



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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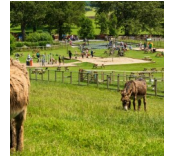
Friday 16th May 2025

## Year 6 SATS

A big well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATS this week. We hope they have a restful weekend and enjoy their Harewood House and Saltaire trips next week!

## Reception's Trip to Hesketh Farm

The Reception classes have enjoyed a lovely time today in the sunshine at Hesketh Farm Park. The children got to see a real working farm with over 1000 livestock, including cattle, sheep and pigs. Thank you to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to accompany the children.



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

This week, KS1 have been set the challenge to go screen-free and 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?



## Leave of Absence Requests

Any request for leave of absence during term time should be submitted using the Leave of Absence form, giving as much detail as possible about the reason for the requested absence and, wherever possible, **at least four weeks before the planned absence**. This allows our Attendance Officer chance to consider the request and respond in a timely manner. We have had a number of leave of absence requests sent in via email—all leave of absence request need to be completed via the leave of absence request form. The form can be downloaded from the [MPS website](#) or paper copies are available from the school office.

## Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs (not including Guide Dogs) are not permitted on school grounds. Please **do not** bring your dog onto the school playground at pick up / drop off, or to the school office when dropping something off for your child.

## 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!'



## Lost Property

We have a very full lost property box yet again! Please can we ask that all families come and check the box at the main entrance on St Peter's Way. Nothing in the box is obviously named so please don't spend time checking for names. If anything in the box would fit your child, please take it!

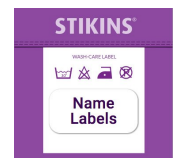


**Anything left unclaimed by Thursday 22nd May will be donated to FoMPS.**

A reminder that your child's uniform and belongings **should all be named**, including water bottles and lunch bags/boxes.

Parents can purchase personalised name labels from Stikins. [Click here](#) to view their website.

If you quote our Fundraising Number: **13253** and we will earn 30% commission on orders!



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

**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

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.3%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with 99.6% 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: 19/05/2025 Week 2

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

## 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.



## 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, 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 your own small business and would like a stall at the fair please e-mail us [fompsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fompsinfo@gmail.com)

## Events in the Bradford District

- Otley Show will be held on Saturday 17th May at The Showground, Bridge End, Otley. Horse classes start at 8am, trade stands and attractions will open from 9:30am until 4:00pm. Please [click here](#) to view the Otley Show website and [here](#) to purchase tickets.
- 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](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.

## Vacancies

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.

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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