



Menston Primary School

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Friday 5th September
2025

Welcome to a new academic year!

A warm welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to new families joining our school for the first time this year. It has been fantastic to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and new routines this week. We are absolutely delighted to report that no child has arrived to school late in the first week of school. This is a fantastic start to the year, so thank you for ensuring that the children arrive on time ready to start their learning every day.

The FoMPS – funded additional learning space in the Victorian building is now ready for use. This is a valuable space for adults to work with children in smaller groups.

The quiet area in the UKS2 playground has been launched this week. John Giles, mural artist, has completed the wonderful mural, which he designed with the help of our children. The space is furnished with round picnic tables where children can sit to chat, eat their snacks and do table-top activities.



A few reminders to help the school run smoothly:

- Gates and doors are staffed by teaching support staff between 08:35 and 08:45, so quick messages can be passed on at this time. Class teachers hand children over at the end of the day, so parents can have quick check-ins with teachers at this point. At the end of the school day, we need to have the school site locked by 3:30pm so that children who attend after school clubs and Care Club can be outdoors, so if anyone needs to have a more in-depth conversation, please arrange a telephone or face-to-face appointment by telephoning or emailing the school office.
- We politely request that cars are not parked in front of the staff car park on St Peter's Way, as this can block the accessible parking spaces.
- Please don't forget to name all of your child's belongings, including uniform, coats, shoes, water bottles and lunch/ snack boxes.
- It has been great to see children looking really smart in their uniforms this week. Just a reminder that the only jewellery permitted at school is stud earrings.
- Children should not routinely need to bring in toys and other personal possessions from home into school, unless this has been agreed with the class teacher for a specific reason – e.g. 'show and tell'. We have bought lots of brand new playground equipment, which we will be launching on Monday.

If you have any questions about anything at all, please do contact the school office by emailing office@menston.mlt.co.uk and we will endeavour to respond as soon as we can.

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

Wednesday 24 September: Individual Pupil Photos

Saturday 27 September: Sibling Photos

Saturday 4 October: [Cross Country Event @ Ilkley Rugby Club](#)

Monday 13 October: Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm

Thursday 16 October: Parents' Evening 3:30-6pm

Thursday 23 October: School closes for October half-term

Friday 24 October: Training Day - School Closed

Monday 3 November: School reopens

Wednesday 12 November: Open morning event
9:30-11:00am

Saturday 15 November: Open morning event
10:00-12:00pm

Saturday 15 November: [Cross Country Event @ All Saints, Ilkley](#)

Morning Snack at Breaktime

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive free fresh fruit and veg for their morning snack as part of the Government's Fruit & Veg Scheme. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring their own snack from home, consisting of a choice of fruit or veg to eat during their morning break.



Online Safety Newsletter

The September edition of the Online Safety Newsletter from Knowsley City Council has been published. This month's edition focuses on the Online Safety Act and AI. Parents can access the newsletter from our website by [clicking here](#).



School Lunch Menu - WC: 08/09/2025 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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

For an overview of what clubs (both after-school and lunchtime) we have on offer this term, please [click here](#) to view our website. Parents will have already received emails inviting them to sign their children up for clubs. If you have any club-related queries, please email office@menston.mlt.co.uk

#WakeUpWednesday from The National College

Wake up Wednesday have released a helpful guide for parents and educators: '10 Top Tips for Recognising & Managing Stress.' The guide outlines how small, everyday actions can help young people feel more in control. It's a valuable resource to keep stress in check and nurture emotional resilience. Parents can view the guide by [clicking this link](#).

Forest Church Event

On Saturday 13th September, there will be a Forest Church Event, hosted at the White House, Otley Chevin, LS21 3JL by Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist Circuit.

Families are welcome to join to take part in outside fun and worship-based activities. Entry is free and food is provided. For more details please see the attached leaflet.

Year 7 Transition Open Days

St Mary's Menston: [Saturday 27th September](#)

[11am - 2pm](#)

Ilkley Grammar School: [Wednesday 1st October](#)

[6pm-8pm](#)

Prince Henry's Grammar School: [Monday 6th October](#)

[6pm-8:30pm](#)

Guiseley School: [Saturday 11th October from 9am](#)

Community Clean Up

The Menston Scouts & Guides Association are holding a 'community clean up' event on Saturday 11th October. They'll be clearing footpaths, picking litter, removing weeds and cleaning road signs around Menston. Show your support by [clicking here](#) and donating to the new HQ appeal. You can also get involved by cleaning up your own street with your neighbours and join the group at the Kirklands Community Centre at 11:30am for a hot drink and a biscuit after the litter bag weigh in.



Useful Links for Parents

- **Cool Milk:** if you would like to register your child to receive milk in school, please do so via the [Cool Milk website](#). For more information regarding school milk, visit our [website here](#).
- **Stikins:** [click here](#) to order name labels for your child's uniform. Quote our Fundraising Number: 13253 and we will earn 30% commission on orders!
- **Medicine & Leave of Absence Forms:** [click here](#) to visit our website's 'Useful Forms' page, where you can download medicine and Leave of Absence forms.
- **ParentPay:** to make online payments for school lunches and trips, [click here](#).
- **Arbor:** [click here](#) to view our website's Arbor page with direct links to download the app on Android and IOS.

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