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Friday 21st November 2025

Scholastic Book Fair

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended and supported this week's school book fair. The funds raised will directly benefit our school, allowing us to purchase new books to enhance reading for pleasure across all year groups.

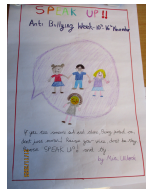


Ilkley Grammar School Consultation

Ilkley Grammar School and Moorlands Learning Trust are consulting on changes to the oversubscription criteria for out-of-area admissions from September 2027. As required by the School Admissions Code, they are consulting with local authorities, other admission authorities, parents / carers, and any other interested parties. Full details of the consultation and ways to respond can be found by [clicking here](#).

Anti-Bullying Week

As adults, we understand that falling out with friends is a normal part of growing up. In school, our PSHE curriculum and wider pastoral support help children navigate these typical relational conflicts effectively. We teach children to recognise the difference between everyday disagreements and bullying. Whenever a child feels that negative behaviour towards them might be bullying, we encourage them to speak to an adult - either at school or at home - so that we can work together to address any concerns quickly and effectively. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we also encourage parents to contact their child's class teacher if you believe your child is experiencing any form of bullying, whether in person or online. While incidents of bullying in our school are extremely rare, we are committed to working together to resolve any issues as soon as they arise. Childline has produced a helpful resource called [Bounce Back from Bullying](#), which we recommend to any child who feels they have experienced - or are experiencing - bullying. Thank you to Mia U for the amazing poster!



Christmas Jumper Donation

Did you know that....1 in 4 Christmas jumpers are only worn once! Join St. John's parish church to change that. Donate your pre-loved, good condition Christmas jumpers to our eco church group, for our stall at the Menston Christmas Light Switch On Event on 6th December. Adult and children's jumpers can be given to Mrs Meakin at the St. Peter's Way gate at drop-off and pick-up or left in the donation box at the school office, Menston library or St. John's church.

The Nutcracker

We'd like to wish Martha H (Y4) the best of luck in her upcoming Nutcracker shows at The King's Hall, Ilkley this weekend. Tickets are still available to purchase [here](#).



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

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
Monday 15 December: Y6 Bradford Cathedral Trip
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

SEND Survey

The Parents' Forum Bradford for Bradford & Airedale (PFBA) need your feedback about SEND services in Bradford during the past 12 months. Please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#) and share your experiences on SEND support and services. It's completely anonymous and two lucky parent/carers will have the opportunity to win a £30 Amazon Gift voucher for participating.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at school:

- 20HR L2 SEN Teaching Assistant
- L2 Teaching Assistant to Support a Child with an EHCP

The closing date for the above posts is **Midnight, Sunday 30th November 2025**.

If you would like more information about either of these posts and for information regarding how to apply, please [click here](#) to view our website's 'Vacancies' page.

Please note: we are unable to accept CVs. All applications must be made via our website.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.4%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 97.04% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow** with 98.8% 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: 24/11/2025 Week 1

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: Southern Fried Chicken Goujons, Halal Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable Dippers, Spaghetti Marinara, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Tikka Masala, Mac n Cheese, Arrabiata Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken Dinner, Pasta Bolognese, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Rainbow Veg Pizza, Pomodoro Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Lasagne, Vegetable Lasagne, Bombay Biryani, Cheese Panini or Wraps



The school Christmas fair as part of the Menston Light Switch On, at Kirklands Community Centre on Saturday 6th December is fast approaching. Look out for your raffle tickets and fair information letter (one per family) coming home this week.

Tickets for the wonderful Santa's grotto are on sale now! Book yours online to secure your personal time in the grotto with Santa and a gift for every child. Scan the QR code on the attached poster or [click here](#).

We are also still looking for raffle prizes and volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare some time to volunteer, please sign up via this [Google form](#). We look forward to seeing you on the 6th December.

Art Club

This week at Art club, we painted pictures using blobs of paint, magnets and paper clip chains. We moved the paper clips around the paper with a magnet under a tray. It was lots of fun and our abstract designs are now dry and ready to come home next week. Last week in Art club, the children enjoyed making bonfire pictures.



They used pastel on black cars to draw lines over each other in a star burst design. They used cotton buds to smudge their designs. A little bit of glitter, glitter glue and magnetic ribbon completed our multimedia creations.

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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