



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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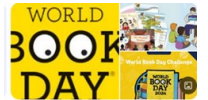
Friday 28th February 2025

School Dog

Our school dog, Bonnie, has been spending more time in school and has now visited every classroom. Bonnie is now starting to work in school regularly and will be visiting a nominated class/ year group each week as well as working more closely with some children in small groups or individually. Children have been brilliant at getting classrooms 'Bonnie ready' for her visits and they have been really good at keeping our school free of litter and dropped food that may be harmful to Bonnie.

World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating [World Book Day](#) on Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character or in a book-themed costume. As part of our commitment to community cohesion, children from The Railway Children will be visiting school to share picture books with our Y3 classes. We will be doing lots of reading for pleasure activities throughout the day and children are very welcome to bring a (named) favourite book to read in school. Children should have already received their free £1 book tokens, [click here](#) to find local participating retailers.



Ramadan

The month of Ramadan starts this weekend and we want to take this opportunity to say Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families who will be observing this important time. Best wishes in all of your preparations - we know this will be a very special time for many of you and your children.



Cross Country

A reminder that the next cross country event is tomorrow, **Saturday 1st March** at Ashland's Primary! Please [click here](#) for the race details. Please note, the next event, held at [Nell Bank](#) on **Saturday 15th March** will be for KS2 children only. This will be the last event of the season and the prize giving presentation will be held at this event.

Year 3's Herd Farm Trip

Today, year 3 travelled to Herd Farm Outdoor Activity Centre to enjoy a Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age workshop, linked to their current history unit.



The children got to experience being in a roundhouse and were shown artefacts from this period.

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

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

Tuesday 4 March: Reception Dinosaur Day (in school)

Thursday 6 March: [World Book Day](#)

Monday 10 March: Science Week & Year 6 Science Morning at IGS

Tuesday 11 March: Science Morning Event

Saturday 15 March: [Wharfedale Cross Country @ Nell Bank \(KS2 only\)](#)

Friday 21 March: [Comic Relief](#) & [World Down Syndrome Day](#)

Wednesday 2 April: Reception Easter Craft Afternoon with Parents 2-3pm

Friday 4 April: School closes for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22 April: School reopens for Summer Term

Science Week 2025, 10th—14th March

We are looking forward to taking part in British Science Week, the theme of which is '**Change and Adapt**' this year. Key science-themed events taking place in the week include:



- Y6 will be visiting Ilkley Grammar School on Monday 10th March for a science day.
- Our science fair will take place on Tuesday 11th March (thank you to everyone who has signed up to run a stall at this event).
- Ilkley Grammar School will host another science event on Friday 14th March. They have invited Moorlands Learning Trust primary schools to select six children from Y5 to attend a science workshop. Parents of children who have been selected for this event will be contacted directly.
- On the afternoon of Friday 14th March, we are inviting families to come into school at 2:45 pm to see some of the fantastic science learning that children have been doing over the week.

Smart School Council

Our School Council will be hosting a fundraising event for [World Down Syndrome Day](#) on Friday 21st March. There will be multiple stalls and events to fundraise for the Down Syndrome Training and Support Centre. Each year group will come up with their own ideas to contribute to the event and we will share more information closer to the time. Mrs Wilson's tap dancing group is going really well – we have some very talented children at MPS! Huge thanks to our dance coach—Amy B in Y6. We want to see Key Stage 1 becoming even more involved in creating action teams, so we will be presenting an assembly to them very soon.

School Lunch Menu — W/C: 03/03/2025 Week 3

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 3

Monday: Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Halal Chicken Biryani, Arrabiata Pasta, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasty, Savoury Roll, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken, Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Mexican Burrito, Chicken Burrito, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fishcake, Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake, Vegetable Dippers, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

What lies beyond the UK?

A huge well done to Clemmie, in Year 2, for completing some AMAZING geography homework about the continents.

Clemmie was awarded two headteacher stickers by Mrs Wilson!



Art Club

In Art Club this week, we had fun with clay! We described how it felt, rolled it and squashed it, then started to make our project. It could take a while, so watch this space!



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. It was recently 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](#).



- Celebrate community, culture and connection in Bradford this Ramadan. Ramadan Tent Project's flagship initiative, [Open Iftar](#), is inviting people from all faiths and none, to come together for Iftar, the meal that Muslims observe in Ramadan to break their fast at sunset. Join us on 21st & 22nd March at One City Park.
- Loading Bay is Bradford's very own pop-up venue in the city. A disused storage depot is being transformed into a temporary culture hub for Bradford 2025 – and it's set to open in March 2025 with an action-packed programme. [Click here](#) for more information.
- [Share your Story](#): The National Literacy Trust in Bradford are going on tour this year. The Bradford Stories Bus is a wonderland of storytelling magic – a classic American school bus transformed by the National Literacy Trust in Bradford into an inspiring space for reading, writing and talking about stories. There'll be books to read, activities to do and fun to have, all aimed at children and young people aged 5-11. Best of all, you don't need a ticket to ride this bus: you can hop on any time, and it's all free.

Bradford District Museums & Galleries

- International Women's Day Weave & Spin: celebrate International Women's Day at Bradford Industrial Museum on Sunday 9th March, 11am-3pm. There will be several activities across the site, [click here](#) for more information.
- Celebrate Bradford's 'Season of Music' continues with more events to delight your ears. Head to Cliffe Castle on 16th March at 2pm for the next 'Music at the Museum' concert. [Click here](#) to find out more.
- Museums for Play and Growth: Museums for Play and Growth are FREE drop-in sessions for children 0–5 years old inspired by "50 Things to Do Before You're Five". On every 3rd Wednesday of the month, you can bring your little ones to Bolling Hall to explore our museum, learn something new, and have a fun time. These sessions are offered across all of the site - check [the website](#) for more details.
- Cartwright Hall: the [Refreshment Room at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery](#) has been accredited with the Kids in Museums Family Café Standard. The Family Café Standard is a benchmark that recognises cafés at museums and cultural attractions that are great for families. Situated in the original 1904 Refreshment Room at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery the café is the perfect place to relax, enjoy a coffee and treat yourself to a delicious handmade cake or snack with vegan and gluten free options.

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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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