Weekly Bulletin

Upcoming dates:	
16.12.2025	Flu Immunisations
15.12.2025	Reception Christmas Performance - The Higgledy Piggledy Nativity 09.30AM- 10.30PM and 1.30PM- 2.30PM
16.12.2025	KS2 Carol Concert @ 4.30pm
17.12.2025	KS1 Christmas Performance - 'Its a Party' 09.30-10.30AM and 1.30PM - 2.30PM
18.12.2025	Rocksteady Concert Primary @ 9:45am ***(only for parents of children with Rocksteady lessons)***
18.12.2025	Primary Christmas Party Afternoon (see below for details)
19.12.2025	End of Term Sense of Accomplishment Awards
19.12.2025	Last day of term - **12.40 FINISH**

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HAMPER APPEAL SUCCESS & THANK YOU!

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of the Hamper Appeal 2025! We have received heartfelt thanks from The HealthBus Trust, who confirmed that all items donated by our incredibly generous students, staff, and wider school community have been safely delivered. Your collective efforts and remarkable generosity will make a significant and heartening difference to 200 families in crisis who are facing food poverty this Christmas. This fantastic response is a powerful demonstration of the empathy and strong sense of social responsibility that we highly value and that truly defines the spirit of our school community.

ASSESSMENT POINT 2

Week commencing Monday 5th January, we will be starting our next round of assessments for Reception to Year 10. Accompanying this newsletter are two letters regarding this. One for Primary students and one for Secondary. Please do read these carefully, as it will have links to our website where you will find an assessment timetable for Secondary students and resources to help them prepare to the best of their ability..

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN - UPDATED

We are pleased to inform you that our school's School Travel Plan (STP) is now available on our website. This plan outlines our strategy to ensure safe journeys and promote active travel for all pupils and staff.

Highlights of Our School Travel Plan (STP)

- Our Core Goals: The plan focuses on three key areas: ensuring the safety of pupils and families, increasing active travel (walking, cycling, etc.) to reduce traffic congestion and promote healthier lifestyles, and improving pupils' awareness of road safety and danger.
- Current Travel: We are proud that nearly half of our pupils (46%) already walk to school, and our public bus (14%) and cycling/scooting (9%) usage is above average for the area, reflecting our central location. However, 21% of journeys are still made by car.
- Addressing Parking Challenges: We acknowledge the difficulty due to the lack of parent parking or a drop-off zone, which can lead to unsafe parking. To combat this, we are promoting a 'Park and Stride' approach from Madeira Road for those who must drive. We are also actively working with BCP Council to explore a trial 'School Street' closure on Stafford Road during key drop-off and pick-up times, which is anticipated for May 2026.
- Infrastructure Works: The ongoing S278 roadworks outside the academy (Oct 2025–May 2026) are a current challenge, but once completed, they are expected to make a real difference in improving the safety and ease of active travel to school.

We encourage all families to review the plan and support our efforts to make travel to and from Livingstone Academy safer and more sustainable. You can read the full document here: Livingstone Academy School Travel Plan (STP)

FAMILY LIVES/WHATSAPP

Family Lives now have a free WhatsApp service for parents/carers who are worried about their children or family lives.

EYFS & KS1(Year 1 and 2)

STUDENT VOICE CHARITY SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas the LAB primary and secondary Student Voice will be collecting food for Bournemouth Foodbank. **From** the **1st December until 17th December**. Primary students are to bring in their donations to be left at the Primary School Office in the morning on the way into school. See attached image of ideas for donations. These are suggestions only, feel free to donate items that are different to those suggested (see image below). **Please ensure they are long-life products and do not need to be refrigerated or frozen.** Any donations collected by classes would be greatly appreciated by the Student Voice and the Foodbank, to help everyone have a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We're delighted to share that our Christmas parties will be held on **Thursday 18th December** in the afternoon. Children are welcome to bring a party outfit to change into after lunch. Please ensure all clothing and accessories are clearly named and suitable for school.

We **will be providing all party snacks and food and no money donation is required,** so there is no need to send anything in from home. ***If your child has a specific allergy or dietary requirement, please send a drink carton and two suitable snacks in a labelled, sealed container and hand it to your child's teacher in the morning.***

We're looking forward to a joyful afternoon filled with music, games, and festive fun!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES- Please make sure you collect your **two allocated tickets** from Secondary Reception as places are restricted due to hall restrictions

15 December – Reception
The Higgledy Piggledy NativitY @ 9:30–10:30 AM AND 1:30–2:30 PM

17 December – Year 1&2
It's a Party @ 9:30–10:30 AM AND 1:30–2:30 PM

WINTER BUGS AND THE 48 HOUR RULE

As we move into the colder months, we are seeing an increase in the usual seasonal bugs and viruses. A gentle reminder that children must stay at home for **48 hours** from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is a Public Health England requirement and is essential for preventing outbreaks in school. We really appreciate families following this guidance to help keep everyone well (including the teachers that teach our children) to reduce disruptions to learning.

LAB TOTS

We are excited to welcome families to LAB Tots, our toddler group for children and their siblings to come along, get to know Livingstone Academy, and build early school-readiness skills: Our first session will be on:

🗓️ Thursday 15th January
⏰ 9:15am – 10:15am

SINGING ASSEMBLY

This week, we have been enjoying singing a song all about Santa getting ready for his big night! From packing his turkey sandwich to slipping into his famous red suit, the song follows Santa's Christmas Eve preparations in a fun and cheerful way that's sure to build excitement for his imminent arrival. Scan the QR code or follow the link to sing this week's song at home!

https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/418/918d8636-f648-4d0d-afd4-c6a8bb528da8

KS2 (Year 3 and 4)

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We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon of music, games, and Christmas cheer!

RICHMONDWOOD CARE HOME CAROLS

This week, our children visited Richmond Wood Care Home to sing Christmas carols, and the residents were beyond delighted. Many shared how much joy the performance brought them and how fantastic our students were.

A huge thank you to the children for representing our school so beautifully, and to Mr Seale and Mrs Kilner for their dedication both in the lead-up to the performance and on the day itself. Your hard work made this a truly special experience for everyone involved.

KS2 CAROL CONCERT

A reminder that our KS2 Carol Concert will take place on **Tuesday 16th December at 4:30pm**. This is always a special event in the school calendar, and we look forward to celebrating the festive season with our families. On the day of the concert, children will be collected from school at **3:00pm** and should return to school at **4:15pm**, entering through the **Primary entrance** and going to their classrooms as usual. Parents and carers are then invited to make their way to the **Secondary reception**, where you will be welcomed and shown to the bleachers for the

performance. Doors will open at **4:20pm** for a **4:30pm** performance. *Due to seating capacity, we recommend that only **2 persons attend per child**.*

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KS3

This week, KS3 students have begun to embrace the festive season with a range of exciting activities. The annual Christmas Advisory Door Competition got underway, with students decorating their classroom doors to showcase creativity and festive cheer.

Students also demonstrated their commitment to the wider community by raising funds for Save The Children and contributing to our Reverse Advent Calendar food donations, supporting those in need during the festive period.

As part of the celebrations, advisory groups took part in festive quizzes, enjoyed a traditional Christmas roast dinner on Wednesday, and wore festive jumpers to mark the occasion. It has been wonderful to see students engage so enthusiastically with these activities and bring the Christmas spirit into the academy.

In addition, there are a number of festive House competitions running this term. Students are encouraged to take part and get creative, with the deadline for submissions before the end of this week. Engaging with these competitions is a fantastic way for students to earn House Points while enjoying festive activities and celebrating the season with their peers.

KS4

Year 11 Parents Evening

We would like to thank all of our Year 11 families who attended their son's/daughter's parents evening last night. This will have been an important night in the countdown towards their summer GCSE examinations. One which you will have found helpful. There are now 76 school days for Year 11 until their first examination on the 7th May.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Week beginning Monday 12th January we will be starting our after school core revision sessions for Year 11. They will run from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, with a different subject each night:

- Monday - Maths
- Tuesday - English
- Wednesday - Science
- Thursday - Geography
- Friday - History

Attendance to these sessions will benefit all Year 11 students and help focus their revision on areas that have been identified as a weakness from the first round of mocks. They should go to their class teacher after school for these sessions. Starting revision sooner, will only benefit their final grade.

Primary Housepoint Totals				
Einstein	**Kahlo**	**Anning**	**DaVinci**	**Attenborough**
5th	1st	4th	3rd	2nd

Star of the Week - Primary	
Daisies	Huxley A
Buttercups	Kahmari S
Snowdrops	Oluwapoloore B
Bluebells	Mary O
Clovers	Fatima J
Poppies	Evie S
Tulips	Arlo B
Daffodils	Mo O
Marigolds	Aysel L

Star of the Week - Secondary					
YEAR	**Einstein**	**Kahlo**	**Anning**	**DaVinci**	**Attenborough**
7	Alfie P	Lena D	Jackson B	Faye H	Lloyd W
8	Nazar O	Rosheedah E	Tensin Y	Zeno B	Melody M
9	Neville G	Luana S	Megan D	Johnnie B-N	Melody J
10	Hannah U	Sophia C	David FC	Angelica O	Serraya H
11	Imogen H	Michelle SH	Yasmeen L	Lucas D	Katerina N

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Class Attendance - Primary	
Daisies	4th
Buttercups	2nd
Snowdrops	8th
Bluebells	9th
Clovers	6th
Poppies	3rd
Tulips	7th
Daffodils	1st
Marigolds	5th

House Attendance - Secondary					
YEAR	Einstein	Kahlo	Anning	DaVinci	Attenborough
7	3rd	1st	5th	4th	2nd
8	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	5th
9	2nd	1st	5th	4th	3rd
10	2nd	1st	5th	3rd	4th
11	1st	2nd	4th	5th	3rd

LAB Attendance this Year: 94.36%	
LAB Primary Attendance: 94.79% National comparison (Primary): 95.34%	LAB Secondary Attendance: 93.58% National comparison (Secondary): 93.76%

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