Camp**

Want to give your child a head start on the cricket season or just try something new?

Led by our Level 3 qualified Junior Head Coach Ben Tyler

- Mini Matches & Competitions
- Fun, Energetic Drills
- Make New Friends

Dates: 7th to 8th April

Cost: £30 per day or £50 for both days (save £10)

To book message: [micklehurstcc@gmail.com](mailto:micklehurstcc@gmail.com)

Location: Micklehurst Cricket Club, Richmond Hill, Castle Lane, (off Huddersfield Rd) SK15 3QG

**Footy Fairy Tales**

Have you ever wondered what happens when your favourite fairy tales football collide?

**Ashton Library**  
Tameside One, Market Place, Ashton OL6 6BH  
**1st April 2026**  
Showtimes 11.00am and 2.00pm  
Tickets are free but limited.  
Box Office: 0161 342 4144  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc)

**BIG** Design West End Community Library  
For more information visit [yarnbird.co.uk](http://yarnbird.co.uk)

# Spring Family Festival

Over four days activities will include carnival, theatre, dance and music performances, free face painting, balloon modelling and arts and crafts, street food stalls as well a free vintage fairground rides.

It will offer families a free programme full of cultural activity and will provide a taste of what's to come.

## Spring Family Festival 8-11 April

**IN TAMESIDE**

## Holiday activities at Portland Basin Museum

Make, Do and Play artist-led craft workshops:  
11am-3pm £1.40 per child

- Tuesday 31 March - Make a Bouncy Bunny
- Thursday 2 April - Make a Pipe Cleaner Posie
- Tuesday 7 April - Make a Mini Bird's Nest
- Thursday 9 April - Make a Rabbit Cup Puppet

The museum is open over the whole Easter weekend, including Easter Monday 10am-4pm

Discover more information plus more things happening in Tameside at [www.intameside.co.uk](http://www.intameside.co.uk)

**Tameside** Metropolitan Borough

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH....

# IT'S A SPRING THING!

DANCE / ART / COLOUR POWDER / FUN

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE PROJECT  
MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
10AM - 3PM AT HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PERFORMANCE 1:30PM | THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL | FLETCHER SQUARE

**BOOK HERE**

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## WHAT TO EXPECT...

WORK WITH LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DANCERS TO CREATE & PERFORM YOUR OWN DANCE

EAT A DELICIOUS HEALTHY LUNCH, PROVIDED FOR FREE EVERY DAY

ENJOY THROWING COLOUR POWDER, DANCING, MAKING ART & HAVING LOTS OF FUN!

BOOK HERE



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# Join us at our Spring Family Festival

## 8-11 April

Ashton & Stalybridge



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[www.intameside.co.uk/  
springfamilyfestival](http://www.intameside.co.uk/springfamilyfestival)



**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

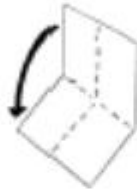
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29TH  
2026**



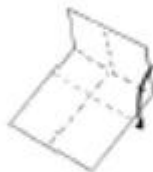
You will need a A4 or A3 piece of paper



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!*

