



Livingstone Newsletter

17th July 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Chester

Year 3: Max

Reception: Ronnie

Year 4: Jonah

Year 1: Esmé

Year 5: Aaron

Year 2: Kade

Year 6: Harry

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Clubs:

Debate club is now finished for the rest of the year. No Motor skills next week as Ms Sellers has another meeting. Other clubs are on as normal next week.

End of year reports:

End of year reports were sent out this morning. Please note if there is official data, this may arrive in a separate email to the report. The link will only work for 6 weeks so please download your own copy of the report so that you will be able to keep it forever!

If you have any questions about the reports, please come to the celebration evening from 3.30pm – 4.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July when all teachers will be available to answer your questions and you can have a look at your child's work.

Leaver's Assembly:

Our leaver's assembly will be held at 2pm on Friday 24th July. All welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Date for next year:

Wednesday 9th September, 3.30pm Welcome to Year Group meetings for parents and carers.

ADULTS

James Mallion
Director of Public Health
Public Health

Tameside One, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6BH

www.tameside.gov.uk
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Call Centre: 0161 342 8355
Date: Friday 10 July 2026

Dear Parent,

Keeping children safe around water this summer

As we approach the summer holidays, many families will spend more time outdoors visiting rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals, beaches and other open water areas.

We are asking for your help to share some important water safety messages with your children. Open water can be enjoyable, but it can also be very dangerous.

Sadly, 202 people lost their lives in accidental water-related incidents across the UK in 2025. As the weather gets warmer and children spend more time outside, it is important that everyone knows how to stay safe around water.

Key water safety messages

Please share the following messages with your children:

- never jump into open water. Even on a hot day, the water can be dangerously cold and cause cold water shock. There may also be hidden hazards beneath the surface.



- if you get into difficulty in the water, remember **float to live**.
Try to stay calm, lean back, keep your airway clear, and gently move your hands and legs to stay afloat until help arrives.
- if someone else is in trouble in the water, remember **phone, float, throw**:
 - phone 999 and ask for the fire service if inland, or the coastguard if at the coast
 - encourage them to float on their back and stay calm
 - throw them something that floats if you can do so safely
 - never enter the water to attempt a rescue

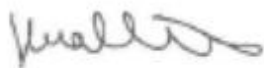
Find out more

For more information and advice about staying safe around water, visit:

- [Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service water safety campaign resources](#)
- [RNLI float to live guidance and resources](#)
- [Canal and River Trust water safety information and advice](#)

Thank you for helping raise awareness of water safety and keeping children and young people safe this summer.

Yours sincerely,



James Mallion
Director of Public Health



Emlyn Wright
Assistant Director – Education and Inclusion

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

9.30am –11.30am

Café will be open

**DROP OFF ANY BAGGED, CLEAN UNIFORM
DONATIONS IN GOOD CONDITION**

AT MOSSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE LEAVE AT FRONT DOOR

RECYCLE, REUSE . HELP EACH OTHER OUT



Registered Charity NO: 1140980 Reg Co: 7457867

WORKWELL TAMESIDE

Supporting you into work, training, and new opportunities

We can help if you are:

- Thinking about work for the first time
- Out of work and unsure where to start
- Signed off sick and wanting support
- Ready to return to work and need guidance

We offer:

- Confidence and wellbeing support
 - Job search and applications advice
 - Training and skills development
 - 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

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS TEAM



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.



Curzon Ashton Community Foundation

Tameside Stadium, Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 9HG. Telephone: 0161-330-6033

FREE Holiday Course for Children aged between 7 & 11 years old in receipt of free school meals via Tameside MBC



Registered Office: Tameside Stadium, Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 9HG
Charity Number: 1179657 Website: www.curzonashtoncommunityfoundation.co.uk

Our Museum Day

FREE. Thursday 30 July. 11am – 3pm

A family friendly event day that celebrates our wonderful and unique Portland Basin Museum! Its collection, heritage, and stunning location. Fun activities for all the family to get involved in

Find out more!



IN TAMESIDE



Portland Basin Museum

Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 0QA

Holiday activities

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

Tuesday 28 July: Make your own Thaumatrope

Thursday 30 July: Our Museum Day. FREE event day

Tuesday 4 August: Collage Creatures

Thursday 6 August: Origami Hats

Tuesday 11 August: X-Ray Sketches

Thursday 13 August: Curious Cures

Tuesday 18 August: Canalboat paper plates

Thursday 20 August: Germs, Germs, Germs

Tuesday 25 August: Wildlife Wellbeing Kits

Thursday 27 August: Micro Bug Patterns Printmaking

Find out more!



Tameside
Metropolitan Borough

IN TAMESIDE



FRI 7 AUG 11:00 - 14:00

Woods & Water
Castle Clough,
Carrbrook, Stalybridge

11:00 - 16:00
WEDS 12 AUG
Family Arts Jam
Arts & Theatre Day
Hyde Park, Hyde

TUE 18 AUG 11:00 - 14:00

Doodle Dance Day
Lees Park, Droylsden

FRI 28 AUG 11:00 - 14:00

BioBlitz
Park Bridge & Roacher Vale

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**OUTDOOR
ARTS
PROGRAMME
IN TAMESIDE**

Take your creativity outdoors this summer, with **free and fun family activities** across Tameside's beautiful parks and green spaces.

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IN TAMESIDE

**Theatre
in the Park**

A superb summer of **FREE** family theatre across Tameside's parks awaits!

The Circus Runaways
Circus House
WEDS 29 JUL 11:00 + 14:00
Victoria Park, Denton

Caspian's Storm
LASTheatre
WEDS 5 AUG 11:00 + 14:00
Dukinfield Park, Dukinfield

Blast Off!
Tom Byrne

The Pirate Princess
Gemma Bond

The Great Horsey Jump Off
Theatre Porto
WEDS 12 AUG 11:00 - 16:00
Hyde Park, Hyde

Old McDonald and the Three Pigs Plus...
Booster Cushion Theatre
WEDS 19 AUG 11:00 + 14:00
Ryecroft Hall and Park, Audenshaw

Reynard the Fox
The Fabularium
WEDS 26 AUG 11:00 + 14:00
Cheetham Park, Stalybridge

FAMILY ARTS JAM
Arts & Theatre Day