



Menston Primary School Newsletter

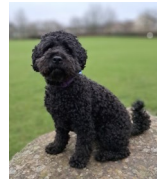
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Friday 31st January 2025

School Dog

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Meakin and her dog Bonnie will be accessing training from [The Dog Mentor](#) next week so that Bonnie can become our school dog. Please see the accompanying letter, sent out today, for more information.



NSPCC Advice on Children's Use of WhatsApp

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number to set up an account. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released some useful guidance for parents on reducing risks for children whilst using WhatsApp, which you can read [here](#).



Leave of Absence Requests

Any request for leave of absence during term time (e.g. holidays, family/cultural events) should be submitted using the [Leave of Absence form](#), giving as much detail as possible about the reason for the requested absence and, wherever possible, at least **four weeks before the planned absence**. Please ensure you have carefully read the information on the front of the form prior to submitting your request. Forms can be downloaded on our [website](#) or collected from the School Office.

Wharfedale Cross Country

A reminder that the next cross country event will take place tomorrow, **Saturday 1st February at Ben Rhydding Primary School**. Please [click here](#) for the race details.



New Planters

Yorkshire Water has generously commissioned some new rainwater planters around school. These are sustainable drainage systems designed to help reduce surface water flooding. To find out more please [click here](#).



Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that the parent consultation evenings will take place next week on **Monday 3rd February and Thursday 6th February 3:30-6:30pm**. Reception and KS1 parents will be in the KS1 hall and should enter via the main reception on St Peter's Way. KS2 parents will be in the KS2 hall and should enter via the Victorian building on Main Street. You do not need to sign in upon arrival. **Please note:** you will not be able to walk through school to move between KS1 and KS2 as the doors will be locked for Care Club children. Meetings for Mrs Pease and Mrs Holmes have been rearranged—parents have already received communication regarding this.

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](#)

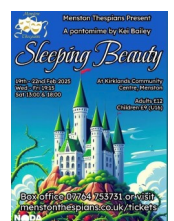
Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.35%.

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Acorn** with 98.52% attendance!

Menston Pantomime—Sleeping Beauty

The Menston Thesians will be performing Sleeping Beauty at the Kirklands Community Centre from 19th - 22nd February. The shows are scheduled Wednesday - Friday, 7:15pm and Saturdays 1-6pm. Call 07764753731 or [click here](#) to book your tickets.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 03/02/2025 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

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

NSPCC

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

AWARE Airedale & Wharfedale
Autism Resource

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.

FOMPS

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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