



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 22nd November 2024

Yorkshire in Bloom

Earlier this week the children received a visit from Joy Smith, a judge for Yorkshire in Bloom, who presented them with the Yorkshire Rose Harrogate Flower Show 'Silver Gilt Award' for Young People.



Christmas Jumper Swap

Year 5 pupils, Nicholas and Nile, held a talk in assembly about the Christmas Jumper Swap. In a bid to be more eco-friendly, children can bring in pre-loved Christmas jumpers throughout next week (Monday 25th–Friday 29th November) for them to be 'swapped' with another jumper at the FoMPS Christmas Fair on 7th December at the Kirklands Community Centre. There will be a donation box in the main office or jumpers can be given to Nicholas is Y5 Hazel class.



Trussell Trust Christmas Collection

Working in partnership with Mrs Milner, Charlotte and Anna's mum, we will be collecting items for the Trussell Trust over the next few weeks. Mrs Milner has links with the [Bradford Central Foodbank](#), which supported over 16,000 Bradford residents in 2023. Any long-life food/personal care donations will be gratefully received, but the bank is currently running low on tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, cereal, UHT milk, baked beans, toilet rolls and pasta. **We would also be grateful for any Christmas related donations, e.g. chocolate selection boxes, biscuits, mince pies, Christmas cake etc.**

BRADFORD CENTRAL FOODBANK

Donation boxes will be placed at the school gates and in the KS2 hall from next Monday.



Open Mornings—Y6 Ambassador

Huge thanks to **all** our Y6 children, who did a fantastic job when showing families around at our open mornings last week. We had lots of positive feedback from families about how knowledgeable and eloquent the Y6 ambassadors were.

Cross Country

Huge congratulations to all those who took part in the Wharfedale Cross-Country hosted by All Saints Primary at the Ilkley Lido on Saturday 9th November. Children who took part were given their certificates in assembly last week.



Christmas Jumper Stall

St. John's Church is hosting a Christmas jumper stall at the Menston 'Christmas Light Switch On' event on Saturday, 7th December, 1-3pm. We are collecting adult and children's pre-loved jumpers for this. If you have any clean, good condition festive jumpers, please put them in the donation boxes at the school office or in Hazel class from Monday 25th November. You can pick up an environmentally conscious Christmas jumper at our stall on the 7th December, ready for Christmas jumper day the following week.

Ilkley Rugby Football Club:

Opportunity for all children

On behalf of Mr Small, dad of George and Evelyn, we would like to share information about an opportunity for children to join the junior section of the Ilkley Rugby Football Club. Children of all ages from Reception upwards can join the club and parents can find out more about the club on the website [here](#).



More information, including an email address for enquiries, can be found on the letter we are sending out today alongside this newsletter.

We are also hoping to have their coaches in to work with our children and Mr Langan later in the year.

Children in Need

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations in aid of Children in Need. In total, we raised **£252.47!**



RISE Event

Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture kicks off on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 January 2025 with RISE – a huge celebration of the people and communities who make Bradford magic. This spectacular open-air show is created by director Kirsty Housley in collaboration with Steven Frayne, the Bradford-born magician formerly known as Dynamo. Tickets for RISE went on sale at 12pm (noon) on Thursday 21 November – and they cost just £2, with under-16s and over-60s receiving free admission. [Click here](#) to book.



Christmas Performances for Y1—Y6

Dates and times for all the Christmas performances are in the 'Dates for your Diary' section and on all year group newsletters.

Please note our maximum seating capacity for each performance is 120. Each family has been allocated 1 ticket for each performance. You will be checked off against your child's name upon arrival. You are welcome to swap tickets amongst yourselves. Please note, no physical ticket will be given out.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend and will be required to sit on an adult's lap. We will provide a space for parents to take any younger siblings who become restless.

A reminder to everyone that the use of cameras is permitted on the understanding that no images or videos are to be shared publicly via social media.

Doors will open 10 minutes before the scheduled start time to allow parents/carers time to be seated in the hall.

School Lunch Menu — W/C: 25/11/2024 Week 1

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 1:

Monday: Tuna Pasta Marinara, Halal Beef Bolognese, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Cheese & Potato Flan, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Chicken Tikka Roast, Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Quorn Sausage, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Chicken Goujons, Vegetable Pakoras, Battered Fish, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

PE People Christmas Holiday Club

Mr. Langan is now accepting bookings for the upcoming Christmas Holiday Clubs! Pre-book to secure your child's spot by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code.



A flyer with more information has been sent via email to parents.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, we are inviting children and staff to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. This year, we are asking for donations via our Just Giving page on behalf of the Save the Children charity. You can make a donation by [clicking here](#).



Menston Library Workshop

Menston Library are hosting a Family Drop-in Workshop on Saturday 23rd November 2024, 10.00 – 12.30. Details below:

Grue is coming to Damart Mill in Bingley in February 2025, and we need your help to build this enchanted world!

Come and get involved, have fun and turn recycled cardboard and materials into something magical. You'll be working with experienced artists and facilitators to make reeds and marsh land leaves that will be part of the installation.

All welcome, no experience needed, only a willingness to try something new and get involved. All ages are welcome, but under 18s need to be accompanied by a parent or carer. The activity is free and welcome to all abilities and ages. No need to book, just show up and stay for as long or as short as you like. Find out more by [clicking here](#).

Primary School Applications 2025

Bradford Admissions Service have released a step-by-step guide which includes all the information that parents need to make their Primary School application online. The booklet is available to download from our [website](#).

To view the Bradford Admissions website for more information, please [click here](#).

To view the Leeds Admissions website for more information, please [click here](#).

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



Saturday 7th December: FoMPS Christmas Fair at 1pm

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

Wednesday 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

Road Safety

Visibility is a key issue all year round, however the darker nights and bad weather in autumn and winter make it harder to see and be seen. Pedestrians are recommended to wear hi-visibility clothing and accessories. Even a small reflective key ring hanging from a bag or a reflective stripe on a coat can make a big difference in how soon a driver notices a pedestrian. Remember fluorescent colours are best for daytime and reflective for night. Walk in well-lit areas and keep to the footpath where you can.



FoMPS



The FoMPS Christmas fair will take place on **Saturday, 7th December** as part of the village 'Lights Switch On' event. Santa will be in his grotto from 12.30pm - 4.30pm and tickets are on sale now. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to get yours. Raffle ticket stubs and monies can be returned to the boxes located at the school gates from **Friday 29th November to Friday 6th December**. The first prize is a Jet2 voucher for 2 adult return flights to a European destination!

The FoMPS AGM will take place on **Tuesday, 3rd December** at 7pm in the parish room at St. John's Church, Burley Lane, Menston. Chair and finance reports, as well as proposed funding projects to enhance the school for your children, will be presented on the night. For advance copies please email fompsinfo@gmail.com or to vote by proxy in support of the chair please [click here](#).



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