



Livingstone Newsletter

14th February 2025

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Frankie

Reception: Harper

Year 1: Max

Year 2: April

Year 3: Freyja

Year 4: Erin

Year 5: Ciara

Year 6: Isabelle L

Clubs:

Clubs continue with the same membership after half term. In the first week back, all clubs will be on as scheduled.

School Dinners / Packed Lunches:

Please make sure you inform the office (in person or by email) of any changes to your child's school dinners or packed lunch routine. For any changes between the two we need a week's notice.

Grapes / cherry tomatoes and strawberries as snacks or in packed lunches:

Please can we ask that parents and carers cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and strawberries in half lengthways when preparing packed lunches. This is particularly for the younger children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 as at this age, whole food like this can pose a choking hazard. Thank you.

Water and Snacks:

Just a reminder that children should have a water bottle that contains only water for drinking during the day. Juice is allowed in packed lunches but only at lunchtime. For a snack at playtime, we ask that children only bring in fruit and vegetables and don't help themselves to other things out of packed lunch boxes.

Parents needing to speak to teachers:

Please can we remind parents not to come into the building at the start or end of the day. If you need to speak to the class teacher and they aren't on the door, please ask whoever is on the door to ask them to come out rather than coming into the building yourself. Your support is appreciated.

Debate competition at Mossley Hollins:

We took a team of Year 5 and 6 to a debate competition at MHHS on Thursday. They were debating the issue 'This house believes Manchester should have a clean air zone' and were arguing for the idea. They played argued politely brilliantly and won the debate! A huge well done to Taffy, Lucas, Cam, Euan, Thomas and Lily.

Appointments

We appreciate that it is not always easy, but where ever possible please can we ask that appointments are made outside of school hours. Evidence of the appointment must be provided to the office (in person or by email) if your child is taken out of school/will be arriving late to school, due to a medical/dental/optical appointment.

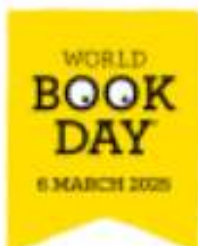
Charity Bags:

All children will come home today with a bag for collecting reusable clothing to donate to Sammy's project raising money for Leukemia and Myeloma Research UK. Please have a sort out and we will collect the bags on the **afternoon of MONDAY 17th MARCH and the morning of TUESDAY 18th MARCH. Please note that no bags will be accepted into school before these dates as we don't have space to store it.** If you need additional bags please ask the office. The bags will be weighed on collection and Friends of Livingstone will receive a donation based on the total weight.

Tameside Parking Survey:

Tameside are running a review of paid street and paid off street parking. Residents and business owners can have their say here: [Parking Review - Tameside MBC](#)

As a school, we have already asked that charges on the Market Street car park be reviewed, in order to allow half an hour free to drop off and pick up for the school run. If you think this might help traffic congestion, you might wish to include this in your response. Whatever your opinion, please do submit your responses.



World Book Day is almost upon us once more. It is always a fantastic day filled with fun activities which promote the love of reading.

This year we have decided to not use a specific theme but instead ask for children to **dress up as a fictional character**.

In addition to our usual festivities we are holding two new events this year, a **Costume Sale** and a **Book Swap**.

Costume Sale

If you have any old World Book Day costumes that you would like to donate we are going to hold a World Book Day costume sale on Thursday 27th February in Year 1. All costumes donated will be available to buy for a donation of £1 per costume with all proceeds going to the Friends of Livingstone fund. Please bring any donations into school by Wednesday 26th February.



Book Swap

This year our Reading Champions are holding a World Book Day 'Book Swap'. If children would like to bring in **one** book they no longer want, they will be given a Book Swap token which they can then use to pick a different book during the Book Swap event. Old books should be brought into school w/c 3rd March. Children will be taken to the Book Swap in their classes during the school day on World Book Day (Thursday 6th March).



I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the day and thank you in advance for your support (and hard work that goes into organising and making costumes).

Many thanks

Mrs Marshall

Have a lovely half term, we will see you all back at school on Monday 24th February.

After the diary dates, I have attached some flyers about local events including half term activities.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 14th February: End of term 3.15pm

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: Spring half term holiday

Wednesday 26th February: Y6 Careers Fair at MHHS

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March: Year 6 to Young Shakespeare production at MHHS; Y3/4 Dodgeball competition @ MHHS

Wednesday 12th March: Science Fair for parents and carers 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 17th March pm / Tuesday 18th March am: Clothes charity bags brought to school

Thursday 20th March: Y3/4 Glow Dodgeball competition @ Astley Sports Village

Tuesday 25th March: Y5 Interschool maths challenge; Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm

Wednesday 26th March: Parents' Evening 4 - 6.30pm

Thursday 27th March: Year 5 Educational Visit to Manchester Museum

Wednesday 2nd April: Year 6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin

Thursday 3rd April: Year 3, 4 and 5 Easter Concert 2pm and 6pm

Friday 4th April: End of term 3.15pm

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April: Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April: INSET training day for staff

Wednesday 23rd April: Children back to school

Trans Pennine Trail Children's activity pack:

The pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the February half term break. For example there are details of a sensory walk to record what they hear, see, and smell, or to join an exciting I-spy adventure. Little chefs will enjoy making delicious jam tarts, while creative minds can craft colourful animals out of salt dough. They'll be able to challenge themselves with our February word search and test their knowledge with our quiz before diving into the first instalment of Mandy Mole's adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail.

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. Trans Pennine Trail are able to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the website if you get in touch with them.

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





WOW - the walk to school challenge

Badge design competition 2025

WALK with JOY

WIN FREE RESOURCES for your school*



Get involved in one of the UK's **biggest design competitions for children**. Encourage your pupils to think about what brings them joy. We'll turn each winning entry into more than 300,000 badges to be awarded to WOW pupils who walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride to school across the UK next academic year.

WHAT IS WOW?

WOW is Living Streets' walk to school challenge. Pupils log their daily journeys to school on the WOW Travel Tracker. Those who travel actively at least once a week for a month earn a WOW badge, with a new one to collect each month. It's as easy as that. WOW successfully reduces congestion outside schools, helping to tackle road danger and air pollution - all whilst children benefit from being more active.
livingstreets.org.uk/WOW

HOW TO ENTER

- **STEP 1:** Print out the badge template overleaf for pupils
- **STEP 2:** Encourage pupils to get creative – either in class or at home
- **STEP 3:** Select your school's best three designs and submit, either via email to badgecompetition@livingstreets.org.uk or upload at livingstreets.org.uk/badgesubmission

PRIZES

- Winning designs to feature on WOW badges in 2025/26
- Up to £500* free WOW resources for winning schools, plus five additional schools selected by prize draw
- WOW trophies for winners and highly commended runners-up
- Downloadable certificate for your school's top badge designers

* Prizes vary for schools that receive WOW resources from Living Streets projects. Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for more details.

TOP TIPS FOR WINNING DESIGNS:

- Be big, bold and colourful!
- Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd!
- WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details work best!
- Trademarks, logos and images of Strider will not qualify for the competition.
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens.



The WOW badge design competition is for everyone

We support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to enter the badge design competition. Head to livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2025 to find out more.



CLOSING DATE
TUESDAY 25 FEB 2025

For full details about the WOW badge design competition,



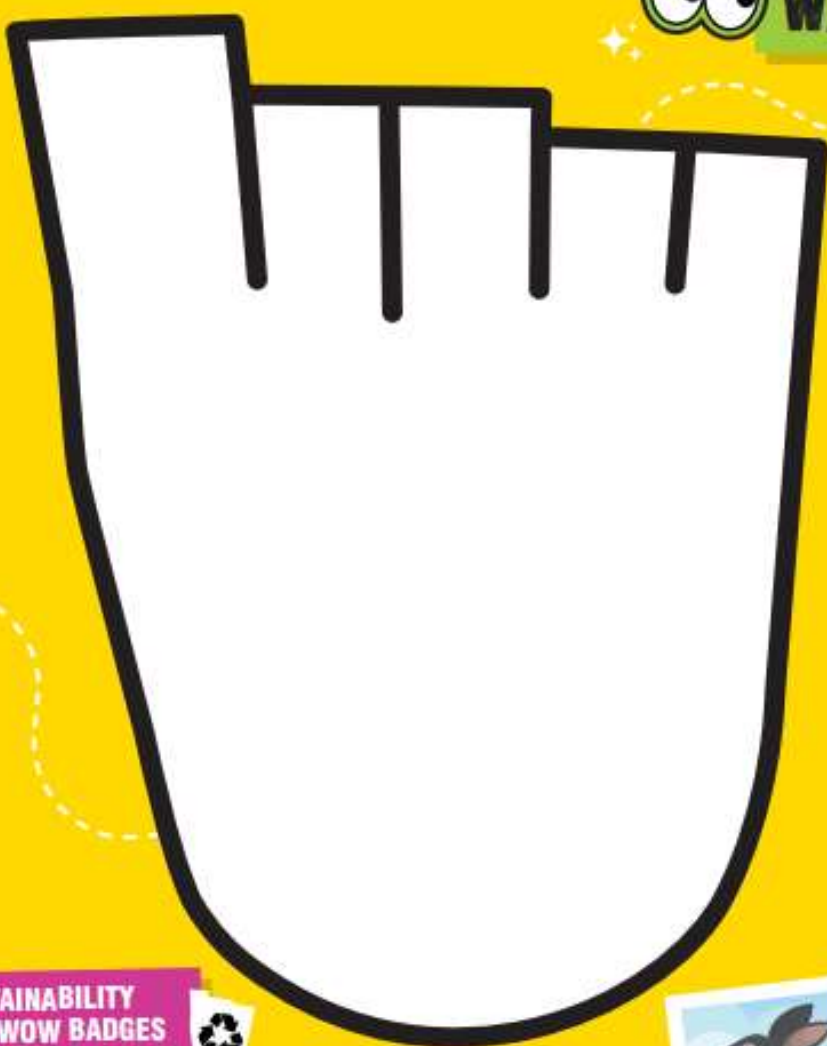
LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2025

WOW - the walk to school challenge



WALK with JOY



WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

What makes you feel happy? Is it seeing a bright, colourful flower or going on an exciting outdoor adventure? Maybe it's the wagging tail of your pet, eating your favourite yummy snack or playing your favourite game? Does hearing a funny joke make you giggle or does a big hug from someone you love make your heart feel warm? Whatever makes you happy, grab your crayons or pencils and draw it!

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Wildlife or pets e.g. robin, dog
- Local buildings/landmarks e.g. library, statue
- Hobbies e.g. football, painting
- A familiar smell e.g. food, nature



WHATEVER BRINGS YOU JOY, DRAW IT!

CLOSING DATE
TUESDAY 25 FEB 2025

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling



PUPILS

Pupil name: _____

Age: _____

TEACHERS

School email: _____

What did you draw? Why does it bring you joy?

School name and address:



NEWSLETTER

Borrowbox

This month's unlimited titles on Borrowbox!
Download for free to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.
www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries



Free, unlimited ebook and eaudiobook titles from Tameside Libraries



Events

Come and join us this half term for some Fairytale fun!
We've got crafts, games and treasure hunts to keep you busy. The sessions are free and there's no need to book- just drop in.

Temeside Libraries

Join us for a half term of magical games and treasure hunts, plus, fun to do!

FAIRYTALE CRAFTS

WYDE	April Half Term	RODSLEY
Monday 17	February Half Term	Tuesday 21
10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00
STALYBRIDGE	BATTERSLEY	
Wednesday 18	Thursday 20	
1:00-3:00	2:00-3:00	

www.temesidelibraries.org.uk | Book for us: 01274 286044

Local artists Aimee and Tom are hosting a magical craft event at Ashton Library. It's a drop-in session 10-3:30 on Monday 17th February

The Cloak of Spells

Monday 17 February
Ashton Library

Join local artists Aimee and Tom at Ashton Library and immerse in 'The Cloak of Spells'. This book is made up of individual pages of magic, including a story about a 'magic' potion.

Choose a potion from your list, plus make things more magical, draw your story, and decorate your own magical book to take home.

Before you go home, how to make a spellbook with it included in your special session.

BookTrust Storytime is at Denton Library this February. There will be stories, rhymes and crafts suitable for under 5's and their families. No need to book, just turn up.

BookTrust

Pop into your local library and try something new!

Story and Craft Sessions
Denton Library, Market Street, Denton, M16 2JF

Drop in to enjoy stories, rhymes and crafts with your children. All welcome!

Story Time: 10:00-11:00
Craft Time: 11:00-12:00

BookTrust is a charity that works to improve literacy and language skills for all.

International Mother Language Day is Friday 21st February and Ashton Library are hosting a special story time where we will be looking at some of our dual language story books. Everyone is welcome but it's especially aimed at multi-lingual families and their children aged up to 7

STORY TIME

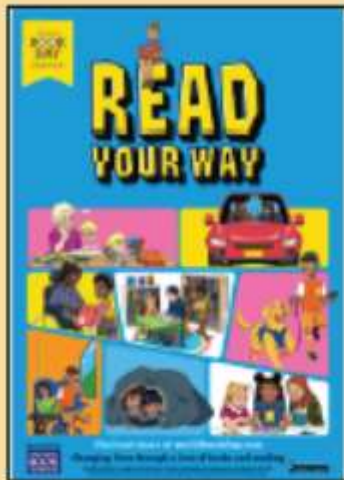
International Mother Language Day
Friday 21st February 5-6PM

Ashton Library

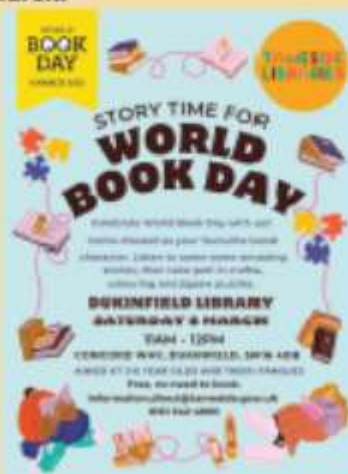
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What's On



It's World Book Day on Thursday 6th March!
How are you celebrating?
Don't forget to visit your library! All our branches will have self-led activities for you to take part in as well as lots of fabulous books to discover.
Come and join us at Dukinfield Library for a very special story time on Saturday 8 March.



Storymakers

On a Wednesday morning at 10am we deliver a weekly half hour interactive Story Maker 'People Like Me' session on Zoom for Tameside settings. Sessions are suitable for nursery and reception aged children.

Simon the Storyteller facilitates the weekly sessions which consist of a warm up activity and games followed by a story on the theme of 'People Like Me' and finished with the Dough Disco.

All the children have the opportunity to meet award winning author Caryl Hary and illustrator Andrew Rowland on the sessions.

Caryl and Andy are currently making a bespoke children's picture book. Once the book has been published all the children who attend the sessions will receive a copy of the new book along with a certificate and a bookmark.

To book a place please email sarah.barlow@tameside.gov.uk

for a weekly link and a copy of the Zoom risk assessment.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025



**TAMESIDE
LIBRARIES**

STORY TIME FOR
**WORLD
BOOK DAY**

Celebrate World Book Day with us!
Come dressed as your favourite book
character. Listen to some some amazing
stories, then take part in crafts,
colouring and jigsaw puzzles.

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY
SATURDAY 8 MARCH

11AM - 12PM

CONCORD WAY, DUKINFIELD, SK16 4DB

AIMED AT 3-6 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Free, no need to book.

information.direct@tameside.gov.uk

0161 342 4000



Tameside Libraries

Join us for a session of crafts, games and treasure hunting
Free, no need to book



CRAFTS

HYDE
Monday 17
10:30-11:30

Ages 4-11
February Half Term

MOSSLEY
Friday 21
10:30-11:30

STALYBRIDGE
Wednesday 19
2:00-3:00

HATTERSLEY
Thursday 20
2:00-3:00

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**TAMESIDE
LIBRARIES**

The Rutherford Rabble present: Hyde School Art Trail

Friday 14 until 23 February 2025

Join 'The Rutherford Rabble', the coolest new school of art around! For the February school half term holidays, you can get all creative by following the art trail, finding all the masterpieces and sketch away as you go.

Pick up a mini sketchbook trail from Hyde library and set off on a fabulous art adventure around Clarendon Square. Follow the map and search through the shops to discover wonderful works of art created by local primary school students inspired by original Harry Rutherford paintings. Along the way the Rutherford Rabble will also challenge you to complete a series of mini drawing activities in your sketchbook.

Scan the QR



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IN TAMESIDE

Hyde School Art Trail. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - The Rutherford Rabble presents: Hyde School Art Trail](#) For the February school half term holidays, you can get all creative by following the Hyde school art trail, finding all the masterpieces and sketching away as you go. **Dates:** Friday 14 until Sunday 23 February 2025.

SciTECH

Take over

IN TAMESIDE

Amazing hands on science and technology for inquisitive minds

Established in 1991, SciTech promote Science and Technology to children of all ages & abilities.



Drop In 11am-3pm

Sunday 16 February 2025

Portland Basin Museum, Industrial Gallery, OL7 0QA



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MANCHESTER**
DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY

 **Tameside**
Metropolitan Borough

SciTech Take Over Day. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - SciTech Take Over](#)

Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA



The Cloak of Spells. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - Cloak of Spells Craft Activity](#)
Ashton Library main space, Tameside One, Market Place, Ashton OL6 6BH, Ashton-Under-Lyne OL6 7SG



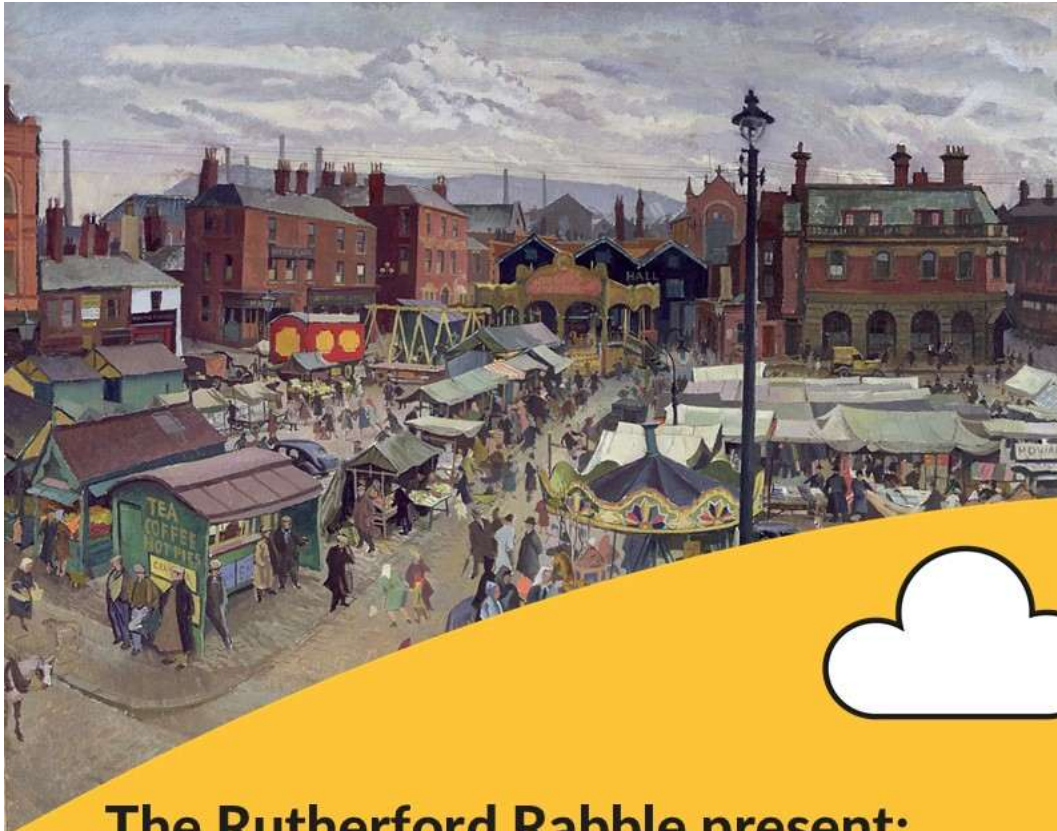
Make, Do and Play at Portland Basin Museum

During this family friendly drop-in workshop, our artist will guide you, step by step, in getting all creative. Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child.

Tuesday 18 February 2025. 11am – 3pm. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - Make, Do & Play art activity](#)

Thursday 20 February 2025. 11am – 3pm. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - Make, Do & Play art activity](#)

Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA



The Rutherford Rabble present: **Hyde Art Day**

Saturday 22 February 2025
10am - 3pm

Join 'The Rutherford Rabble', the coolest new school of art around, for an immersive family friendly day of art-based activities with outdoor performances on Hyde Market square. Inspired by the paintings and techniques of one of Tameside's most celebrated painters, Harry Rutherford. Pick up your trail map and pencil from Hyde Library. Scan the QR



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Hyde Art Day. For full details please visit [Tameside - What's On - The Rutherford Rabble Presents: Hyde Art Day!](#)

The Rutherford Rabble will be roaming around the library and Hyde town centre, sharing techniques and tales about Harry and his career. Make sure to check out their amazing artistic abilities as they attempt Harry's famous 'pocket sketch' technique, where The Rutherford Rabble artists will try to sketch you in a limited amount of time without even looking at the paper!

Perfect for those looking for something creative to do over the February half term, Hyde Art Day offers an inspirational look into the history of art in Hyde whilst aiming to inspire the next generation of young artists to paint, draw, and discover the artistic merit of their local area.

SONGS & SMILES



Spreading **JOY** at care homes in Greater Manchester

All-ages singsong and intergenerational friendship group, designed for children aged 0-4, their grownups and older people living in care homes/assisted living schemes.

Mondays 10am - Tottington Wednesdays 11am - Altrincham

Thursdays 11am - Stalybridge

Fridays 11am - Stockport Fridays 11am - Dukinfield

We sing, move, play, make friends
and have lots of fun!

FREE/donate-what-you-can
weekly sessions, booked termly.


To book visit:
www.thetogetherproject.org.uk/songs-and-smiles




SCAN ME

If you want to spread JOY and reduce loneliness come and join the party!



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