



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 9th May 2025

## VE 80th Anniversary Community Event

We were delighted to be invited to contribute to our local VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration event, which took place yesterday at Kirklands Community Centre. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Meakin attended the event with a group of Y5 children, who presented poetry and prose readings to a hall packed full of members of the local community, church leaders and dignitaries. These children represented our school incredibly well and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the celebration tea party, which took place after the formal service.

Our Arts and Crafts Club, along with other children in school, created art work, with a focus on Peace Doves, which were displayed at the event.



## Online Safety Newsletter

Online Safety Newsletter May 2025

We are sending out the monthly Online Safety Newsletter from Knowsley City Learning Centres today, along with this newsletter. Parents can also access the Online Safety Newsletter from our [website](#). Themes include cyberbullying, parental controls and scam protections, so we highly recommend that parents take time to read through the newsletter. There is also a recorded parent session, available through the Knowsley City Learning website [here](#). The video covers current trends and useful advice for parents on protecting children online

## KS1 Screen-Free Week: 12-18 May

KS1 have been set the challenge to go screen-free for a whole week! Between Monday 12 May to Sunday 18 May, we are challenging our pupils to find other activities that don't involve looking at a screen. As we know, technology can be a wonderful thing. However, studies show that children who watch less TV are more likely to read well and to be physically fit. Turning off screens also allows for more family time! KS1 pupils have received a Screen-Free log in their book bags along with a bingo card. If children can bring back their full log and parent signature to say they have gone without a screen all week, they will receive a certificate and a prize. **Are you up for the challenge?**



## Cake Sale Fundraiser

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the fundraising bake sale last week - without all the amazing donations, parent helpers and people coming to buy the cakes and so generously donating, it wouldn't have been possible. We raised an absolutely incredible **£608** which will go directly towards the new Scout and Guide Headquarters in Menston.



## Race for Life!

A group of year 3 children have decided to take part in the ['Pretty Muddy Kids'](#) obstacle course race on 14th June to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

If anyone would like to contribute to their fundraiser, please do so via their donation page by [clicking here](#).

We wish them the best of luck, and are so proud to have such wonderful children who 'Make Our World a Better Place!'



## Gardening Club

The school gardening club have been busy already this term. So far they have planted sweet peas and vegetables in our polytunnel beds, are growing their own flowers to take home, they made butterfly feeders and are planting up our school flower beds. In celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day they also planted some special Victoria Cross poppy seeds. We are looking forward to seeing their hard work bloom over the coming months.



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

**Monday 12 May:** KS2 SATs Week & Year 6 SATs Breakfast

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

**Monday 19 May:** KS1 SATs Week

**Monday 19 May:** Year 6 Trip to Harewood House

**Tuesday 20 May:** Year 6 'Try the Train' Trip to Saltaire

**Friday 23 May:** Year 5 Islamic Workshop

**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)

**Monday 23 June:** Year 1 Trip to Lotherton Hall

**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

## Medical Tracker

We are pleased to advise that we have launched a new online system called Medical Tracker to record and manage first aid incidents. This system will replace the current handwritten accident paper slips with email notifications to parents/carers for any first aid treatments your child may require during the school day.

Your child will still receive either a head bump or first aid sticker if they have sustained an injury in school (which requires first aid) and details of the injury will be contained within the email notification. In cases where a member of staff feels it is important to discuss an injury in more detail, parents/carers may also receive a telephone call to discuss a suitable course of action (stay in school or collection).

## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 12/05/2025 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

## PE People May Holiday Club

Mr Langan is excited to announce that bookings are now open for the upcoming May holidays!



A new 5pm extended stay is now available on Wednesday and Thursday.

Spots are limited, so be sure to book early to avoid missing out!

[Click here](#) to book or scan the QR code.



## Events in the Bradford District



- 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.
- The Menston Heritage Group have released a new Menston Heritage Trail—a walk from the station, along Main Street and then over to the park and High Royds, detailing information about local people and places. The walk leaflets are available at the library and various shops, outlets within Menston and also across the district, encouraging more people to find out about the village and its history. [Click here](#) to view the Menston Heritage website and to find out more about the trail.

## 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** 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.

## FOMPS



Thank you to all the children who entered our Easter egg design competition, we are very egg-cited to announce the winners. For EYFS the winner was Hugo with his wonderful Maui egg, in KS1 the winning egg was Evangeline's interpretation of Nana in a Chocolate bath and for KS2 a fabulous forest frog by Esme. These children received a prize for their creativity and all the children who took part received a small reward for their egg-cellent entries.



### We are excited to announce our upcoming events for this term:

**The YOMP** - Our annual men's walk takes place on Saturday 7th June, starting with bacon sandwiches at school before the coach ride out to Burnsall and a fish & chip supper on the walk back to Menston. Tickets available now, see poster for more details.



**The WoMP** - Join us for the Women of Menston Primary (WoMP) walk and delicious lunch on Sunday 6th July. More details to follow.

**School Summer Fair** - a great community event that takes place on the school field. Saturday 12th July, 12 - 3pm. If you have a your own small business and would like a stall at the fair please e-mail us **fompsinfo@gmail.com**

## Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent Lunchtime Supervisor. If you or someone you know would like to apply for the position, please see our website's 'Vacancy' page for more information. Please [click here](#) to view it.

## Menston Arts Club



Menston Arts Club will be holding an art exhibition on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May, 10:30am— 4:30pm at the Kirklands Community Centre, Main Street, Menston.

There will be a craft display, a raffle and refreshments available. Entry to the exhibition is free of charge.



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