

10th July 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Noah

Reception: Connor

Year 1: Brayden

Year 2: Aria

Year 3: Thomas

Year 4: Isla

Year 5: Thea

Year 6: Miles

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

Debate club is now finished for the rest of the year. All other clubs are on as normal next week.

Year 6 end of year performance:

We are not ticketing the Year 6 performance on Tuesday and Wednesday evening starting at 6pm. Please just turn up. Friends of Livingstone will be holding a raffle as usual each night so please bring some change.

If England get through the quarter final match with Norway on Saturday, this means their semi-final match will be on Wednesday 15th July which is the same night as the second performance. In this case, we will move the second performance to Thursday 16th July.

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

Pledge a Pound day:



On Thursday 16th July we are involved in a fundraiser called 'Pledge a Pound'. This initiative is being delivered in partnership with Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust and their charity, Pennine Care Charity, to support and promote positive mental health and wellbeing for our pupils. As part of this initiative, pupils will take part in a guided mindfulness activity designed to support their wellbeing and encourage positive mental health.

The event will take place on **Thursday 16th July**, and we invite pupils to bring in a £1 donation on the day. The suggested donation is £1 however, families are welcome to contribute more if they wish, although this is entirely voluntary. Please note that this contribution is not mandatory, and we fully understand that not all families may be in a position to contribute. Every child is welcome to take part regardless.

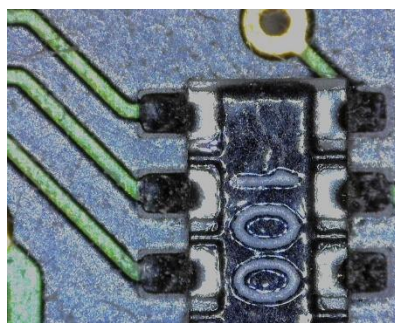
All proceeds raised will go directly towards supporting the school to enhance its existing mental health and wellbeing offer for pupils, building on the support already provided through Tameside Mental Health Support Team (Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust). This will enable the school to introduce additional resources and activities, such as wellbeing and care packs, alongside further practical support and engagement opportunities that help young people develop positive coping strategies, improve resilience, and access early support when needed.

Non Uniform day for Friends of Livingstone:

On Friday 17th July we will be having a non-uniform day with donations of £1 to Friends of Livingstone if you are able to. If not, please come in your own clothes anyway.

Microscopes 4 Schools Competition:

We are thrilled to share some more science news! Back in the spring, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Microscopes 4 Schools project, using high-powered digital microscopes loaned to us by the University of Manchester to explore everyday objects in amazing detail. The children entered their best images into the regional photo competition – and we won first prize in the non-biological category for a close-up picture of a computer memory chip! An image of an aphid on a leaf was also commended in the biological category. As winners, the school gets to keep a microscope of its very own. Dr Ben Foster, a cancer researcher at the University of Manchester who grew up here in Mossley, presented the prize and certificates in our assembly this morning. A huge well done to all our budding scientists who took part!



Delay to the return of Y6 SATs results:

SATs results will now be returned to school on Thursday 16th July, over a week later than expected. This is due to the marking of the tests and is nothing to do with school. All Y6 SATs results across the country are delayed until this date. This means that SATs results will then be in the reports which will be sent home by email on Friday 17th July.

Children being left at school too early:

We have some children who are being brought to school by an adult but then left in the playground on their own between 8.30am when the gate opens and 8.45am when the doors open. Staff are not supervising the playground at this time and we are only responsible for children once we open the doors at 8.45am. If children were to have an accident or to leave the playground at this point, we would not be aware of this. Children remain the responsibility of the adult who has brought them to school until we open the doors. Please do NOT leave your child in the playground before this point.

WOW Top Ten for Greater Manchester:

We are again in the Greater Manchester Top Ten for Active Travel to school for June. Thank you for your support with active travel to and from school.



GREATER MANCHESTER LEADERBOARD	
1.	The Valley Community Primary School, Bolton
2.	St Mary's C of E Primary School, Stockport
3.	Springfield Primary School, Trafford
4.	The Olive School, Manchester
5.	Brimrod Community Primary School, Rochdale
6.	St Thomas C of E Primary School, Bury
7.	St Joseph's RC Primary School, Rochdale
8.	Livingstone Primary School, Tameside
9.	Webster Primary School, Manchester
10.	Green End Primary School, Manchester

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#WOWTopTen

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, house-holds 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.

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!



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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Perfect Name Labels Sent Out Same Day

Stikins:

We have registered the school with Stikins which are stick in name labels that can be used on every piece of uniform and even packed lunch boxes and water bottles! They survive the wash. We would encourage parents to order as the mound of unnamed lost property keeps getting ridiculous. If ordering, please use the code number 12125 to earn the school some commission. Thank you.

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 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; current Nursery stay and play 9am

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

FREE Summer Holiday Activities now live

Tameside Council is offering thousands of free holiday activity places during the Summer Holidays for children and young people who receive benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM).

Every booking includes a healthy and nutritious meal, giving children the opportunity to eat well, stay active, and have fun during the school break.

What Activities Are Available?

A wide range of exciting sessions will be available across the borough, including:

- Sports and games
- Arts and crafts
- Outdoor explorer activities
- Performing arts
- Youth club sessions
- SEND-specific activities
- And much more

All sessions are completely free for eligible families.

How to Book

You can browse all available activities and book online via the council's HAF platform, Tameside HAF Bookings: <https://eequ.org/haftameside>

You can also find more information about the programme on the Tameside Council website: [Tameside HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food\) Programme - Tameside MBC](#)

Please book early, as places fill up quickly.

If You Are Not Sure Whether You Are Eligible

Children are eligible if they receive benefit-related Free School Meals. If your circumstances have changed or you are unsure, please contact your child's school for advice.

There is also limited support available for families in crisis. Access to this support must be referred by a professional and approved by Tameside Council before a place can be offered.

Need More Information?

If you have any questions about the HAF Programme, please contact the team at: hafenquiries@tameside.gov.uk

We hope your child enjoys the fantastic activities available during the Summer Holidays.

MOSSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are hosting our
POP UP RECYCLED UNIFORMS, SWAP, EXCHANGE
FOR ALL MOSSLEY SCHOOLS AGAIN

FREE UNIFORMS!

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August

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TechKnow Festival

13-18 July 2026

Free digital skills events to help you to get online safely, or try something new to build your skills and confidence



Basic IT Support

Get help to take your first steps online or with computer skills.



Get Online

Find out about help to get online and accessible support.



Skills Development

Join a session to take your IT skills to a new level.



Digital Fun

Try something new and fun.

TechKnow Festival 2026 Events

Weekly Activities

Mondays-Fridays

Various Libraries and times

TechKnow Buddy Appointments. Get help with a particular computer skill or issue from a friendly TechKnow Buddy. Call us on 0161 342 4000 to book.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Ashton Library 11am-12noon

Get Started with Learn My Way - Basic IT Skills drop-in workshop. Suitable for complete beginners.

Thursdays

Ashton Library 3.30-4.30pm

Get Started with IDEA - further digital and employability skills drop-in workshop.

Tuesdays-Fridays

Digital Skills training with PCrefurb

PCrefurb provide free basic digital skills training all across Tameside, for more info follow this link: pcrefurb.org.uk/training/ or call Elissa on 07724 219811

Fridays

Flowhession at Holy Trinity Church, Ashton 9.30am

Help with basic IT skills or learning something new; wrap around support to ensure learning fits into work or home life. Contact Farida Umer on 07878 991159 or

Tameside@flowhession.org.uk

Saturdays

Local Studies Library 10am-12noon

Family History with Ancestry and Find My Past. Book an appointment on 0161 342 4242.

Scan the
QR code for
bookings



Special Events

Digital Escape Rooms: Teen Meet Up

Ashton Library, Tuesday 14 July 5-6.30pm

Have a go at a digital escape room.

eReading Roadshows

Various Libraries and times

Want to get free books, talking books, magazines and daily newspapers on your device? Drop-in to find out how.

Build A Business: Business Databases

Ashton Library, various appointments

Learn about our business databases with factsheets that cover a multitude of business issues as well as how to set up new businesses in a wide range of industries!

Smartphone SOS

Ashton Library,

Thursday 14 July 10am-12noon

Drop-in to learn how to do more with your Smartphone. Bring your phone or tablet to find out how to add apps, share documents or photos etc.

TechKnow Festival Saturday 18 July

Ashton Library and Marketplace 10am-3pm

Join a session to take your IT skills to a new level. Find out about help to get online and accessible support, or just try something new and fun.

Bookable sessions

- **Minecraft Quests with ComputerXplorers**
Manchester for 6-12 year olds
- **Edison Robotics with ComputerXplorers**
Manchester for 6-12 year olds
- **Digital Animation with ComputerXplorers**
Manchester for 6-12 year olds
- **3D Design & Print for 7-16 year olds**
Plus drop-ins and Information Stands

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

WORKWELL TAMESIDE

Supporting you into work, training, and new opportunities

We can help if you are:

- Thinking about work for the first time
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- Ready to return to work and need guidance

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 - Volunteering opportunities
- ...and more!



Scan the QR to contact us

Get in touch:

Email: workwell@tameside.gov.uk

Phone: 0161 342 3111

WhatsApp: 07970 753953

Website: tameside.gov.uk/workwell

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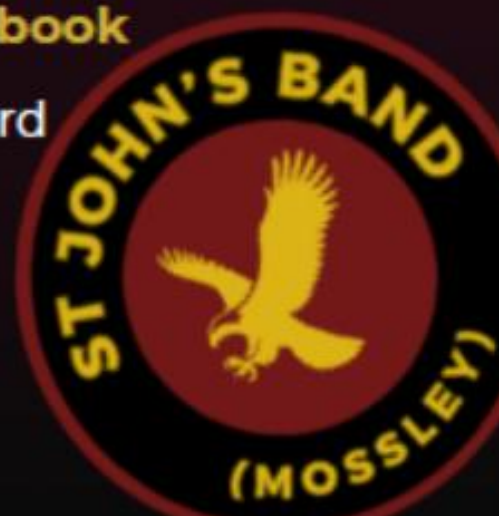
Training Band - Thursday 7:15pm - 8pm

Ready to join us?

secretary@stjohnsband.co.uk

Or find us on Facebook

**The Yorkshire Ward
Carrhill Road
Mossley
OL5 0BL**



Football Fun Factory Summer Camps

This summer, we will be running three weeks of Football Fun Camps, and we would love nothing more than to see lots of children from your school coming along, getting involved and enjoying the fun. Our camps are also a great option for parents looking for childcare during the holidays.

The details are as follows:

 Monday 27th July - Thursday 30th July 2026
 West Hill School, SK15 1LX
 Drop off from 8:45am | Collection 3:30pm
 £25 per day or £80 for the full 4-day camp
 Boys & Girls aged 5–12
 50% sibling discount available
 <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4853>

 Monday 3rd August - Thursday 6th August 2026
 Saddleworth School, OL3 5NU
 Drop off from 8:45am | Collection 3:30pm
 £25 per day or £80 for the full 4-day camp
 Boys & Girls aged 5–12
 50% sibling discount available
 <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4855>

 Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August 2026
 West Hill School, SK15 1LX
 Drop off from 8:45am | Collection 3:30pm
 £25 per day or £80 for the full 4-day camp
 Boys & Girls aged 5–12
 50% sibling discount available
 <https://booking.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/event/4854>

We also have a limited number of HAF spaces available on our West Hill camp days. These spaces are for children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, in partnership with HAF Tameside. Eligible parents can apply for a HAF space using the link below if you can pass the information onto any families who would be eligible and would benefit from a space on our camps:

<https://eequ.org/book/football-fun-factory-west-hill-summer-2026-with-football-fun-factory-31339>

Thank you as always for your support. It is massively appreciated, and we hope to welcome lots of children from your school to our Football Fun Camps this summer.