



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 10th January 2025

## Challenging Weather

I want to express my gratitude to all our children, families and staff who have worked together to make what could have been a very difficult week run smoothly. Our fantastic site team worked really hard on Monday's training day to clear pathways in school and then maintain these pathways throughout the week. Many thanks to our families for your understanding and support as we have opened later on three days this week. Many, many schools across the district have been fully closed for some or all of the week and it is testament to our whole school community that we have been able to open with minimal disruption to our children's education. Particular thanks to our wonderful children, whose behaviour and attitudes this week have been as excellent as they always are. Indoor breaks for a whole week are not ideal and the children have managed this extremely well. The forecast is for continued cold and icy weather over the weekend, so stay safe and warm. Mrs Wilson

## Online Safety Newsletter

The January edition of the Knowsley City Online Safety Newsletter has been published. A copy has been emailed to parents and is available to download from [our website](#). This month's newsletter focuses on video games, social media influencers and age ratings.

## Bradford Central Food Bank

Thank you so much for the amazingly generous donation of 110.30KG of food to the food bank! This is the equivalent of 165 meals for hungry families. This meant the food bank were able to give lots of lovely Christmas food and treats for families who have hit hard times and need that extra support.

## The Secret Book Quest



The Secret Book Quest is an exciting, new, year-round reading adventure for children aged 5 and up. Join Pip, Zen and Libro the cat on a unique reading adventure through 10 themed worlds.

To complete the Quest, read five books of your own choice for each zone and collect all the code-stickers along the way. The final sticker is the missing piece that enables you to decipher a secret code and complete the challenge! Complete the quest at your own pace, reading books you love.

To sign up for FREE, visit your local library, where you will receive your very own Secret Book Quest Journal packed full of puzzles, fun facts and activities and the first sticker in your collection. [Click here](#) to find out more!

## This Week in Year 4:

This week in Science, our Y4 children have been exploring the journey of food using a demonstration of the digestive system. It was VERY hands-on! We then used different materials to create our own digestive system!



## Down Syndrome Training & Support

[The Down Syndrome Centre in Bingley](#) is celebrating its 25-year anniversary in 2025, but is facing a daunting future. This week they announced that they have had to close the centre on Fridays, meaning a reduction in services for families. We will be doing some fundraising to support the centre this year, but in the meantime, if anyone would like to make a donation, please [click here](#).

## Bradford City of Culture 2025

The first events of the year of culture, creativity and the arts have been announced. [Click here](#) to visit the City of Culture website. [Click here](#) to book tickets for the RISE event, which features performers from across the district.

## 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](#).

The online admissions system will be available for applications until **15th January 2025**.

Apologies to families who had booked onto our additional show around this week which had to be cancelled due to the impact of the weather. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to find out more about the school before the application closing date next Wednesday. You can request a school brochure and we will aim to answer any questions that you may have that can't be answered by visiting our [school website](#).

## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 13/01/2025 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:** Vegetarian Lasagne, Halal Meat Lasagne, Spicy Vegetable Spring Roll, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Tuesday:** Pasta Bolognese, Halal Chicken Jalfrezi, Pomodoro Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Wednesday:** Roast Meat Dinner, Quorn Roast Dinner, Cheese Rolls, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Thursday:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Loaded Vegetable Pizza, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Friday:** All Day Brunch, All Day Vegetarian Brunch, Fish Fingers, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

## Vacancies

We are recruiting for a temporary L2 Teaching Assistant to support children with EHCPs. An application pack is available [here](#). Please note, we are unable to accept CVs. If you have any questions about the vacancy, please email [recruitment@menston.mt.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@menston.mt.co.uk) or [click here](#).

The closing date for the post is midnight on **Sunday 12th January 2025**. Interview and recruitment tasks will be held in school week commencing Monday 13th January 2025.

## Parent/Carer Support Group

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. 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)

The next session will be held on **Tuesday 21st January 2025**.

The topic will be "Supporting your child: Autism and mental health."

## Lost Property

A reminder to come and check the (already full!) lost property box in the main office on St Peter's Way. Thank you.

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

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

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

**Monday 3rd February:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Thursday 6th February:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Saturday 8th February:** [Wharfedale Cross Country @ Ghyll Royd School](#)

**Friday 14th February:** School closes for February half-term

**Monday 24th February:** School reopens for Spring Term 2

**Saturday 1st March:** [Wharfedale Cross Country @ Ashlands Primary](#)

**Saturday 15th March:** [Wharfedale Cross Country @ Nell Bank](#)

## NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment, where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

## Bradford District Museum & Galleries

2025 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Bradford District Museums and Galleries with lots happening across the four sites. This year will see the opening of two new exhibitions, a series of musical events and more - and that's just in January!

- Fighting to be Heard—[Big Celebration Day at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery](#): join us on 18th January for a day of family friendly activities linked to our new exhibition at Cartwright Hall.
- [A Season of Music](#): with a long tradition of music and performance at Cliffe Castle from the moment it was built, in 2025 we're arranging a 'Season of Music' centered on the theme of music, sound and performance.

## FoMPS

FoMPS would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

If you are looking for uniform to start the year, please email [fompsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com), we have high stock levels in most ages at the moment.



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