



Livingstone Newsletter

12th June 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Xander

Reception: Bella

Year 1: Hallie

Year 2: Miles

Year 3: David

Year 4: CJ

Year 5: Austin

Year 6: Oscar

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

There is no debate club next week as there is a debate competition on Thursday after school. There is no multi-sports for KS1 next week as Mr Flint will be at Robinwood.

Other clubs are on as normal.

We are running 2 extra practice sessions for children going to the 'Night at the Opera' on 25th June. The practice session will be on Monday 15th June and Monday 22nd June. Please can your child attend if at all possible? There will be other sessions in school time too though so if they really can't make it, don't worry.

Class Photos

Class Photos will be taken on Friday 19th June.

Teachers for next year:

Miss Mathews is leaving Livingstone at the end of this academic year. She is moving to teach at another school in central Manchester. We would like to thank Miss Mathews for all of her hard work and commitment to the school over the last three years. I'm sure that children who have been in her Year 2 class will remember her fondly. We wish her the best of luck as she moves on to new adventures and wish her the best for her future career.

We have appointed a new teacher to fill the post – Miss Deer will be joining us from September. She will be visiting us a few times in the next few weeks to get to know the children and the school.

Class teachers next year:

Nursery – Mrs Dawson (Monday -Wednesday) / Mrs Flint (Thursday and Friday)

Reception – Ms Sellers

Year 1 – Mrs Davies (Monday – Wednesday) / Mrs Marshall (Thursday – Friday)

Year 2 – Miss Deer

Year 3 – Mrs Coulter (Monday – Wednesday) / Miss Docherty (Thursday – Friday)

Year 4 – Mrs Legge

Year 5 – Miss Keating

Year 6 – Mrs Bromley (Monday – Wednesday) / Mr Flint (Thursday / Friday)

Parental behaviour towards staff:

We have had several instances of parents being rude, aggressive or swearing at school staff this week via phone calls and emails. We will not tolerate this type of behaviour towards our staff. Please treat our staff with respect no matter what you are unhappy about.

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!

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.

School Streets:



We are **desperately** in need of more volunteers especially for September when several of our current helpers will be finishing as their children leave school.

If we are to keep the scheme running and keep our children safe on the way to and from school, we really need more volunteers. Training is given and children can come into Littlestones for free whilst you are on the barrier.

Please consider whether you can spare half an hour a week to help keep our children safe.

Free School Meal changes from September:

The DfE are making changes to the way in which Free School Meals are checked and who qualifies for them from September. From September 2026, there will be more pupils who qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) as national eligibility criteria expand.

There will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM** – Which will be based on the existing threshold covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These pupils will attract pupil premium funding so they will not only qualify for Free school meals but also be eligible for free educational visits and holiday activities through Active Tameside etc.
- **Expanded FSM** – a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. These children will only be entitled to a free school meal. They will not receive other funding so will not be eligible for free educational visits etc.

Previously, once a child qualifies for FSM, this will continue until they reach the end of primary school. Now, households must meet the FSM eligibility criteria from the start of the 2026 – 2027 academic year. We will be required to check eligibility on an annual basis going forwards.

Universal Free School meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue as previously and will not be affected by this change.

We are now starting the process of completing checks for those children who currently receive FSM. In the next few weeks, we may ask you to complete a form if we need the information to complete a check.

If you receive Universal Credit but do not currently receive FSM, please come to the office to collect a form so that we have your details to complete the check.

Email Addresses:

We will be sending out end of year reports in July by email. Please make sure we have your correct email address at the office. Thank you



Tesco Tokens:

If you shop at Tesco in Greenfield or the Shaw Express store, please look out for Livingstone appearing in the blue tokens vote! We have a 'Power Up Our Playground' project that the school council have been working on to 'Help us transform our empty playground into a vibrant, active space by funding essential equipment that will inspire play, friendship, and healthy futures for every child'. Please do take a token after you have shopped and put it in our box! Please also spread the word with anyone who shops in Greenfield or Shaw. We will be voted on until the end of July 2026.

Active travel survey:

Take part in this survey to share your experiences of walking, wheeling, or cycling to primary school, and what could make it better.

Our school has agreed to take part in a project about walking, wheeling and cycling to school. The survey is run by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), Britain's largest social research organisation. NatCen are running the survey

for Active Travel England, who work to make walking, wheeling and cycling a safe and attractive choice for everyday trips. The online survey should take around 10 minutes and should be completed by **31st August 2026**. To take part, please use the following link: https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/mriWeb/mriWeb.dll?I.Project=P2042601_MAI_V1&i.user1=118344

Please note:

- Taking part is your choice.
- There are no right or wrong answers.
- You can complete the survey once for each child in **reception, year 1, year 5 or year 6**.
- Your child does not have to regularly walk, wheel or cycle to school for you to take part in the survey.

What will I be asked?

- How you travel to school.
- What helps or makes it hard to walk, wheel or cycle to school.
- What you think about changes to help children travel actively to school.

More information about the project and what taking part involves can be found in the [Taking part page](#), [privacy notice](#) and [plain English privacy notice](#).

You can also email ASTSurvey@natcen.ac.uk or call 0808 168 1356 for more information.

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner survey of all young people:

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza,
Children's Commissioner

Diary Dates

Monday 15th June – Wednesday 17th June – Robinwood

Monday 15th June – Bookstart to Nursery pm; Extra singing practice for children attending 'a Night at the Opera' 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 18th June – Debate competition @ MHHS; Additional Y6 transition to MHHS for identified pupils

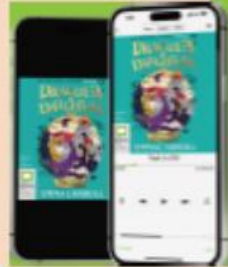
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Wednesday 24th June – Starting EYFS 2026 parents session 6pm; Humanist in to speak to Y6 as part of RE learning
Thursday 25th June – MHHS Y6 Parents Partnership Evening
Monday 29th June – Library assembly Summer Reading Challenge; MHHS Roadshow event for Y6 (Y7 2026) at Livingstone 5pm
Wednesday 1st July – Sports Day – EYFS morning, KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon
Thursday 2nd July – Y6 Transition day; Internal transition day and new EYFS transition session 9.15 – 10.15pm
Friday 3rd July – Y6 Transition day
Tuesday 7th July – Y5 / Y6 Football Festival @ MHHS 3.45pm
Wednesday 8th July – Reading champions celebration @ Dukinfield Town Hall
Thursday 9th July – Mayan Cookery Y5 @ MHHS; Current Reception Stay and Play
Friday 10th July – Reception Pirate Party; next year's Year 2 transition session with Miss Deer
Monday 13th July – Primary Olympics – Y3,4,5,6
Tuesday 14th July – Brass band workshop for Y6; Y6 performance 6pm
Wednesday 15th July – Y6 performance 6pm
Friday 17th July – Non-uniform day to raise funds for Friends of Livingstone; end of year reports sent out
Wednesday 22nd July – Celebration evening 3.30pm come and look at your child's work from over the year
Thursday 23rd July – Leavers Do 5.30-7.30pm
Friday 24th July – Leavers assembly 2pm; End of term 3.15pm

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 audiobook titles from Tameside Libraries with [Borrowbox](#)

What's On

Lego Clubs are at Ashton, Denton, Droylsden and Stalybridge Libraries. Don't forget to leave your Lego at home! No need to book, just turn up and get building!



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

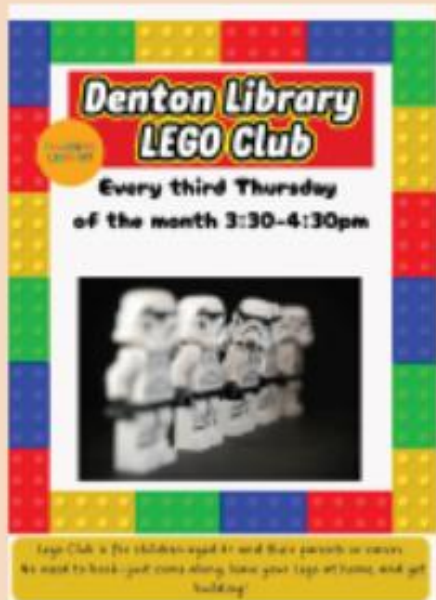
No need to book, just drop-in




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



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES



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



Lego Club is for children aged 4+ and their parents or carers. No need to book - just come along, leave your Lego at home, and get building!



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
Droylsden Library LEGO Club
Every second Friday of the month 3:30-4:30pm



Lego Club is for children aged 4+ and their parents or carers. No need to book - just come along, leave your Lego at home, and get building!



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
1A Trinity St, Stalybridge SK35 2BN
Stalybridge Library's LEGO CLUB
ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH, 3:30 - 4:30PM



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Half Term

We've ocean themed crafts planned at our Half Term Craft events in the libraries. There's no need to book, just come along on the day. Aimed at 4-11 year olds and their families.



**TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
HALF TERM OCEAN CRAFTS**

Join us for ocean themed crafts, colouring, games, and a treasure hunt.

Just drop in! Aimed at 4-11 year olds and their families

Tuesday 26 May, 10:30-11:30am, Torkerfield Library
Thursday 28 May, 2-3pm, Hattersley Library
Friday 29 May, 10:30-11:30am, Rossley Library
Friday 29 May, 2-3pm, Broxsteden Library
Monday 3 June, 10:30-11:30am, Hyde Library
Wednesday 3 June, 2-3pm, Stalybridge Library
Thursday 4 June, 2-3pm, Denton Library
Friday 5 June, 2-3pm, Ashton Library

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Are you ready to jump into someone else's story?

Tameside Libraries will be joining in with Empathy Festival 4-11 June.

We'll have self-led activities in all of our libraries ready for you to join in with and of course there'll be lots of lovely books for you to borrow!



Welcome to the Lab! This session's Science Lab is a high-energy, hands-on practical experience led by a real scientist. Register yourself now!

**Archie's
SCIENCE LAB**

Saturday 18 May - Stalybridge Library
Tuesday 26 May - Hattersley Library

10am, 11:30am & 1:30pm
Ages: 5-7 7-9 9-11

BOOK HERE

www.tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

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Welcome to Archie's Science Lab!
Get ready to dive into a world of cool experiments and hands-on fun. This in-person event is all about exploring science in a super exciting way. Whether you're a curious beginner or a budding scientist, Archie's got something awesome for you. Come join us and make some unforgettable discoveries!

Archie's Science Lab sessions will be at Stalybridge Library and Hattersley Library.

Places must be booked

[tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)

Each session is for a different age range. 10am for 5-7 year olds, 11:30am for 7-9 year olds and 1:30pm for 9-11 year olds.

WHAT'S ON

Plan your day out this school holidays!

There is so much going on across Tameside this break so you can make the most of the school holidays. All the events and activities can be found on our What's on pages on www.intameside.co.uk

Please see below highlights, with related links for further details.

IN TAMESIDE

Tameside Whit Friday

BRASS BAND CONTEST

Friday 29th May 2026

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BROADOAK CONTEST 4.30pm - 11.00pm
Ashton Under Lyne RFC, 28 Albans Avenue, Cleonheol Bank, Ashton Under Lyne OL4 8TU

CARRBROOK CONTEST 4.00pm - 10.30pm
Castle Clough Car Park, Carr Rise, Carrbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3NY

DENTON CONTEST 4.00pm - 11.15pm
Denton Cricket Club, Egerton Street, Denton, M34 3PB

DROYLSDEN CONTEST 4.00pm - 11.00pm
The Bush Inn, 130 Moorside Street, Droylsden M43 7TL

DUKINFIELD TAME VALLEY CONTEST 4.00pm - 11.00pm
The Tame Valley Hotel, Park Road, Dukinfield SK16 6LX

HEYROD CONTEST 4.30pm - 11.00pm
Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge SK16 3PW

HURST VILLAGE CONTEST 4.15pm - 10.00pm
Ashton United Football Club, Surrey Street, Hurst Cross, Ashton-u-Syne OL4 8DY

HYDE CENTRAL CONTEST 4.00pm - 10.00pm
Hyde Market Ground, Market St, Hyde, SK14 1BL

TOP MOSSLEY CONTEST 4.00pm - 11.30pm
Mossley AFC, Beal Park, Market Street, Mossley OL4 9ES

STALYBRIDGE CELTIC CONTEST 4.00pm - 11.00pm
Stalybridge Celtic FC, Power Fold, Mottram Road, Stalybridge, SK15 2HT

STALYBRIDGE NEW LABOUR CLUB CONTEST 4.15pm - 10.30pm
The New Stalybridge Labour Club, Acres Lane, Stalybridge SK16 2SG

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



IN TAMESIDE

Holiday activities at Portland Basin Museum

Make, Do and Play artist-led craft workshops:

11am-3pm £1.40 per child

Tuesday 26 May - Make your own mini-Tulip

Thursday 28 May - Reimagining our town

Tuesday 2 June - Make your own Quack Quack puppet

Thursday 4 June - Draw along with Caroline

The museum is open over the bank holiday weekend, 10am-4pm



Discover more information plus more things happening in Tameside at www.intameside.co.uk



IN TAMESIDE

Holiday activities at Portland Basin Museum

Messy Art. 11am-3pm FREE drop in



Friday 29 May. Mud, Bubbles & Mandalas

Get hands-on and creative at this free-flow, family-friendly outdoor art workshop, enjoy messy fun with mud painting, bubble-making, colourful chalk and nature mandalas. The artist will be on hand to guide playful, creative activities for all ages, right on the Wharf. Dress for mess!

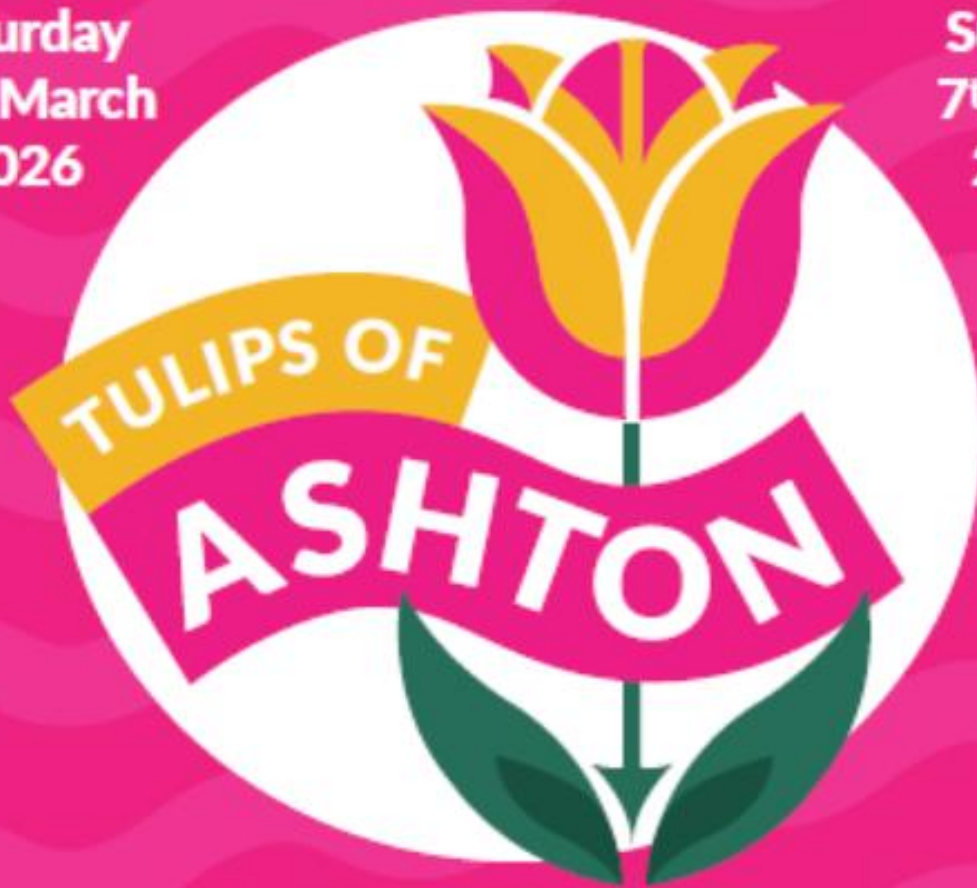


Friday 5 June. Bobbin Along

Set sail on a family-friendly outdoor art adventure. Get creative making mini cork boats, then watch them bob and float in the water tray, set on the wharf. The artist will be on hand to guide this playful, hands-on workshop and is perfect for all ages and curious makers.

Saturday
14th March
2026

Sunday
7th June
2026



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



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

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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

MOSSLEY FIRE STATION

Open Day

MONDAY 25TH MAY

10AM – 4PM

