



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 4th April 2025

A Message from Mrs Wilson

Huge thanks to all of our families for your continued support this term. Children have undertaken some summative assessments over the past two weeks and teachers have used outcomes of these assessments to help to inform their overall teacher assessment judgements. We will share information from these assessments with parents after the holiday. Whilst we don't have formal parent consultations booked in for the summer term, families should contact class teachers if there is anything that you need to discuss once you have received this information. Detailed end of year reports will be sent out as usual in July.

Children's wellbeing remains at the heart of all that we do here at school and we have been delighted to see the positive impact of having our very own school dog, Bonnie. We are also seeing immensely positive impact of the bespoke mental health and wellbeing work that our learning mentor, Miss Hunter-Rowe, is doing with identified children. Life in the twenty first century can be difficult for some children at times, so I will take this opportunity to share this link to a website called [Parent Talk](#) so that families who wish to can read some ideas for boosting children's positive mental health.

We will be awarding our first Governor Awards in our citizenship award scheme for KS2 children later this month. Many children have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold level awards, which is a testament to their commitment to Making Our World a Better Place.

Have a lovely holiday with family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 22 April**.

A Message from Annet Nottingham, Chair of Governors

At our last meeting, governors analysed pupil attendance and punctuality, behaviour and achievement data. We were pleased to note that these figures remain very strong and we recognise the continuous effort by so many that make this possible. We are grateful for the part that parents and carers play in working with the school to ensure good attendance and to reinforce the Ready, Respect and Safe behaviour rules. There is no doubt that excellent attendance and behaviour enable our children to achieve their best results.

Online Safety Newsletter

The April edition of the Knowsley City Online Safety Newsletter has been published. This month's edition focuses on: The Risks of Social Media. Parents and carers can access the newsletter via the Online Safety page on our website, which has other helpful online safety related resources. [Click here](#) to view the page.



Girls Football Victory!

The Year 6 girls achieved an incredible victory on Wednesday, winning the Football Champions League trophy- finishing 1st out of eight competing schools. They played two intense matches, securing a 3-1 win in the first game and a hard-fought 1-0 victory in the second. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication were outstanding, representing Menston Primary School brilliantly. A huge well done to all the Year 6 girls who took part!



Cake Sale Fundraiser

After the huge success of the cake sale last year to raise money for the much-needed Scout and Guide Headquarters in Menston, we are holding another one! We are politely requesting that families bring homemade or shop bought cakes into school on the morning of **Friday 2nd May** to sell at the end of the day, 3:15-3:45pm. All cakes should be nut and sesame free and clearly labelled for those with allergies. Children part of the Scouting and Guiding movements are encouraged to wear their uniform into school that day to raise awareness of the cause. Please support us to raise funds for this proposed community asset and let's see if we can surpass the money raised last year! Thank you for your continued support and helping to 'Make Our World (and Village!) a Better Place!'



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

Friday 4 April: School closes for Easter holiday
Tuesday 22 April: School reopens for Summer Term
Wednesday 23—Friday 25 April: Year 4 Residential
Thursday 1 May: [PSHE Evening for Year 4, 5 & 6 parents](#)
Monday 5 May: May Day Bank Holiday, school closed
Monday 12 May: **KS2 SATs Week**
Friday 23 May: School closes for May half-term
Monday 2 June: MPS Training Day, school closed to children
Tuesday 3 June: School reopens
Tuesday 17 June: Class photos
Monday 23 June: LKS2 Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (AM)
Wednesday 25—Friday 27 June: Year 6 Residential
Monday 30 June: UKS2 Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (AM) / Reception & KS1 Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (PM)

myHappyMind Silver Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded the Silver Accreditation from myHappyMind. The Accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the myHappyMind curriculum into school life and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community.

We would like to thank those families who provided feedback about the program, which supported our application.

As we were successful, we will receive some fantastic resources to help us embed the myHappyMind curriculum next year including a Fred the Ted bean bag to help us create a nurture corner for the children.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 21/04/2025 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 £2.45 per day/ £12.25 per week from Monday 21st April 2025.** 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: Cheese Flan, Spicy Vegetable Spring Roll, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Meat Lasagne, Halal Meat Lasagne, Vegetarian Mince Lasagne, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Chicken Tikka Roast, Quorn Roast, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Meatless Ball Pizza, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Chicken Goujons, Battered Fish, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all our children who were selected to compete in the Bradford Primary Schools Inter-League Cross Country Event at Cliffe Castle, Keighley last week. With over 340 runners from 46 schools, the competition was fierce and our athletes rose to the challenge with incredible performances.



A special shoutout to Isobel M (2nd), Ava A (5th), Michael M (2nd) and our amazing Year 4 girls' team – Charlotte, Eleanor, and Isobel – who claimed 1st place!



Well done to everyone who took part—you did us proud!

Year 4's Soup Day

Our Year 4 classes rustled up a selection of delicious soups this week as part of their Design Technology unit. Working in small groups, the children created soups from scratch, including cutting and preparing the vegetables and creating marketing adverts. Thank you to the parents who came in to help the children to prepare and cook their soups, as well as form a judging panel at the end of the afternoon. We'd also like to say a special thank you to Laura Tully from Menston Community Fridge, who not only supplied the ingredients, but also gave up her whole day to help out as well.



School Meal Price Increase

We have been notified by Facilities Management, who run our school meal service, that from **Monday 21st April 2025**, the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.45 per day, £12.25 per week**. This change will not affect children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive universal free school meals. Payment for school meals should be made via your Parent Pay account. Please ensure your 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 directly on 07973 841632

Parents/carers can view the new lunch menu on our school website by [clicking here](#). This menu will start after Easter.

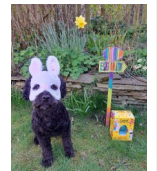
Eid Mubarak

A huge thank you to Mrs Ali and Sarah for visiting Reception and KS1 children today to tell them all about Eid celebrations. Pupils learnt so much and were really interested to hear and experience first-hand about a different culture and religion.



A Message from Bonnie

Bonnie would like to wish all her new friends and their families a belated Eid Mubarak, a happy Vaisakhi, Chag Pesach Sameach, a happy Easter and a wonderful spring break spent with those you love. She is very excited to meet and work with more fabulous children next term.



PSHE and Relationships Programme

We will be hosting an information evening for parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 on **Thursday 1st May** from 6-7pm. This session will be an opportunity to see what will be covered in these lessons, as well as ask any questions you may have about the content. The session will be led by Juliet Vo from CORAM Life Education. If you are interested in attending, please complete this short [Google Form](#)

Otley Camera Club Junior Photo Competition

[Otley Camera Club](#) are holding a fun photo competition to celebrate Yorkshire and their Annual Exhibition! The competition is open to anyone under the age of 16—it's free to enter! Please see the attached poster for more details.

FoMPS

Looking for something creative to do during the Easter holidays? Why not have a go at decorating an egg to enter into the FoMPS Easter egg decorating competition. You can decorate a real egg, a craft egg or just draw your egg-citing design. Entries can be made by [clicking here](#) and require a £3 donation to FoMPS. Prizes for different age groups will be announced after the 25th April. See attached poster for more details.



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