



Livingstone Newsletter

6th December 2024

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Robyn

Reception: Brayden

Year 1: Bea

Year 2: Georgie

Year 3: Zofia

Year 4: Benji Mc

Year 5: Miles

Year 6: Euan

Clubs:

No Y5/6 Multiskills club next week due to the evening performance of the nativity. No motor skills club as Ms Sellers is on a course. All other clubs will run as normal. This will be the last week for clubs run by school staff as there won't be any clubs in the week before Christmas.

Little Stones Early Closure:

Little Stones will be closing early on Friday 6th December at 4.15pm.

Nativity Tickets:

Bookings for the Nativity tickets have closed and we are now working through the waiting lists. You will be contacted if you have been allocated any spare tickets. If you now don't need tickets that you have booked, please let us know as we can then use them for others.

We will be doing a raffle at the end of each Nativity performance so please bring some change to buy your tickets! All proceeds go to Friends of Livingstone. Programmes will also be available for a contribution.

Nativity DVD / USB:

If you want to order the DVD or USB recording of the nativity then please do so on School Spider. Cut off date for orders is 3.30pm on Friday 13th December, so we can get them delivered to you by Christmas.

Year 2 visit to Emmaus, Tuesday 10th December:

Year 2 will be going down to Emmaus in the morning of Tuesday 10th December to find out about Emmeline Pankhurst as part of their learning on 'Who made our world a better place to live in?'

Christmas Dinner:

Our school Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 13th December. Bookings have now closed.

Christmas Jumper day:

On our Christmas Dinner day, Friday 13th December, we are inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Children should still wear the rest of their school uniform as normal. As we have asked for a lot of donations recently, we are just doing this for fun – no contributions needed.

Christmas Parties:

On party days, children can come to school in their party clothes instead of school uniform. Please remember though that they will still be outside at playtime and lunchtime, so clothes should be suitable for school and for running around outside.

Party days are as follows:

Monday 16th December: Y3/4

Tuesday 17th December: Y1/2

Thursday 19th December: EYFS & Y5/6

Carol Concert:

We will be holding our traditional Carol Concert at 9.05am on the last day of term, Friday 20th December. All parents are welcome to come along and join in the singing with us.

Applications for Reception for 2025:

The portal for applications for Reception places for September 2025 is now open. Applications can be made through following this link: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/psa>

All children in Nursery must apply for a place in Reception. A place in Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception.

Midday Vacancy:

We have a temporary vacancy (from January 2025 until July 2025) for a midday assistant. The role will be supervising children eating in the dining hall and then outside in the playground. Working hours are 12.00pm – 1.15pm Monday to Friday. Please enquire at the school office for an information pack.

Christmas Fair:

Thank you to all those who came to our Christmas Fair last weekend. We raised an AMAZING £2,239.87!! Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped and especially Miss Noble who does a lot of the organising. We are currently making plans to spend this, however we have already used a small amount to purchase some new Nativity costumes.

Parents and Carers' survey:

Our regular parents and carers survey is live on school spider. This will remain live until Friday 20th December.

School Spider Messages:

In January, we will be changing over to sending messages via School Spider rather than text as it saves the school a lot of money. Please make sure you have School Spider downloaded, have registered and most importantly, have allowed notifications. If you need any help logging in please come to the office.

Primary Care Information – where to go to for health needs:

There is a detailed document about where to get support for health needs for children added to the school website. The link can be found here:

https://www.livingstone.tameside.sch.uk/serve_file/32233545

Smartphone Free Childhood campaign:

Parents and carers might be interested in this campaign for a Smartphone free childhood.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Tameside SEND Surveys:

Tameside are looking for views on SEND from parents and children themselves:

2024 SEND Parent/Carer Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVQF5ZZ>

2024 SEND Children and Young Person's Voice Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVM5MS6>

TfGM School Travel Consultation:

People are being urged to have their say on how children and young people travel to school and college in Greater Manchester. Public consultation on Greater Manchester's School Travel Strategy runs until 26 January. The new School Travel Strategy is being developed as a shared priority between the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) and the 10 local authorities.

The ambition behind the School Travel Strategy, currently in development, is to enable more children and young people to travel to their places of education in an active and sustainable way, including via public transport modes such as bus and tram.

Every day around 460,000 pupils travel to over 1,200 schools and further education establishments across Greater Manchester. Around 15% of all trips in Greater Manchester are to access education, and in the peak periods between 8-9am and 3-4pm almost half of trips are education related.

The consultation is open to everyone who lives or travels in Greater Manchester. Children and young people and their parents and guardians are encouraged to share their views in particular, as their experiences and ideas are essential in shaping a transport system that works for them now and in the future.

In the draft strategy, Greater Manchester is aiming for 70% of primary school students in the city-region to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school by 2030, up from 63% at present. At secondary schools, the goal is for 80% of pupils to walk, wheel or cycle or use public transport to travel to school, up from 74%. The target for young people going to college or further education is also 80%, up from 66%.

In addition, the School Travel Strategy sets out how the Bee Network can support improved bus services to help students get to school and college as well as supporting the wider community. By creating a more integrated network using Greater Manchester's bus franchising powers public transport connections for education can be optimised.

All feedback received will help shape the final School Travel Strategy which will be shared along with the outcomes of the consultation in the Spring next year. To have your say visit: <https://www.gmconsult.org/transport-for-greater-manchester/school-travel-strategy-consultation/>

After the diary dates, I have attached some flyers about local events. Information about setting up parental controls on new devices and games ratings in advance of new presents being bought for Christmas has been sent out with the newsletter too.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 10th December: EYFS nativity 9.30am; Y1/2 nativity 2pm; Y2 to Emmaus to learn about Emeline Pankhurst
- Wednesday 11th December: Reception and Y6 height and weight; Y1/2 nativity 6pm
- Thursday 12th December: EYFS nativity 9.30am; Y1/2 nativity 2pm.
- Friday 13th December: Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day
- Monday 16th December: pm Y3/4 party
- Tuesday 17th December: pm Y1/2 party
- Thursday 19th December: am EYFS party
- Thursday 19th December: pm Y5/6 party
- Friday 20th December: Carol Concert; End of term 3.15pm
- Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January: Christmas holidays
- Monday 6th January: INSET Training day for Staff
- Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES for children and families

Tameside Libraries have stories and information books for children of all ages, including board and picture books for young children, books for children learning to read independently and all types of junior and teenage fiction and non-fiction.

Children can join the library from birth! Under 16s need permission from a parent or guardian to join the library, but no other ID is necessary.

Tameside Libraries are for everyone!

- 8 libraries
- Free to join and borrow books
- Borrow 20 items at once
- 3 week loan period with 8 renewals
- Free access to PCs with printing facilities

Children can also download free ebooks, talking books and comics anywhere using their Tameside Library card

There's a Time for a Rhyme session for 0-4s in every library every week, plus free family activities during school holidays for 4-11s, the annual Summer Reading Challenge, Lego Club and lots more! Find out more on social media or the Tameside Libraries website.



www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries
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Tameside LIBRARIES

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Access Borrowbox at <https://tameside.borrowbox.com> or download the Borrowbox app from your app store

To use Borrowbox you need to be a member of Tameside Libraries. To join, come into any library during staffed hours to get a library card and PIN. Children need permission from a parent or guardian to join the library.

Books for all ages, including picture books and stories for early years, fiction and non-fiction books for children and teenagers. New titles are added regularly.



Accessibility is built in to Borrowbox, it's easy to change the font style, size and lighting for easy reading. Audiobooks make stories available to all the family, whether confident or reluctant readers.



www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/eReading

The logo for Tameside Libraries, featuring the words 'TAMESIDE' and 'LIBRARIES' in a stylized, multi-colored font. The letters are arranged in two rows, with 'TAMESIDE' on top and 'LIBRARIES' below it. The colors include shades of blue, green, and red. The logo is set against a yellow circular background.

TAMESIDE
LIBRARIES

A cartoon illustration of a child with dark hair, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and blue pants, sitting on the floor and reading a yellow book. The child is wearing large, colorful boots (yellow and blue).

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY'S

STORY TIME

A collection of colorful illustrations including several books of various sizes and colors (blue, red, yellow), and several interlocking puzzle pieces in red, yellow, and blue. A pink wavy line connects these elements around the central text.

Sit back and listen to some of our
favourite stories, then take part in
colouring and jigsaw puzzles.

11AM - 11:30AM

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY, CONCORD WAY, SK16 4DB

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER
(CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!)**

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

AIMED AT 3-6 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Free, no need to book.

information.direct@tameside.gov.uk

0161 342 4000



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Mossley Community Centre & St John the Baptist
Church, Roughtown Road, Mossley OL5 0SG

**A winter wonderland of 30
decorated twinkling trees**

*'A truly magical
Community event'*

**Community Carol's
in the Church at
2pm on
Sunday 8th**

**Friday 6th December
3.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Saturday 7th December
3.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Sunday 8th December
11am - 3pm**

Music

Entertainment

Mulled cider

Café

Name the Elf

Bottle tombola

Soft toy tombola

Memorial trees

FREE ADMISSION

DECORATED TREES

IN BOTH VENUES

RAMPED ACCESS





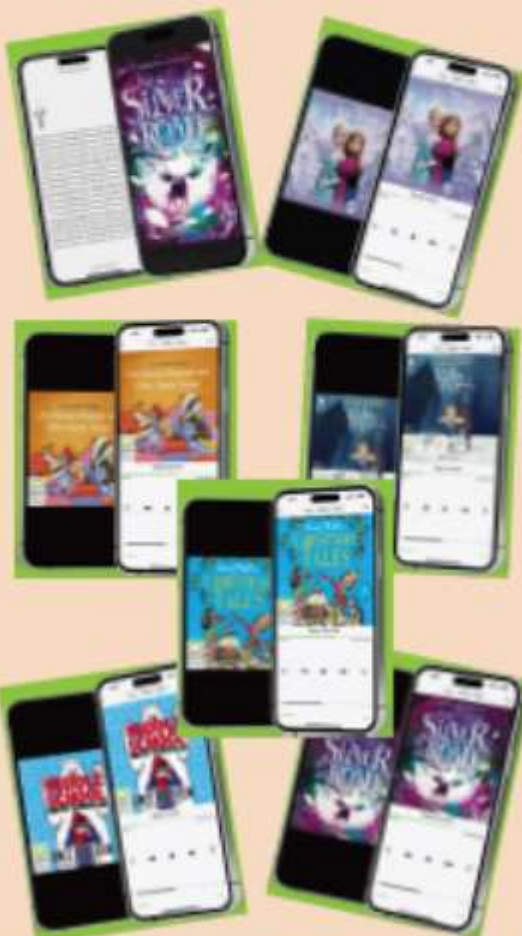
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www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries



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from Tameside Libraries

Events

Dukinfield Library are hosting story time
sessions aimed at ages 3-6 with a
Christmas Special on the 7th December



SEND children and their families are
invited to join Hattersley Library on a
pirate adventure! The pirate story will be
told using sensory props around the
senses - touch/see/smell/hear.

Places are bookable on
tameside.libraries.eventbrite.co.uk



Activities

Make a Christmas Card

for someone who uses the Home Library Service



Make a Christmas card for us to give to someone who gets books delivered by our Home Library Service.

You can sign your card From children at The Library if you don't want to put your name.

Ask at the counter for materials

Come and make a Christmas card at one of our libraries to send some Christmas cheer to our Home Library Service customers.



Take part in the Winter Mini Challenge online from 1st December 2024 through to 20th February 2025.

You can sign up for free on wintermini.org.uk

Read 3 books or more to unlock a limited edition digital badge and Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep once you have completed your reading goal.

You can write your own reviews, discover games and fun activities. There's even a Book Sorter to help you decide what to read next!

Don't forget to visit the library to borrow your books!



'Cuppa and Chat'

Parent/Carer Engagement Events

The 'Cuppa and Chat' events are an open forum for parents/carers, Tameside SEND staff, and local area partnership representatives to discuss parents' experiences and concerns regarding SEND services.

Date and Time	Location
Monday 9th December 2024 @ 10am	Ilrain Dukinfield
Friday 14th February 2025 @ 11am	Active Oxford Park
Wednesday 30th April 2025 @ 2pm	Cromwell school Café
Thursday 5th June 2025 @ 1pm	Active Hyde
Monday 14th July 2025 @ 10am	Active Copley Stalybridge



Discount code extended until 11th December

Use code: LivingstoneX24



Your very own heirloom is just a click away!

All of the children recently created their very own Christmas pictures and they are now available to purchase in our online shop. You can choose from Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs, bags, aprons and so much more, and there are so many ways to personalise your products, with themes ranging from floral to DIY, Eid to shining stars, and even an adorable Christmas border!

They make perfect gifts and keepsakes for loved ones, and what's even better is that a whopping 20% of the profits come straight back to us to help with our fundraising!

The children should have brought the login details home, but if you're struggling to find them then please let us know as soon as possible: we don't want you to miss out.

If you have any questions or you're struggling to order, My Child's Art have a dedicated customer service team waiting to help you. You can call them on 01530 887650 or send them an email on customerservice@mychild'sart.co.uk - they're more than happy to talk you through the process or answer any concerns.

Don't delay - order today!

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