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Friday 14th November 2025

Anti Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week, where children have learned about The Power of Good. Children have learned how they can use their powers to be upstanders not bystanders if they witness behaviours that can be perceived as bullying. If parents would like to find out more about the importance of anti-bullying week, more information can be accessed [here](#). There is a useful video 'What exactly is bullying' on the BBC Newsround website which we would encourage children and parents to watch together. If you think that your child is experiencing bullying at any point during their time at school (in person or online), please contact us as quickly as possible so that we can work together to address it. Children in KS2 have made informative and well presented posters for anti-bullying week. The posters will be displayed in our KS2 hall so that children can find out more about anti-bullying week and the power of good. Thank you to Isla, Ivy, Celeste, Emilia, Sofia P and Lily.



Community Remembrance Event

A group of six Y6 pupils attended the village Remembrance Day event on Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Meakin. The children performed a poem and laid wreaths at the event, representing our school admirably. The children received positive feedback and thanks from attendees. Children across school learned about why Remembrance Day is observed and took part in a thoughtful reflection at 11:00am on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for children to buy poppies / poppy related products. Monies raised support the Royal British Legion.



Children in Need

Today our children brightened the school in spotty and Pudsey-themed outfits for Children in Need, raising over £300 so far – donations can still be made via our [JustGiving page](#).



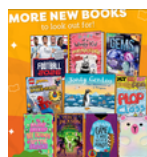
Cross Country

Five Year 5 pupils braved the mud at the North West Leeds School Games Cross Country in Otley, with all finishing strongly: the girls placed 4th, 6th, and 12th, while the boys came 14th and 25th. A brilliant effort from Team Menston!



Scholastic Book Fair

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be held from **Tuesday 18th November to Thursday 20th November, 8:15 - 8:35am and 3:15 - 4:00pm**. Books will be available to purchase before and after school from the link building. Families should enter via the Care Club entrance on Main Street. **You will be asked to scan a QR code at the fair to purchase books online. You will need your card details to hand. Apple Pay is not supported. We cannot accept any cash/card/cheques.** Pupils who attend Care Club can choose a book, which will be reserved for them until their parent makes payment online, using [this link](#). Once payment has been made, children will be given their chosen books. Order forms will also be available at the book fair and at Care Club. Happy reading!



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

Saturday 15 November: **Cross Country Event @ Ilkley Swimming Pool *CANCELLED!*** & MPS Open Morning 10:00am till 12:00pm
W/C Monday 17 November: Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday 6 December: Menston Christmas Light Switch On Event
Tuesday 9 December: Reception Nativity @ 9:30am
Wednesday 10 December: Reception Nativity @ 2:30pm
Friday 12 December: Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Christmas Dinner
Monday 15 December: LKS2 Christmas Performance @ 9:00am & 2:00pm
Tuesday 16 December: UKS2 Christmas Performance @ 9:00am & 2:00pm, KS1 Christmas Party @ 1pm
Wednesday 17 December: Year 4 Christmas Party @ 1pm, KS1 Nativity @ 2:30pm
Thursday 18 December: Year 5 Christmas Party, KS1 Nativity @ 2:30pm
Friday 19 December: Year 3 Christmas Party, Reception Christmas Party, Year 6 Christmas Movie Afternoon & **School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas Holidays**
Tuesday 6 January: School reopens for Spring term

Christmas Cards

The Dandy Art House Christmas Cards were sent home with your child last week. The deadline to place and order via [The Dandy Arthouse directly website](#) is **midnight on 19 November 2025**. On the back of the sample card, there is a unique design code for your child. Please direct any enquiries to The Dandy Arthouse directly.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.6%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 97.1% The class with the highest attendance this week is Sycamore with 99.3% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

School Lunch Menu - WC: 17/11/2025 Week 3

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2.75 per day/ £13.75 per week.** 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 or email michelle.thomas@bradford.gov.uk**

Monday: Fish Fingers, Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake, American Style Quorn Hotdog, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Pie, Halal Chicken Bhuna, Vegetable Tikka Curry, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding, Halal Cottage Pie, Vegetable Chinese Curry, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Mini Powerball Pizza, Arrabiata Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Loaded Beef Chilli Wedges, Vegetable Jambalaya Rice, Mascarpone Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps



FoMPS will be partnering with the Menston Christmas Light Switch On event again this year. This fabulous community event will take place on **Saturday 6th December** from 1pm until the village lights are switched on at 4.45pm. Organisation of the event is in full swing, but we need your support to make it happen. Do you (or someone you know) run or work for a local business who would like to donate a raffle prize? In the past we have had some fantastic prizes including airline flights, beauty vouchers, activity experiences, class passes, toys, luxury hampers and gift sets. Businesses benefit from free advertising on our social media and at this great community event itself. Any offers of prizes can be emailed to fompsinfo@gmail.com

We also need volunteers to make the event happen, if you could spare just an hour or two of your time to help with setting up the event or running a stall, then [please complete this form](#).

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School Admissions for 2026

The [online admissions system](#) will be available for Reception applications from 17th November 2025 until 15th January 2026 for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

Susan Hughes Performance Drama School

The Susan Hughes Performance Drama School will be running a one-day workshop for children on Monday 22nd December at The Queen's Hall in Burley from 9am-3:30pm. Children will take part in Christmas themed dance routines and drama pieces, as well as Christmas crafts and art activities. To book a place, contact Sue on 07806640661

Menston Art Exhibition

Menston Arts Club will be running a free art exhibition on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November 2025, 10:30am - 4:30pm, at the Kirklands Community Centre. Entry is free. There will be a craft display, a raffle and refreshments.

Ilkley Rugby Session

Ilkley Rugby Club will be running an open afternoon on Sunday 16 November for girls aged 8-16 years who are interested in finding out more about rugby and getting stuck into some fun training exercises with the view to building Ilkley's first ever female teams. All abilities are welcome. The session will run 1-3pm at Ilkley Rugby Club. For more information, please email petesmall.ilkle RFC@gmail.com

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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