



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 13th December 2024

Christmas Concert

On Monday morning, our school choir travelled to St Margaret's Church in Ilkley to rehearse with Ilkley Grammar School choir in preparation for the Christmas Concert that evening. They performed alongside Ilkley Grammar School choir and other Trust Primary Schools for parents and friends. The Murphy girls performed a song together too! Everyone had a lovely time!



Christmas Jumper Day

We've seen some fabulous Christmas jumpers today in aid of the 'Save the Children' charity. Thank you to those families who have donated already. If you would like to make a donation, please do so, by [clicking here](#) or scanning and visiting our Just Giving fundraising page.



Reception Christmas Performances

Our Reception classes had a great time performing their first ever Nativity for parents and families this week. Thank you to all those who were able to come and support the children.



LKS2 Christmas Performances

The Year 3 and 4 Christmas performances were a wonderful celebration of talent and festivity! The children were not at all phased by the large audience, in fact their voices were fantastic and filled the KS2 hall with festive cheer! The narrating was equally impressive with children delivering their lines so clearly and with great enthusiasm! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and relatives for attending - the encouragement and support from the audience made it even more special for the children.



Art & Craft Club

This week, children at Art & Craft Club made some Christmas wreaths. We think they look amazing!

Trussell Trust Christmas Collection

We have been overwhelmed with all the generous donations for the Trussell Trust Christmas Collection. On Monday, Mrs Milner, Charlotte and Anna's mum, will be collecting the donations from school. Mrs Milner has links with the [Bradford Central Foodbank](#), which supported over 16,000 Bradford residents in 2023. Thank you to all our families who were able to make a donation, it is greatly appreciated.



Christmas Performances

Dates & times for all the remaining Christmas performances are in the 'Dates for your Diary' section and on year group newsletters. **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 tickets 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 into the hall to be seated. **KS1 parents should enter via the Main Entrance on St Peter's Way. KS2 parents should enter via the Victorian Building on Main Street.**

Care Club:

Children who attend Care Club and will be participating in the later 6pm performances (KS2 only) will be taken straight from the Care Club building to the Victorian building to get ready. Any parents who wish to collect their child early from Care Club and bring them back to school are welcome to do so. Please let Care Club know directly by calling **01943 883927** and leaving a message or emailing careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk

Festive Events Across the Bradford District

- Haworth Christmas Craft Market: Set in the charming Haworth Old School Room, this Christmas Craft Fair is a treasure trove of handcrafted goods and delightful treats. Support local artisans and find unique gifts that spread festive cheer. [Click here](#) for more information.
- East Riddlesden Hall Christmas Market: Head over to East Riddlesden Hall, in the Airedale Barn for a festive market, including Christmas gifts, homeware and much more. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Saltaire Living Advent Calendar: Running since 2006, the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar has become a real highlight for Saltaire and Bradford, and attracts visitors from across the globe. With its quirky window designs in picturesque settings, this magical event sees windows light-up daily throughout the month in houses, schools, shops and churches until Christmas Eve. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 96.83%. 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.

School Lunch Menu — W/C: 16/12/2024 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.



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](#).

Vaccinations

Get your flu vaccination to be protected for the Christmas and holiday period.

It is not too late to give consent for your child's flu vaccination. The vaccination team are commencing catch up sessions and you can book into one of their community clinics.

You can contact the team on 01274 221269 and a member of the team will call you back. If you have not completed an electronic consent form the team can take consent over the phone.



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



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

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

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

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January: School reopens for the Spring Term

Thursday 9th January: [Open Morning for prospective 2025 families at 9:30am](#)

Saturday 18th January: [Wharfedale Cross Country \(KS2 only\) @ Addingham Primary School](#)

Saturday 1st February: [Wharfedale Cross Country @ Ben Rhydding Primary](#)

Lost Property

We have once again accumulated a large amount of lost property. Please can all parents come to check the lost property box by **Wednesday 18th December**. After this date, the contents will be donated to FoMPS. The lost property box is located in the main entrance on St Peter's Way. Thank you.



Open Morning

We have confirmed **Thursday 9th January 2025** at 9:30am for our next Open Morning event! Please complete the form to book your place by [clicking here](#).

Parent Support Group

Is your child struggling to go to school due to feelings of worry or stress? Are you unsure about what to do? The Educational Psychology Team are offering support sessions to provide a safe space for parents and carers to share their own experiences and listen to others, as well as to learn more about what you can do to support your child. Join the team weekly from 1:00-2:30pm from Wednesday 15th January to Wednesday 5th February 2025. You will need to be able to attend all 4 sessions. To book, please call 01274 439444 or email EBSA@bradford.go.uk



The Christmas fair, which took place as part of the village light switch on event last Saturday, was a success despite the weather. The event was a great celebration of the Menston community coming together and we would like to thank all the volunteers, including school staff, who helped out before, during and after the fair. Without willing volunteers, events like these will not be possible in the future.



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