



Livingstone Newsletter

19th June 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Kyron

Reception: Zenith

Year 1: Niamh

Year 2: Jacob

Year 3: April

Year 4: Cole

Year 5: Sophia

Year 6: Adam

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

There is no multi-sports for KS1 next week as Mr Flint will be at another meeting.

There is no Lego club next week as Mrs Coulter will be at another meeting.

There is no coding club next week as Mrs Legge will be at another meeting. All other clubs on as normal.

We are running an extra practice sessions for children going to the 'Night at the Opera' on 25th June. The practice session will be on Monday 22nd June. Please can your children attend if possible. There will be other sessions in school time too.

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.

If parents are separated, and both want a copy of the report then we will need both email addresses. Thank you

Welcome to the EYFS Parents and Carers meeting:

We are holding our welcome to the EYFS Parents and Carers meeting on **Wednesday 24th June at 6pm**. Please do attend if your child is starting with us and even if your child is moving up from Nursery to Reception or you have previously had a child in these classes – things do change! This session is not really designed for children although they can attend if you have no other option. You will have the chance to hear about school systems, meet the staff, meet our before and after school club provider, buy uniform and browse free second-hand uniform.

RE session for Y6:

As part of our RE learning, Year 6 will have a visit from a Humanist on Wednesday 24th June to explain what he believes.

Night at the Opera:

Children in Y3, 4 and 5 who are attending the Night at the opera event on Thursday 25th June need to arrive at Stalybridge Civic Hall at 5.30pm and find Mrs Bromley or Mrs Hampson-Byrom. Audience tickets can be purchased using the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/tameside-music-service/a-night-at-the-opera-audience-tickets/e-rbpppd>

Year 6 Transition Roadshow:

As part of the transition process, Year 6 children and parents are invited in for a Transition Roadshow on **Monday 29th June at 5pm** at Livingstone. This will be for MHHS senior leaders to answer any questions you or the children may have.

Sports Day:

Sports day will be on **Wednesday 1st July** at Seel Park (Mossley Football Club). A more detailed letter will be sent out today or on Monday at the latest. Approximate times are as follows:

EYFS (Nur / Rec): 9.30am – 10.15am

KS2 (Yr 3-6): 10.30am – 11/45am

KS1 (Yr 1 & 2): 1.15 – 2.30pm

All times are approximate.

Transition days:

Year 6 children should be attending Mossley Hollins on Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July. Please see the information from them for more details as we do not have this here.

On Thursday 1st July all classes will be moving up to their new classrooms and teachers. Miss Deer, the new Year 2 teacher, is not available on this date though. Year 1 have already met her and she will do a proper transition with them on Friday 10th July.

Between 9.15am and 10.15am new Nursery and Reception will also be visiting.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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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 22nd June - Extra singing practice for children attending 'a Night at the Opera' 3.15-4.15pm

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; Night at the Opera, Stalybridge Civic Hall

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

Thursday 16th July – Mental Health – Pledge a Pound day

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