

18 th July 2025

## Attendance

Our attendance for this week is 98%. This is just above our attendance target of 97%. Well Done! 🍌

Just a reminder registration is at 8.50am all KS1 & KS2 children to be on the playground by 8.40am.

Reception & Nursery Doors open at 8.40am. Thanks



## School Dinner's



From September the cost of school dinners will slightly increase to £3.40 per day (£17.00 per week)

The current 3 week menu will carry over to September so you will only need to choose your child's dinner if they are new to school dinners. (link to menu below).

A new menu will be introduced after October half-term.

<https://forms.gle/LS7sYtp6ixGhUon3A>

## Reception trip to the Farm

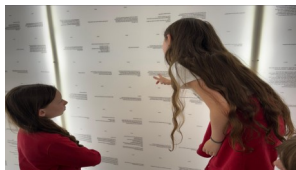


What an incredible day our reception class had at the farm! They went on a tractor ride, fed the animals, stroked some reptiles, looked at some of the birds, had a walk round the pond, had lunch, made a craft and played in the park and on the giant trampoline! They all behaved beautifully and it was a great day out! Well done Reception!



## Y5 Trip to Manchester Art Gallery

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic day seeing their work displayed in Manchester Art Gallery. It forms part of an exhibition called 'An inheritance.' Which is a time capsule project created by pupils from schools across Greater Manchester. The work will be showing at the gallery until November, then it will be taken to another site to be stored and shown again in 100 years time. The children were asked to think about information they wanted to share and messages they wanted to send to children 100 years in the future. They all got to see their names written on the gallery wall- so they are all now artists who have had their work exhibited in the gallery! It's free entry, so if you are looking for activities during the summer holidays, why not take a look!



Here are some press links that we have been sent about the work the children have done as part of 'An Inheritance'.

I Love MCR article with Minnie and Darcie <https://ilovemanchester.com/an-inheritance>

BBC Radio 4 interview piece:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002fvb0> Skip to 43 mins to hear the segment!





## Sports Day

Just a few pictures from our Sports Day this week. Thankfully the rain held off and all the children got to take part & even the grown ups got involved!!



**Community Garden**  
All welcome!



Reach Church  
Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
SK15 3JL

Wed - Fri - 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Saturdays 9:30am-12pm

[garden@reachchurch.uk](mailto:garden@reachchurch.uk)

**TIGER TOTS**  
0-5 PLAY SESSION

£2  
FOR AN ADULT  
AND CHILD  
(£1 FOR ADDITIONAL ADULT/CHILD EACH)

FRIDAYS IN TERM TIME  
9:15 -11:15

REACH CHURCH  
HUDDERSFIELD ROAD  
STALYBRIDGE  
SK15 3JL

[WWW.REACHCHURCH.UK](http://WWW.REACHCHURCH.UK)

**Have you lost a loved one?**

Do you need someone to chat to?  
At this time of grief we may find it hard to talk about our feelings. Come and join us for a chat with others going through similar loss.

**BEREAVEMENT CAFE**  
Mondays  
10.30am until 12.00pm

Reach Church  
Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
SK15 3JL

Contact Margaret on  
07864 571078  
[bcate@reachchurch.uk](mailto:bcate@reachchurch.uk)

## WHAT'S ON TAMESIDE LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER



SUMMER  
2025

### Borrowbox

This month's unlimited titles on Borrowbox! Download for free to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.



Free, unlimited ebook and audiobook titles from Tameside Libraries with [Borrowbox](#)

### Boardgames

We are very excited to announce we have a super selection of boardgames to play in the library!

Boardgames are a fantastic way to bring people together, whether it's families, friends or even solo players. There's something for all ages. The hardest decision will be deciding on which game to play first!

You can find our boardgames at Ashton, Droylsden, Hattersley and Stalybridge Libraries.

Simply play and the tidy away!



## Summer Reading Challenge



Children can sign up to take part in **Story Garden** at Tameside libraries this summer holidays. It's fun, friendly and absolutely free! All you have to do is read 6 library books and collect rewards along the way. The challenge launches on Super Sign Up Saturday 5 July and runs until Christmas, so there is plenty of time to get on with that reading!

What do I do?

- Register for the Challenge at any Tameside library.
- \*You need to be a library member to take part, but it's free to join the library. You'll get a Story Garden booklet!
- Choose books to read (anything from the library that you like!). Don't forget ebooks and audiobooks count!
- Read your books and write them on your Story Garden booklet.
- Collect stickers and prizes as you read your books.



**Special Pre-school Challenge!**  
Pre-school children can also take part in a special Story Garden challenge! Children who will not be at primary school in September can collect a Story Garden Mini-Challenge card on which to collect stickers when they read books, plus a gold medal sticker when they complete the challenge.



You can join in with our Story Garden library activities, make a carnivorous plant puppet, chillout at Family Yoga, listen to magical storytelling, create your own mini-comics in our story drawing sessions and even meet honeybees and critters! It's going to be a magical cram-packed summer!

Follow us on social media or go to [www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/srcactivities](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/srcactivities)



Young People's  
Mental Health  
Support Team  
Thrive in Education

**NHS**  
Pennine Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Mental Health Support Team (MHST) & Our Kids Eyes (OKE) Workshops

**Emotional Wellbeing events: 08<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

After consideration of the feedback from the survey completed by parent's & carers accessing OKE, we will be offering workshops for young people & their parents/carers this summer.

We would like to invite you to come along to engage in workshops around emotional wellbeing and to offer advice to support young people's mental health.

Our mental health support teams are a partnership between Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust and specialist mental health organisations. You can find a full list of organisations in each of our teams at [penninecare.nhs.uk/camhs](https://penninecare.nhs.uk/camhs).

### What support does the mental health support team provide?

We support children and young people at school and college, who are experiencing mental health difficulties such as anxiety and low mood. This includes:

- One to one and group therapy/skills sessions for children and parent/carers
- Advice or signposting to other services who can help you and your child
- Support schools and colleges around their wellbeing for pupils and staff

MHST and OKE staff will be available to offer the following 1-hour workshops (workshop 1 starting at 1pm & workshop 2 at 2pm):

- The incredible 5-point scale
- 5 ways to wellbeing
- Worry jars (& implementing "Worry Time")
- Transition to High School and Emotionally Based Barriers to School Attendance (EBBSA)
- Managing worry and creating a "Resilience Tool Kit"

If you would like to attend either dates, please book on to a maximum of 2 workshops you feel you & your child would benefit from by emailing [oke@ourkidseyes.com](mailto:oke@ourkidseyes.com). We look forward to meeting you.

**Friday 08th August:** Dukinfield Town Hall (Lesser Hall 2)  
**Friday 15th August:** Dukinfield Town Hall (George Hatton room)

## Up to Date Details

Please can you keep the office informed of any changes in medical conditions, emergency contact numbers & email addresses via the school email address or in writing.

Thanks

[mail@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:mail@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk).



## Star of the week / Handwriting of the week

Well done to all the children that have been given awards this week.

<https://www.millbrook.tameside.sch.uk/stars-of-the-week/>

<https://www.millbrook.tameside.sch.uk/handwriting-of-the-week/>

## Upcoming Dates

Thu 24th July	Summer Poems Assembly—EYFS & KS1 at 9am / KS2 at 9.30am
Fri 25th July	School Closes for the summer break 3.15pm
Tue 2nd Sept	School re-opens for the next academic year
Thu 25th Sept	Nasal Flu
Fri 26th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thu 2nd Oct	KS2 Reading Café - 2.30pm
W/C 6th Oct	Virtual Parent's Evening
Fri 17th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Diversity Day / Wear Red
Wed 22nd Oct	Harvest Poems EYFS/KS1 - 9.00am KS2 - 9.30am
Thu 23rd Oct	Spooky Day / School closes for half-term 3.15pm
Fri 24th Oct	Teacher Training Day—School closed
Mon 3rd Nov	Teacher Training Day—School closed
Tue 4th Nov	Teacher Training Day—School closed
Wed 5th Nov	School opens / Safety week

## Absence from School

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, you let us know by ringing in or emailing us at

[attendance@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@millbrook.tameside.sch.uk).

Leave a message on the answering machine by dialling 1 to report an absence. Please leave child's name, reason for absence & nature of illness if your child is unwell.

Please note we can only accept messages from people with parental responsibility for the child.

If we do not receive a message regarding your child's absence from school it will be recorded as a unauthorised absence.

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish	Macaroni cheese	Beef burger with baked potato wedges	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Mediterranean chicken wrap with savoury rice	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main Dish	BBQ Quom with 50/50 rice	Meat free sausage ragu with pasta	Quom fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Cheese pinwheels served with half a crispy jacket	Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Jacket Potato	Tuna/Cheese/Beans	Tuna/Cheese/Beans	Tuna/Cheese/Beans	Tuna/Cheese/Beans	Tuna/Cheese/Beans
Sandwich Selection	Ham/Cheese or Tuna	Ham/Cheese or Tuna	Ham/Cheese or Tuna	Ham/Cheese or Tuna	Ham/Cheese or Tuna
Desserts	Upside down cheese cake	Lemon drizzle cake	Apple & oat cookie	Chocolate muffin	Summer berries & whip



Don't dive into danger! Our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide shares 10 key water safety tips to help keep children safe in, on and around water this summer [#WaterSafety](#) Download your FREE copy here >> <https://ow.ly/o1O550WpXJA> [#SummerSafety](#) [#SafeSwimming](#) [#WaterSafetyTips](#)

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently. Therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

## Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.

