



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 27th September 2024

Times Tables Rock Stars!

Lower Key Stage 2 had a fantastic Times Tables Rock Stars Day on Wednesday! Take a look at some of their fabulous outfits...



KS1 Macmillan Cake Morning

KS1 children had a wonderful time raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes, buns and biscuits for the event. Children enjoyed sharing treats with family members. A huge thank you to FoMPS—we couldn't have done it without you!



Sibling Photographs

A reminder that Karen Ross will be visiting school tomorrow, **Saturday 28th September**, to take the sibling photos. The photos will be taken in the KS1 poly-tunnel next to the running track. Please enter via the gate on East Parade. Mrs Parkinson will be onsite to assist throughout the day. Due to high demand, Karen will be arriving at 9:30am and plans to stay until approximately 12:45pm.



Reporting Absence due to Illness

If your child will be absent due to illness, please let the office know, by calling **01943 873180**, and leaving a message on the 24-hour absence line **BEFORE** 08:30am. To leave a message on the absence line, please press number 1 on your handset. Please can we ask parents to elaborate further when describing their child's illness—'feeling unwell' is not a sufficient reason for Bradford Attendance.

Autumn Term Parents Evening—Booking Window

We will be holding parent consultations on Monday 14th and Thursday 17th October. These meetings will give parents an opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss how they are settling into the new school year. Meetings will be held in either the KS1 or KS2 hall.

Please log into the Arbor Parent Portal to book your appointment. The booking window will open at 9am on Sunday 29th September and will close at midnight on Sunday 13th October. If you have more than one child in school, please leave at least 1 x 10 minute appointment between your bookings, especially if you need to move between buildings.

Secondary School Open Days

St Mary's Menston: Saturday 28th September 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ilkley Grammar School: Wednesday 2nd October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Guiseley School: Saturday 12th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your place.

Prince Henry's Grammar School: Monday 7th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Please [click here](#) to read the updated 2024-25 secondary school parent guidebook from Bradford Admissions.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.9% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Acorn** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



ADSA Cash Pot for Schools

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to make millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cash pot for Schools' initiative. To support MPS, all you have to do is, download the Asda Rewards app to opt-in, choose Menston Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), until 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to MPS. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most! [Click here](#) to find out more and to download the rewards app.



MyHappyMind

MyHappyMind are running a parental engagement competition from now until 25th October. They are offering a fantastic prize to the school with the highest levels of parental engagement via the parent app. The winning school will receive a fully stocked Parent Lending Library containing myHappyMind books and bookmarks to support and inspire us to learn more about myHappyMind. This would be an incredible addition to our school community. We have so far been in the top few schools for parental engagement so we feel we stand a really good chance of winning! If you haven't done so already, please download and start to use the parent app. You can use this QR code and the authentication code is 149938. Thank you all for your support with this. Fingers crossed!



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 30/09/2024 Week 2

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.



School meals are free for all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. **For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week from Monday 1st April 2024.** Please ensure your Parent Pay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children.

Monday: Pork Meatballs on Garlic Bread, Vegetable Cheese Burger; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Tuesday: Meat Lasagne; Halal Chicken Dopiazza, Soya Mince Bolognese; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Wednesday: Savoury Mince in Yorkshire Pudding; Cheese Rolls; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Pizza with BBQ Drizzle; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Friday: Fish Fingers; Halal Chicken Roll, Vegetable Pakora; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on **07973 841632**

Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and creative Key Stage 1 class teacher in our high performing, friendly school. This is a fixed-term maternity cover post. Applications from candidates with experience of successfully leading a curriculum subject are particularly welcome. An application pack is available [here](#).

Following the promotion of the existing postholder, governors seek to appoint an enthusiastic, caring Care Club Deputy Manager to join the strong staff team working in our wrap around childcare facility. An application pack is available [here](#). We are also seeking applications for our before and after-school play workers. Please [click here](#) for an application pack.

Please [click here](#) to visit our website for information about all our vacancies.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that our Open Mornings for Prospective September 2025 families will be held on:

Monday 11th November 2024 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 13th November 2024 9:30-11:30am

Saturday 16th November 2024 10:00-12:00pm

Please [click here](#) to sign up for the open morning you would like to attend.

Dates for your Diary: check [our website](#) for more!



Saturday 28th September: Sibling Photos

Tuesday 1st October: Reception Phonics Workshop at 9am (enter via main entrance)

Saturday 5th October: Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Rugby Club

Friday 25th October: School closes for October half-term

Monday 14th October: Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 17th October: Parent Consultation Evening

Monday 4th November: School reopens

Saturday 9th November: Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Swimming Baths

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Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas break

PE People Holiday Club

Mr Langan is thrilled to announce that pre-bookings for his October Holiday Club are now open! This time, he's adding some extra fun with an optional Halloween Fancy Dress Day on Thursday 31st October. Children can come dressed in their favourite costumes and enjoy lots of Halloween-themed games and activities!



Spaces are limited, so make sure to book your child's place soon before they fill up!

Scan the QR code to book a place.



Northern Sounds



Last week, KS2 children enjoyed a visit from Adrian from Northern Sounds. Northern Sounds offer one to one and group music lessons for all ages and abilities. To book a free trial or for more information please contact info@northernsounds.co.uk or phone **07804131189**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bradford North Foodbank Harvest Appeal 2024



Bradford North Foodbank helps individuals and families through the provision of emergency food and compassionate, dignified support. They are currently accepting donations as part of this year's Harvest Festival. If you're able to make a donation, please [click here](#) to view the Bradford North website for ways to donate.

Yorkshire in Bloom!



Before the Summer holidays, the judges from Yorkshire in Bloom visited us to have a look around the school grounds with some of our pupils. Yesterday they announced their results, and Menston Primary has been awarded a Silver Gilt Award! Thank you to Mrs Meakin for organising our Yorkshire in Bloom entry and escorting the judges around our wonderful school!

FoMPS

The FoMPS uniform recycling scheme is temporarily suspending collection of uniform into school as we have had a fantastic number of donations over the past few weeks. If you are looking to buy some of the uniform (or have a donation of logo items only) please email fompsuniform@gmail.com

Stay up to date with the [Arbor app & Parent Portal!](#)



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