



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 23rd May 2025

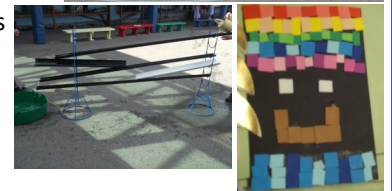
Year 2's Gardening Project

On Wednesday, year 2 enjoyed a trip to Menston park to take part in a local gardening project in collaboration with Menston in Bloom. They gave us some dwarf sunflower seeds that we planted in March and have been looking after in our polytunnel. On Wednesday, we took each year 2 class to the new flower beds that have been added to the Garden in the Park at the entrance to Menston park to plant the seedlings and wild flower seeds with some Menston in Bloom volunteers. The children in KS1 enjoy gardening as part of their outdoor learning programme and are still caring for their vegetable and fruit plants so they can harvest them before the end of the summer term.



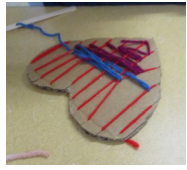
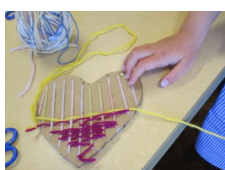
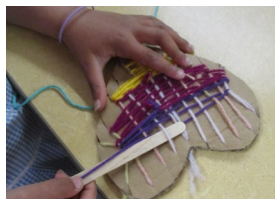
Curriculum Enrichment

Children across school continue to benefit from a range of engaging, relevant curriculum enrichment experiences. Last week, Reception classes visited Hesketh Farm, where they learned about how the farm animals are cared for. Children had a chance to feed calves and lambs, handle guinea pigs & chicks and go on the ever-popular tractor ride. Today, Y3 and Y5 classes have benefited from in-school history workshops, with Y3 experiencing what life was like in Roman Britain and Y5 learning about the world-wide impact of the Early Islamic Civilization. Y4 children thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to PGL Caythorpe Hall last month and this week have accessed the Rivers2U resource in school. Y6 have undertaken two visits this week – a science-focused visit to Harewood House and a history-focused visit to Saltaire Village. In early April, Mrs Ali led some Eid workshops for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Huge thanks to Mrs Ali for bringing in her own resources and delivering these valuable workshops in her own time. We have more enrichment events planned for children next half term, including Y3 visiting St George's Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra, Y1 visiting Lotherton Hall, Y2 visiting Eureka and Y6 visiting Lake Windermere for their residential. Thank you to all parents and carers who have been able to give up their time to support out-of-school visits.



Art Club

In Art Club we have been practicing our weaving skills. We were all really proud of the little coasters/mats that we made!



This week in Year 4...

Year 4 loved their visit from the Rivers2U mobile classroom. They have been identifying invertebrates and exploring the journey of a river from source to sea.



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

- 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
- Tuesday 24 June:** IGS Discovery Day for Y6 Transition Pupils 9:20am-2:00pm
- 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
- Monday 7 July:** IGS Y6 Parent Welcome Evening 6-8pm
- Friday 18 July:** School Closes for Summer Holidays



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.8%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Elm** with 98.46% 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: 02/06/2025 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

- 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.

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!

Online Substance Awareness Course for Parents

Bradford Local Authority will be holding an online course for parents and carers on **Tuesday 10th June 2025, 10am—12noon**. The course is aimed at parents who may be concerned about their child/ren using substances, and teaches parents how to access help and support around substance abuse. If you are interested in booking a place, please email claire.priestman@bradford.gov.uk

FOMPS

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: www.fomps.org.uk

The WoMP - Join us for the Women of Menston Primary (WoMP) walk and delicious lunch on Sunday 6th July. 10-mile walk to Ilkley including tea/coffee and pastries and buffet lunch with fizz. [Click here](#) to sign up for a great day out!

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



Vacancies

Care Club Playworkers: Playworkers are required at our very popular before and after school Care Club. A variety of permanent, Fixed Term and Casual, term time only Playworkers are required, to start in September 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

Lunchtime Supervisor: We also have a vacancy for a permanent Lunchtime Supervisor, 11:45am—12:45pm, 5 days per week. If you or someone you know would like to apply for the position, please [click here](#) for more information on how to apply.

To view our website's Vacancy page, please [click here](#).



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