



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 14th February 2025

Science Week 2025

To align with British Science Week, we will once again be holding a **Menston Science Week from 10th—14th March**.

On **Monday 10th March**, Year 6 pupils will visit Ilkley Grammar School for a science morning presentation. On the morning of **Tuesday 11th March**, we will be holding a meet-and-greet science fair with parent volunteers, who will be sharing their passions and expertise in all things science! We held this event in school last year and it was an amazing success, having a real impact on the children's understanding of how science is involved in a wide range of professions, hobbies and interests.



Reception's Julia Donaldson Assembly

Reception's Julia Donaldson Assembly on Wednesday was a huge success! The children presented their learning from this half-term to parents and families. They sang a selection of wonderful songs, danced and showed how much fun can be had whilst learning.



NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to all those who donated to our Number Day fundraiser on behalf of the NSPCC. To date, we have raised a grand total of **£460!**



Cross Country

A huge well done to our pupils who participated in last Saturday's Cross Country event at Ghyll Royd School. We look forward to the next event on **Saturday 1st March at Ashlands Primary!**



World Book Day

Thu, 6 Mar 2025
United Kingdom



[World Book Day](#) is on

Thursday 6th March. Children can choose to come to school dressed as a favourite book character and/or bring in a favourite book.

Football

The Year 6 boys and girls football teams have successfully completed the first round of the tournament. The boys have secured 1st place in the Europa Trophy table, while the girls have achieved 2nd place in the Champions League Trophy standings. Both teams will now have a play off for Europa and Champions League trophies. Well done to everyone for their fantastic efforts so far and good luck for the next matches!

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

Friday 14 February: School closes for February half-term

Monday 24 February: School reopens for Spring Term 2

Friday 28 February: Year 3 Trip to Herd Farm

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](#)

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

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.

Cartwright Hall

On Tuesday, Year 2 children enjoyed a trip to Cartwright Hall to learn more about the artists, Lowry and Hockney.



In Our Place—Free Wellbeing Courses

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. It's a great time to talk to children, young people and their families about the fantastic range of online courses from In Our Place, available FREE to everyone in the Bradford District.

In Our Place is an online library of free courses aiming to help us better understand ourselves and our family members, to help us all deal with the normal challenges of family life, parenting, relationships, and emotional wellbeing. The courses are completely free for everyone in the Bradford District, using the code **BDPARENTS**. Parents can explore the courses available by [clicking here](#).

School Lunch Menu — W/C: 24/02/2025 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

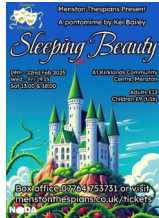
Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Chicken Tikka Roast, Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Menston Pantomime—Sleeping Beauty

The Menston Thespians 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.



Art & Crafts Club

In the last Art & Crafts Club of this half-term, we thought about Valentine's Day and made these pretty sun-catchers for our families.



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.

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

The next session will be held on **Tuesday 25th February 2025** via Microsoft Teams. The topic will be: "supporting your child & living a healthier life with your child."

Half-Term Events across the Bradford District

- Bradford Libraries: enjoy thrilling drama performances, interactive storytelling sessions, and art workshops for all ages. All activities are free. [Click here](#) for the details.
- [Yorkshire Games Festival](#): head to the National Science & Media Museum for an extravaganza of games, design and production to celebrate all things gaming across two weeks of exciting activity.

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](#).

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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