



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 8th November 2024

## KS1 Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families who donated towards this year's harvest festival. We collected a fantastic **119KG** of food, which will provide **180** meals to hungry families in Bradford. If you would like to know more about Bradford's Central Foodbank, please [click here](#).

## School Photos

Please be advised that the deadline to order your child's photo/s from Ross School Photography and receive FREE delivery to school has been extended to Monday 11th November. If you would like to order a photo, please visit the [Ross School Photography website](#) or call Andrew Ross on 01943 968332.

## Online Safety Newsletter

The November edition of the Online Safety Newsletter from Knowsley City Learning Centres has been published. Parents have been emailed a copy of the newsletter. You can also access it from our website by [clicking here](#). This month's newsletter focuses on the online messaging app 'WhatsApp.'

## Christmas Cards

This week, children will have received a copy of their Christmas cards, which were made in school. Information about how to order these cards is inside the wallet that was handed to the children. If you would like to collect your order and save on postage, Dandy Arthouse have said that you can collect from their office at The Dandy Arthouse, Old Souls Way, Bingley, BD16 2AN once you have placed your order. **Any queries with regards to ordering should be directed to The Dandy Arthouse; [click here](#) to view their website and contact details.**

## Primary School Applications 2025

Parents have been sent a digital copy of a booklet from the Bradford Admissions Service which includes all the information that parents need to make their Primary School application online. To view the Bradford Admissions website for more information, please [click here](#).

## Anti Bullying Week

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. On **Tuesday 12 November**, we are inviting all of our children and staff to take part in [Odd Socks Day](#). All we are asking children to do to take part is wear odd socks; there is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy new socks. We are looking forward to celebrating our individuality on Tuesday and to positively engaging in Choose Respect learning activities next week.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Lily F

R Oak: Jack R

Y 1 Willow: Isabella G

Y 1 Elm: Thomas P

Y 2 Lime: Clemency T

Y 2 Maple: Erika K

Y 3 Cherry: Owain P

Y 3 Holly: Elspeth D

Y 4 Ash: Dylan E

Y 4 Alder: Ivy P

Y 5 Rowan: Arthur W

Y 5 Hazel: Sofia A

Y 6 Birch: Noah E

Y 6 Sycamore: Harris G



**These children have been chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and will be enjoying a hot chocolate in the staff room on Monday with school leaders.**

## Children in Need

Next week, on **Friday 15th November**, we are inviting children to come into school wearing something spotty or Pudsey Bear related. We are asking for a **50p donation** per child which can be brought into school on the day. [Click here](#) to find out more about this year's Pudsey Bear Day.



## Care Club

We have a small number of places available at our before and after school Care Club. Please contact [careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk) for more information.

A reminder that parents and carers must contact Care Club directly if their child won't be attending either the early morning or afternoon sessions. Please call the Care Club line on **01943 883927**—there are options to leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, send an email to [careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk)

## Scholastic Book Fair



This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Monday 18th November – Thursday 21st November 2024.

Parents and children can enter via the Link Building (via Care Club entrance on Main Street am) between 8.05am – 8.35am before school & 3.15pm – 4pm after school.

You will be asked to scan a QR code at the fair to purchase books, or you can pay online.

**We will not be accepting cash or cheques.**

If pupils attend Care Club, they can choose a book (with parental permission) and this can be paid for by [clicking here](#).

Order forms will be available at the book fair and at Care Club.

Happy reading!



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.44%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Birch** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 11/11/2024 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 £2.35 per day/ £11.75 per week from Monday 4th November 2024.** Please ensure your Parent Pay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children. **If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632**

### Week 2:

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

**Tuesday:** Meat Lasagne, Halal Chicken Dopiaza, Soya Mince Bolognese, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

**Thursday:** Cheese & 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

## Parent/Carer Support Group

The latest online support group for parents will be held on Monday 18th November at either 10:30am or 7:30pm via Zoom. This month's topic will focus on 'keeping your child safe on social media.' The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month, and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

## 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 9th November:** [Wharfedale Cross](#)

[Country League at Ilkley Lido](#)



**Monday 11th November:** Open Morning for Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

**Tuesday 12th November:** Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 13th November:** Open Morning for Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

**Friday 15th November:** Children in Need Day

**Saturday 16th November:** Open Morning for Prospective September 2025 Families 10:00-12:00pm

**Monday 18th November:** Scholastic Book Fair Week

**Saturday 7th December:** FoMPS Christmas Fair at 1pm

**Tuesday 10th December:** Reception Nativity @ 9:30am

**Tuesday 11th December:** Reception Nativity @ 2:30pm

**Thursday 12th December:** LKS2 Christmas Performance @ 2:15pm & @ 6pm

**Friday 13th December:** Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 17th December:** KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm

**Wednesday 18th December:** KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2:30pm

**Thursday 19th December:** UKS2 Christmas Performance @ 2pm & @ 6pm

**Friday 20th December:** School closes for Christmas break

**Tuesday 7th January:** School reopens for the Spring Term

## Cross Country

All Saint's Primary are looking forward to hosting the cross country event on Saturday 9th November at the Ilkley Pool and Lido. Please be aware that charges now apply at the Ilkley Pool car park. Please [click here](#) to access all the information you will need for the day. Unfortunately, there won't be any hot refreshments available at the event.

## SEND Resources

- ◆ BBC Tiny Happy People is a free online resource for supporting parents to develop the language and communication skills of their children aged from birth to 4 years of age. Please [click here](#) to view this resource.
- ◆ 'Sibs' is a charity that supports brothers and sisters of disabled children. [Click here](#) to view their website.

## FoMPS



The FoMPS Christmas fair will take place on **Saturday 7th December** as part of the village Light Switch On event. Santa will be in his grotto from 12.30-4.30pm and tickets are on sale now. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to get yours. Look out for your fair letter and raffle tickets coming home with your child, if you can donate a raffle prize please contact us [fompsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fompsinfo@gmail.com). If you are able to volunteer with the preparations for or on the day of the fair, please complete this Google form by [clicking here](#). St. John's church is hosting a **Christmas jumper stall** at the Menston Christmas Light Switch On event on Saturday 7th December, 1-3pm. Christmas jumpers which are no longer wanted or needed can be donated prior to the event and then made available to anyone looking to brighten up their festive wardrobe in an environmentally conscious way. Please see the attached poster for more details or email [fompsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com)



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