

Livingstone Newsletter

24th July 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Alice

Year 3: Tobias

Reception: Imogen

Year 4: Keir

Year 1: Primrose

Year 5: Clark

Year 2: Nancy

Year 6: Ciara

Well done to all our stars of the week!

Leaver's Assembly:

Our leaver's assembly will be held this afternoon at 2pm. All welcome. Please bring your tissues!

Staff Leavers:

Today we say goodbye to Miss Mathews and to Ed Kelly, our site manager. We would like to thank you both for all your hard work whilst you have been at Livingstone and wish you both well for your new jobs.

Ofsted Inspection this week:

Thank you to all parents who completed a feedback form for the Ofsted inspection. The report will be available at some point in September. As a reward to all the children and staff for such hard work in the last week of term, the ice cream van was here this morning and everyone was able to choose an ice cream or an ice lolly.



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.

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.



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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.

Eco Committee News Report by Bethany Campbell on behalf of the Eco-Committee

This eventful year, the Eco Committee (which is made up of Emrys and Bethany in Year 6, Clark and Janey in Year 5, Jonah and Heidi in Year 4 and Jasmine and Wynter in Year 3) have done a multitude of things to help the environment in Mossley. This report will tell you about all of the things we've done this year.

We have made PowerPoints showing the damage that batteries can do to our planet if they are sent to landfill (they corrode and leak the chemicals manganese dioxide and potassium hydroxide into the ground which is absorbed by plants nearby.) We decided to become a recycling point for these batteries and made secure boxes and put them near the school entrances for the batteries. So far, we have managed to collect over 1000 batteries.

We made posters which encourage people to turn off the taps as wasting water is not only bad for the environment but costs the school a lot of extra money. These were put up in each of the bathrooms across school.

Hog Manor is a sanctuary in Delph for hedgehogs to be taken to if they're injured. We were very lucky when Susan and Sally - who run Hog Manor - came in and told us many things about hedgehogs and how to help them. As a thank you, we collected a huge amount of meaty cat food to donate to them for the hedgehogs to eat. We then made PowerPoints and a leaflet for the newsletter to educate the school on hedgehogs and their risks to extinction. We really enjoyed delivering these to the rest of the school. These risks are badgers and humans. However, badgers will only harm hedgehogs if they are starving and have no other choice. Humans unintentionally harm hedgehogs by: accidentally hurting them while strimming the garden, leaving football goals on the ground which hedgehogs can get tangled in, running them over etc. They can also get stuck in litter such as cans, plastic can holders, plastic bags and crisp bags, which is why we also spent over 2 hours of our afternoon picking up litter in the park and local area. This was sponsored and we have earned over £250, which we will use to help the school improve its biodiversity.

In addition, we have become a collection point for used stamps. We have managed to collect well over 600 stamps to donate to the Hedgehog Preservation Society to help the saving of hedgehogs.

Also, we had a visit from Caroline Campbell - who works for the Woodland Trust - and spent our afternoon planting 60 trees in the grounds of the school which we received for free from The Woodland Trust. It's a very good thing to help save the environment as trees remove carbon dioxide from our air and produce oxygen. You can apply for some trees from the Woodland Trust too.

We have created over 30 bird identification sheets so that children in the playground, if they spot a bird and wonder what breed it is, can look at the sheet for information on it. We have made sheets for an abundance of birds such as Carrion Crows, Wood Pigeons, Song Thrushes, Starlings, Jackdaws, Blue Tits etc. We have provided information about these birds' diets, conservation status, habitats and more. We have also used our sponsor money to buy crook hooks and bird feeders. We have placed the crook hooks for the bird feeders around the trim trail side of the school. We made sure to position them near the trees to encourage the birds to use them. The RSPB does not recommend feeding birds at this time of year, so everything is prepared and ready for September.

The Eco Committee have really enjoyed doing all of this. We have learned so much and have taken pleasure in sharing our knowledge to the rest of the school.





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.

Diary Dates

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.

Have a lovely summer holiday!
Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

ADULTS

James Mallion
Director of Public Health
Public Health

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james.mallion@tameside.gov.uk

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

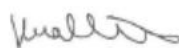
Find out more

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

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

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

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Find out more!

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!

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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.

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

Tameside Metropolitan Borough

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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.footballfunfactory.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.footballfunfactory.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.footballfunfactory.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.

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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

MOSSLEY SHOW 2026

Sunday September 6th
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
at Mossley Community Centre
Roughtown Road OL5 0SG

Admission free! **Everyone Welcome**

Categories for everyone. Anything goes!

- Our popular plant stall
- Display your home grown produce, Cakes, Bakes, Art & Crafts
- Entertainment
- Artisan hand made ice creams

Be inspired! Celebrate & showcase Mossley's community talent!

Entries drop off 8.30am -10.30am on the day

CAFE with light refreshments

For more information, contact: admin@mossleycommunitycentre.org.uk

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Summer Drummers!

Are you aged 14-25? Are you interested in music and drumming? Join us for some **FREE** summer holiday drumming sessions at The Vale in Mossley.

You don't need any experience and all drums are provided.
(or age 12 minimum)

DATES
4 workshops at The Vale (Mossley)
Monday 27th July
Monday 3rd Aug
Monday 10th Aug
Monday 17th Aug

TIMES
2pm - 3.30pm

COST
This project is **FREE** and travel costs (with a ticket) can be provided.

WHERE?
The Vale, Micklehurst Road, Mossley, OL5 9JL
(in the venue at the bottom of the slope near to Millstone Brewery)

This project actively encourages local young people from Micklehurst and Carrbrook, Mossley and Tameside to take part.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

To book a place or refer a young person please visit the-vale.co.uk or contact Holly Prest at hello@the-vale.co.uk with 'Summer Drummer', call 0161 870 6895 to claim your spot. Bring a friend!

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Free lunches + creative activities - 30 weekdays of free lunches plus a creative activity including drumming, movement, craft, and cinema.

For children aged 5-15. Running from 11am each day. To support families who would appreciate a little extra help with food over the summer holidays.

Info and bookings here:

<https://the-vale.co.uk/free-summer-lunches-creative-workshops/>

