



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Blossom

Reception: Afreen

Year 1: Joanie

Year 2: Thomas

Year 3: Heidi S

Year 4: Benji H

Year 5: Adam

Year 6: Scarlet

### Clubs:

Next week there is no multisports for Y1/2 as Mr Flint has another meeting and no Science club as Mrs Legge also has another meeting.

### 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.

### Charity Bags:

All children recently brought home 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 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH and the morning of TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

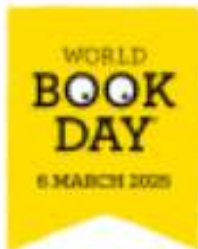
Please see the information below for World Book Day celebrations.

### Year 6 to watch Young Shakespeare production of Hamlet:

Year 6 will be going to see a Young Shakespeare production of Hamlet on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. They will have an early lunch and then walk up. The production will end at 3.15pm so you will have the choice as to whether children can be picked up from Hollins, walk home on their own or walk back to school with staff. The form will be available on School Spider in the next couple of days.

### Science Fair:

We will be holding our annual Science Fair to fit in with Science week on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come to the fair and participate in the experiments that will be set out in Y1 and Y2. Please don't leave it right until 4.30pm though as we need to tidy up at that time!



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

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

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Science Fair for parents and carers 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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

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

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

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening 4 - 6.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Educational Visit to Manchester Museum

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Year 6 Educational Visit to Portland Basin

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Year 3, 4 and 5 Easter Concert 2pm and 6pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: End of term 3.15pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter holidays

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: INSET training day for staff

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Children back to school

Deadline extended until 7<sup>th</sup> March so please return final entries to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March!

**LIVING**  
**STREETS**

**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!**

**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](http://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

**CLOSING DATE**  
**TUESDAY 25 FEB 2025**

**PUPILS**

Pupil name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TEACHERS**

School name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWSLETTER

## Borrowbox

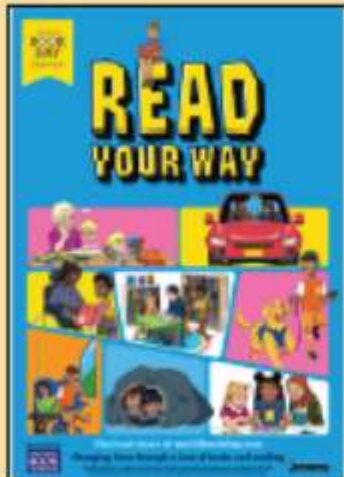
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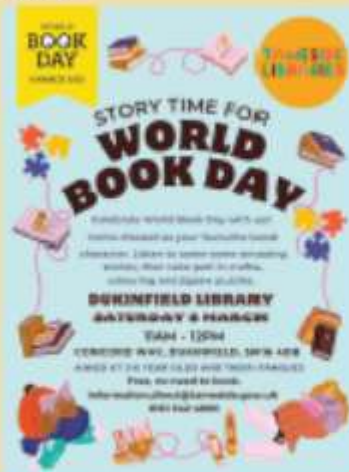
**Free, unlimited ebook and audiobook titles from Tameside Libraries**



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

**0161 342 4000**



# 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](http://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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## Band on the Wall

Saturdays during term times are dedicated to our *Music Club*, where young people aged 8-18 take over our learning spaces to play, learn, and discover music. We're open to all ages and abilities, and you don't need to read music to join in.



*Discovery Club* is our younger group for ages 8-12, where you will play percussion, try your hand at fiddle, tin whistle or guitar, and learn to play in small groups as well as together. Develop your skills, your rhythm and have fun! If you play an instrument already, bring it along! We also provide a free pizza lunch at the end of the session.

We also get to perform in the main venue at the end of our summer and winter terms to celebrate with friends and family.

Sessions run from 10:15-12:00 and cost £4, and we also run a beginners guitar lesson beforehand from 09:45-10:45 for an additional £4. Full bursaries are available. Please note that spaces are limited for both of these, and we offer spaces on a first come, first served basis. If you'd like to sign up, email [learning@bandonthewall.org](mailto:learning@bandonthewall.org) to find out more!



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# NATURE EXPLORERS

Join us for our fortnightly outdoor stay and play group for children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities or emerging needs aged 0-5 and their caregivers.

Safe enclosed space

Inclusive free play

Parent peer support

March/April dates:

**Thursday 6th March, 20th March, 3rd**

**April, 17th April**

**10.00am - 11.30am**

Community Green Allotment  
Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN



Explore outdoors and nature



Scan the QR code to register with the project.

For further information visit our Facebook page - Family Engagement Project Tameside or email us at: [familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk](mailto:familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk)



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**Support for  
parents and carers  
of children  
aged 0-5 with  
Special Educational  
Needs and Disabilities  
or emerging needs in  
Tameside**

Peer support  
groups

Information  
sessions

Friendly  
online  
community

**SEND**  
stay & play  
groups

1-1 support  
and  
signposting

No need to  
book  
Free for all



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# SEND Parent and Carer Peer Support Group

Free informal support group for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Tameside.

Children  
welcome

Meet other  
SEND parents

No booking  
required

Free  
refreshments

Support and  
signposting

**Come and join us!**

**1st Wednesday of the Month**

**10.00am - 11.30am**

**The Together Centre, Loxley House, 287 Birch Lane,  
Dukinfield, SK16 5AU**



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# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

## SPRING TERM 2 – 2025



TUES  
25TH FEB

**0-5 SEND stay and play @**  
North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am

WEDS  
5TH  
MARCH

**Peer Support Group @** The Together Centre, Dukinfield,  
287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU 10.00-11.30am

THURS  
6TH  
MARCH

**0-5 SEND Nature Explorers @** Leap Allotments,  
Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield,  
SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am

TUES  
11TH  
MARCH

**0-5 SEND stay and play @**  
North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am

WEDS  
19TH  
MARCH

**EHCP Information session and Peer support group**  
Jubilee Gardens, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, M43 7XU  
10.00-11.30am

THURS  
20TH  
MARCH

**0-5 SEND Nature Explorers @** Leap Allotments,  
Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield,  
SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am

TUES  
25TH  
MARCH

**0-5 SEND stay and play @**  
North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am

WEDS  
2ND  
APRIL

**Peer Support Group @** The Together Centre, Dukinfield,  
287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU 10.00-11.30am

THURS  
3RD  
APRIL

**0-5 SEND Nature Explorers @** Leap Allotments,  
Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield,  
SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am

