

18th September 2026

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Myles
Year 3: Penny

Reception: Phoebe
Year 4: Charlie

Year 1: Blossom
Year 5: Keir

Year 2: Afreen
Year 6: Austin

Tom Read Wilson Author visit for Reception to Year 3:



We are delighted to welcome Tom Read Wilson to school on Wednesday 23rd September. He will be reading to Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 and then signing books that children have ordered.

Newly appointed Reading Champions!

Congratulations to our newly appointed Reading Champions in Y5. They are CJ, Jonah, Izzy, Isla, Evie, Bea and Willow. They will be leading on promoting reading for pleasure across the school this year. The current Y6 Reading Champions will be supporting and mentoring them this term.

Monster Phonics Parents' webinar:

Monster Phonics, our reading scheme that we use across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offering a Parents' webinar to learn about Monster Phonics. Please book on on the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monster-phonics-parent-information-session-tickets-1997838937041?aff=oddtcreator&_sc=MTA4MzI0MzAjMjQ2NjY%3D&keep_tld=true



Parent Information Sessions



Thursday September 24th
7am, 10am, 3pm or 7pm

Would you like to better understand how phonics works and how you can support your child with reading at home?

We are hosting a free online parent information session designed to make phonics simple, clear and practical for families.

During the session, we will explain:

- ✓ How phonics is taught in school
- ✓ What blending and segmenting mean
- ✓ Simple ways to support reading at home
- ✓ How to build your child's confidence with reading
- ✓ Common phonics terms explained clearly



Parent Information Session: Help Your Child Learn to Read with Monster Phonics

Are you hearing terms like *phonemes*, *graphemes*, *split digraphs*, and wondering what on earth they all mean? You're not alone — and we're here to help. Join us for an informative and friendly **Monster Phonics Parent Webinar** designed to demystify phonics and give you the confidence to support your child's reading journey at home.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ What phonics is and why it's essential
- ✓ Key phonics terminology made simple
- ✓ An introduction to the Monster Phonics programme
- ✓ How to make phonics & reading at home fun and effective

This session will show you **how Monster Phonics makes learning to read exciting and accessible for all children**, using colour-coding, characters, and movement to bring phonics to life.

School Grid:

Please remember to order your child's meals in advance. Ordering closes at 8.55am on the day. Menus change in some holidays so we don't recommend you go beyond October half term with your orders. However, you are able to order your meals until then which means you don't have to remember each week! We recommend sitting with your child to order as we often have children whose parents order them something that they know they don't like. Once the system is established, anyone without an order will be offered a jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

Nursery Snack Money:

This is live on School Spider. There is a charge of £5 for each half term.

Free School Meal changes from September:

The DfE have made changes to the way in which Free School Meals are checked and who qualifies for them.

There are 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM** – Which is 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 attract pupil premium funding so they not only qualify for Free school meals but are also eligible for free educational visits, free milk 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 are only entitled to a free school meal. They will not receive other funding so will not be eligible for free educational visits, free milk 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 are 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.

WOW scheme:

To encourage children (and parents!) to walk to school, we are continuing with our WOW badges. Children need to walk three times a week to receive a badge each month. This is either from home or, if they live too far away, there is the option to park and stride which still counts. For this to count, children need to have walked either from the Market Ground / St Joseph's or the train station / the Gillery. Walking from the road closure sign doesn't count! Please do talk to your child about where they have walked from and whether this counts as park and stride.

Uniform:

We are already getting lost and abandoned uniform and coats. Please make sure your child's name is in all pieces of uniform and if you have bought second hand uniform on School Spider, please change the names!

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.



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd September: Tom Read Wilson author visit to Reception to Year 3

Thursday 1st October: Nasal Flu Vaccines
Tuesday 6th October: Y3 Spanish day at MHHS
Tuesday 13th October: TAG Rugby competition
Thursday 15th October: Individual photos
Wednesday 21st October: SEN Reviews
Thursday 22nd October: Nursery and Reception Hallowe'en Disco in school in the morning; Y1/2 Hallowe'en Disco 5-6pm;
KS2 Hallowe'en Disco 6-7pm
Friday 23rd October: End of half term
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October: October half term holiday
Monday 2nd November: Children return to school
Tuesday 10th November: 3.30 – 6pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3.30pm – 6pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17th November: Open Day and Open Evening for prospective Nursery and Reception for September 2027
Wednesday 18th November: Year 6 maths challenge at MHHS
Thursday 19th November: 3.45pm Debate competition 1
Friday 20th November: Non Uniform for Christmas fair – please donate bottles / raffle prizes
Friday 27th November: Non Uniform for Christmas Fair – please donate chocolate
Saturday 28th November: Christmas Fair
Monday 7th December: KS1 Nativity performance 2pm
Tuesday 8th December: EYFS Nativity performance 9.30am; KS1 performance 2pm; KS1 performance 6pm
Thursday 10th December: EYFS Nativity performance 9.30am
Tuesday 15th December: Y1/2 Christmas party
Thursday 17th December: EYFS Christmas party; Y3/4 Christmas party
Friday 18th December: Carol Service 9.00am; Y5/6 Christmas party; End of term
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January: Christmas holiday
Monday 4th January: INSET Day for staff
Tuesday 5th January: Children return to school.

Help us run our SCHOOL STREET

At Livingstone we have a **school street**. Every morning and afternoon the bottom of Old Brow to the school is **closed to vehicles**, making it safer for our children to walk, wheel or scoot to and from school and preventing **congestion** at the gates.



Our school street relies on **volunteers** – parents, grandparents and friends – who spend **30 minutes a week** helping to keep their kids and their friends **healthy and safe**.

Can you spare half an hour to help? you'll get **training**, there's **free childcare** at Littlestones if you're dropping off / picking up, and it's a great way to **get to know** the school and other parents and carers too!

Monday – Friday (term time only)
8.25 – 9.00 am
2.55 – 3.25 pm

Please speak to the school office or let your child's teacher know if you can help out. Thank you!

What's on
IN TAMESIDE

ASHTON Super Saturdays

Dance to the Music!

Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to strut your stuff in Ashton Market and Fletcher Square

Saturday 19 September (11am – 3pm) as the town centre hosts 'Super Saturday: Dance to the Music!'

A fun filled day of incredible music, dancing and activities!



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