



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 24th January 2025

Parent Consultation Meetings

Our next parent consultation meetings will take place on **Monday 3rd February** and **Thursday 6th February 2025 between 3:30pm and 6:30pm**. The booking window opened on **Sunday 19th January** via [Arbor](#). Please note, due to unavoidable circumstances, both Mrs Holmes and Mrs Pease have rearranged some appointments and any parents affected by these changes have been contacted directly.

Knowsley City Council Online Safety Session

Knowsley City Council will be holding an online safety information session for parents and carers on **Wednesday 29th January 2025, 9:30am-10:15am**. You can access the session via Teams by [clicking here](#). Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Questions can be asked by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

Parents can access the latest online safety newsletter via the ['Online Safety'](#) page on our website.



Pedestrian Safety

Can we please ask parents to remind their children to use the crossing patrol at the start and end of the school day. We have been notified of a 'near-miss' incident involving an unaccompanied child crossing the road on a scooter without looking for oncoming traffic. You can access free road safety learning resources [here](#).



Lost Property

Due to the excessively large amount of **unnamed** lost property we have accumulated, we will have to clear out the LP box before we break up for half-term. Please can parents and children come and check the lost property box on St Peter's Way. Anything left by **Thursday 30th January** will be donated to FoMPS. **Please can parents and carers ensure their child's belongings are all named.** You can order name labels from [Stikins](#) and if you quote our Fundraising Number: 13253, the school will receive a 30% commission.



NSPCC Number Day

We will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 7th February**. There will be a variety of interesting, engaging and challenging maths activities taking place across the school and pupils can come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number theme, e.g. a sports shirt, a cap or even a onesie! If you would like to make a donation to the NSPCC to support their essential work, please do so via our Just Giving page by [clicking here](#).



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

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

Monday 3 February: Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 6 February: Parent Consultation Evening

Friday 7 February: [NSPCC Number Day](#)

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

Friday 14 February: School closes for February half-term

Monday 24 February: School reopens for Spring Term 2

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

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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.95%.

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Rowan** with 99.66% attendance!

Wharfedale Cross Country League

A massive well done to everyone who took part in the cross country last weekend! The KS2 children showed incredible resilience—not just braving the chilly weather but also tackling the long distances with determination. Fantastic effort everyone!



Dick Whittington at King's Hall, Ilkley

From 24th January-1st February, the King's Hall in Ilkley will be showing the Dick Whittington Pantomime performed by the Upstagers Theatre group. The group is attended by current MPS pupils as well as pupils at other Moorlands Learning Trust schools. It would be great if you could come along and support them! [Click here](#) for more information and to book tickets.

School Lunch Menu — W/C: 27/01/2025 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

School Vacancies

We are recruiting for a temporary L2 Teaching Assistant to support children with EHCPs, 20 hours per week, 9am—1pm Monday to Friday. 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 or [click here](#) to view our website.

February Half Term Holiday Clubs

Mr Langan is unable to run his fantastic PE People holiday club during February half-term, so here are some other options that families may wish to find out more about:

[United Adventure Camps at Ghyll Royd School](#)

[Ilkley Chess Centre holiday club](#) (Thursday 20 February only)

[Early Years holiday club for nursery and reception age children at Ashlands Primary](#)

[Bee Happy Kids School Holiday Camp at St John's Church Yeadon](#)

Mr Langan's PE People club will run during the Easter, May Spring Bank and summer holidays and we will publish booking information for these clubs on our newsletters as normal.

Bingley Down Syndrome Training & Support Centre

[The Down Syndrome Centre in Bingley](#) is celebrating its 25-year anniversary in 2025, but is facing a daunting future. Last 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

Bradford is the new UK City of Culture for 2025. Explore the action-packed programme of events [here](#).

The classic production 'The Railway Children' heads to Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. Book your tickets [here](#) to experience this historic railway journey.

NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme



MPS is participating in the [NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe Programme](#), which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe:

- Take a look at [information, support, advice](#) and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.
- Take part in [games and activities](#) at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.
- [Click here](#) for information on a range of different online safety topics.
- Childline have an [accessible website](#) for under 12s with advice, support, games and activities.
- Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Download the free resources [here](#).

AWARE Parent/Carer Neurodiversity Talk



Local charity, AWARE, are holding a free one hour introductory presentation and Q+A session for parents and carers on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 9:15am.

The session will focus on the following:

- Myth busting ideas around neurodiversity and autism.
- Introduction to AWARE's activities and support groups.
- Introduction to BEAT, the pre diagnosis support programme by AWARE.
- Q&A session - remember there is no such thing as a silly question!

[Click here](#) to view the AWARE website for more information and resources.



If you are looking to donate or purchase pre-loved, good quality uniform, please email fompsuniform@gmail.com, we currently have high stock levels in most ages.



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