

Menston Primary School

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Friday 10th October 2025

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings have been scheduled for **Monday 13 October** and **Thursday 16 October, 3:30-6:30pm**. Bookings can be made via the [Arbor app](#).

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should enter via the school office on St Peter's Way. Parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should enter via the KS2 Victorian building on Main Street. **Please note: there will be no access through school due to the internal gates being locked for Care Club children. Parents must walk around the perimeter of the school to move between the two buildings.**

School Photographs

Today, your child has been sent home with a slip from Ross School Photography detailing their unique access code for their school photo. Orders should be placed directly with the photographer - instructions are included on the slip. If you misplace your slip, please contact [Ross School Photography](#) by calling 01943 968332 or emailing andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk who will be able to assist you.

Leave of Absence

We kindly remind families that taking holidays during the school term can significantly disrupt a child's learning. Absences mean missed lessons, gaps in understanding, and reduced confidence.

Our term dates are available under the '[Parents](#)' tab on our website. Any requests for leave of absence during term time should be submitted using the Leave of Absence form, which can be downloaded from the '[Useful Forms](#)' page via the 'Parents' tab. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Above 97%: Fewer than 6 days' absence a year
Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: Fewer than 10 days' absence a year
These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve a maximum of 95% attendance.

90% and below: 19 days + absence a year
The Government classifies young people in this group as 'Persistent Absentees'. DfE research data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.

School Meals

Please ensure your ParentPay account remains in credit in order for your child to continue to receive school meals.

Parents and carers can access their [ParentPay account by clicking here](#).

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632

Lost Property

Please can we ask all families to come and check the lost property box at the school office. A reminder that all items such as coats, uniform, water bottles etc. should be named. Parents can order name labels from [Stikins](#) - support our fundraising initiative by quoting our fundraising number: **13253**

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.2%. The class with the highest attendance this week is Willow with 100% attendance!

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

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

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

Wednesday 15 October: KS1 Harvest Festival @ 2:40pm

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

Wednesday 22 October: YR1 Trip to Ilkley Toy Museum & YR6 Trip to Saltaire

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 @ Ilkley Swimming Baths](#)

Northern Sounds Music School

Get into the festive vibe with the Northern Sounds Christmas Keyboard Workshop! Northern Sounds in Baildon is offering an introductory class to learn to play the keyboard with a fun festive vibe. It is a 7-week course for complete beginners. For more information please [click here to view the Northern Sounds website](#), email info@northernsounds.co.uk, or call 07804 131189



School Lunch Menu - WC: 13/10/2025 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 £2.75 per day/ £13.75 per week from Monday 1st September 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



FoMPS are looking for your input to help us provide a year of great events and fundraising. We would really appreciate it if you could complete this short [Google form](#) to let us know what you want from your PTA to improve your child's school year. Thank you.

Community Clean Up

The Menston Scouts & Guides Association are holding a 'community clean up' event on Saturday 11 October. They'll be clearing footpaths, picking litter, removing weeds and cleaning road signs around Menston. Show your support by scanning the QR code 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.



Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

- Class Teacher, FTE 0.4, Maternity Leave Cover

If you would like any more information about this post, please [click here](#) to view our website's vacancies page.

Please note: Applications must be made through our [website](#) only. We cannot accept CVs.

Year 7 Transition Open Days

- **Guiseley School:** Saturday 11th October from 9am

PE People October Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for Mr Langan's October half-term clubs! This year includes an optional fancy dress day on 31st October, trick-or-treat bag making, and brand-new activities like UV Dodgeball.

Spaces are limited - book now by [clicking here](#) to secure your child's place!

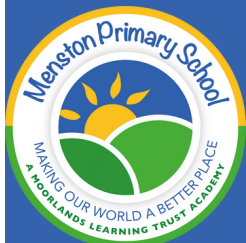


Useful Links for Parents

- **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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