



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Bella  
Year 3: Luka

Reception: Hope  
Year 4: Ava

Year 1: Penny  
Year 5: Zak

Year 2: Astrid  
Year 6: Lucy

### Clubs:

There are no staff run clubs on next week. The only club that is on is the Y5/6 Multiskills club run by Tameside Active.

Club bookings will be opened again in January.

### 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 time for orders is 3.30pm today, so we can get them delivered to you by Christmas.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> December: Y3/4

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Y1/2

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS & Y5/6

### Carol Concert:

We will be holding our traditional Carol Concert at 9.05am on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Parents and Carers' survey:

Our regular parents and carers survey is live on school spider. This will remain live until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

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:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: pm Y3/4 party  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: pm Y1/2 party  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: am EYFS party  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: pm Y5/6 party  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Concert; End of term 3.15pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Christmas holidays  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January: INSET Training day for Staff  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries)

Search items available in libraries: <https://tameside.spydus.co.uk>  
Facebook: Tameside Libraries | Twitter: @tamesidelibrary



## Download eBooks and eAudiobooks from anywhere with your library card

Borrowbox is our fantastic free eBook and eAudiobook download service in partnership with Greater Manchester Libraries, bringing you a massive choice of bestselling eReading 24/7, 7 days a week for all ages.

- Borrow up to 6 eBooks and 6 eAudiobooks at once
- 3 week loan period
- Loans are returned automatically - no late charges
- Read or listen on iPads and tablets, phones, PCs or ereaders



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.



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LIBRARIES

[www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/eReading](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/eReading)



## LITTER PICK & PIZZA!!

Join Mossley Litter  
Bugs for a community  
litter pick from your  
primary school to  
Pizza Love for FREE  
pizza!



**Sun, Dec 15th 10 am**



MEET. AT ST JOSEPHS,  
ST GEORGES, MILTON,  
MICKLEHURST OR  
LINVINGSTONE AT 10 -  
WE WILL BRING  
EQUIPMENT - PIZZA AT  
NOON.

ALL WELCOME






The logo for Tameside Libraries, featuring the words "TAMESIDE" and "LIBRARIES" in a stylized, colorful font. The letters are in shades of blue, green, and orange, with a small house-like shape above the 'A' in "TAMESIDE". 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 cross-legged 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 a stack of books, several interlocking puzzle pieces in red, yellow, and blue, and an open book with a yellow bookmark. A pink wavy line connects these elements.

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](mailto:information.direct@tameside.gov.uk)**

**0161 342 4000**







# Christmas Football Fun Camps

A truly unique inflatable Football experience

# Book Now!

[www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](http://www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk)

TransPennine trail Christmas children's activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website.

Once again, the pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the Christmas break.

The pack will encourage them to embark on a Winter Treasure Hunt, solve a word scramble, and test their knowledge with a fun quiz. They'll also be able to craft a hanging star decoration and make wildlife-friendly magic reindeer food to spread a little holiday magic. And they'll be able to delight family and friends with a selection of Christmas cracker jokes guaranteed to bring a smile to the face.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. TransPennine trail are also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF. All you need to do is email your address to [info@transpenninetrail.org.uk](mailto:info@transpenninetrail.org.uk) and they will post it out.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/> or by clicking the image below:





The logo for Tameside Libraries, featuring the words "TAMESIDE LIBRARIES" in a colorful, blocky font inside a yellow circle with a dashed border.

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# SENSORY STORY TIME

Exploring through  
the senses

**SENSORY**

**TOUCH/SEE/SMELL/HEAR  
STORY ALL ABOUT A  
PIRATE ADVENTURE**

for SEND children and their  
families

**SAT 11TH JAN 11 – 11:30AM**

Bookable event at Hattersley library

Book here:

[Tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](https://tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)

[information.direct@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:information.direct@tameside.gov.uk)

0161 342 4000

Large/inclusive space

Session involves loud sounds

