



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 25th April 2025

## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all our children and families this term. We hope that everyone had a restful break and that families have been making the most of the better weather and longer days. We are moving forward with our quiet area in the UKS2 playground this term, with John Giles, mural artist, putting final designs together for a mural which incorporates ideas from many of our Y5 & Y6 children. We will share updates with you as this project progresses. The forecast for next week is for warm, sunny weather, so please do send children wearing sun cream and sun hats. If children are likely to suffer from hay fever, please give them their medication before they come to school as we are hoping to get children out onto our two school fields, as long as the ground remains dry.

## School Travel Consultation

Tonight, parents and carers will receive a letter from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority regarding the Travelling to School Consultation. The letter will be included within the newsletter emails. The WYCA are encouraging parents to provide their input into a public consultation. The consultation opens on 23 April and you'll have until 11 June 2025 to participate. Details of how to provide your feedback are included within the letter.

## Nut and Sesame Seed Allergies

A polite request to parents and carers to please avoid sending their children to school with foods containing nuts and sesame seeds. This includes sauces/spreads like pesto, for example. This helps to ensure children with allergies remain safe when in school. Thank you for your cooperation. A reminder too that KS2 children should only bring fruit and vegetables for their morning snack please. Children in Reception and KS1 are provided with fresh fruit and vegetable snacks.

## 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 who are part of the Scouting and Guiding movements are encouraged to wear their uniform into school that day to raise awareness of the cause.



## Citizenship Awards

Many children in KS2 have been completing their challenges to achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates and badges as part of our Citizenship Awards scheme.

Three children have completed all their challenges and will be awarded the very special Governor Award in our KS2 assembly on Monday.

Mrs Nottingham, our Chair of governors, will be awarding these children their certificates and badges, along with a special prize.

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

**Monday 28 April:** Year 1 'Open Classroom' Event at 2:50pm

**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 16 May:** Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm

**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)

**Tuesday 1 July:** Year 2 Trip to Eureka

**Friday 18 July:** School Closes for Summer Holidays

## 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](#)

## Earth Day

Year 2 children have been learning all about Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on the 22nd April. Pupils have been inspired to continue their learning at home, finding ways to make our world a better place.



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was

**97.6%**. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with 100% attendance!

All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 28/04/2025 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 2:

**Monday:** Cheese & Onion Pasty, Bombay Veg Biryani, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti Bolognese, Halal Spaghetti Bolognese, Veggie Pasta Bolognese, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

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

**Thursday:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Savoury Rolls, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Friday:** All Day Brunch, All Day Vegetarian Brunch, Fish Fingers, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

## Ilkley Rugby Club Fundraising Event

Ilkley Rugby Club will be holding a [T5s Rugby Tournament event](#) in aid of The Principle Trust Children's Charity.

Head to Ilkley R.F.C on Sunday 27th April at Ilkley R.F.C from 11:30am – 4pm for an action-packed day that's more than just rugby! Whether you're playing or cheering from the sidelines, there's something for everyone.

Family & Children's Entertainment Includes:

- Mini Olympics - sports day-style games
- bouncy castle
- Glitter face painting
- Explore a fire engine and police car
- Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream
- Tuck shop & bake stall
- Children's tombola



Every penny raised supports week-long respite breaks for children facing poverty, trauma, poor mental health, and disability.

## NHS Parent / Carer Support Group

The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team will be running an online Parent Support Group on **Tuesday 20th May** at 10:30am or 7:30pm via MS Teams. This month's topic is 'Anxiety: How to Help your Child.' The session will discuss what anxiety is and the different types and symptoms, along with coping strategies for the condition. For an invite to the group please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com) 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.

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If you are looking to purchase pre-loved, good quality uniform, please email [fompsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com), we currently have high stock levels in most ages.

## 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.

## Events in the Bradford District

- **Cherry Blossom Festival:** The beautiful volunteer led Cherry Blossom Festival comes to Bradford's Bolling Hall Museum on Sunday 27th April, 11am—3pm. The volunteer Bolling Hall Gardeners will be on hand to help you plant your summer bulb in a pot that you've decorated to take home. Free entry. [Click here](#) for more information. 
- **Heritage Craft Room Launch:** head to Bradford Industrial Museum on Saturday 26th April, 12:30-3:30pm, for the public launch of their new Heritage Craft Room. The event will feature four talented local artists and crafters, who will be offering drop-in craft sessions and workshops. 
- **Wonder Tots:** Families are invited to join Paula Taylor, a local early years expert for a playful family session on Monday 28th April at the National Science and Media Museum. Tickets are £2. [Click here](#) to find our more.
- **VE Day:** Bingley Remembrance Group, in collaboration with R.S.H Markets, is organising an anniversary event on the 10th May in the Market Square. There will be classic army vehicles, food and performances for an all-around fun day out. [Click here](#) for more information. 



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