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Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Performances

We are delighted to share how wonderfully our children's Christmas performances went this week. KS1 enchanted us all with their heart-warming Nativity show, bringing the traditional story to life with joy and enthusiasm. LKS2 gave a lively Christmas performance, full of festive cheer and energy. UKS2 impressed us with a Christmas show showcasing their individual talents, from music and drama to creative performances that highlighted their unique skills.

It was a pleasure to welcome families into school to watch these special events, and we sincerely thank you for joining us and supporting the children.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to our 'Lose Change Collection' in aid of The Singing Children of Africa charity. Your generosity will make a real difference.



A Message from our Chair of Governors, Annet Nottingham

This term governors have mainly focussed on pupil achievements and school development. Results are strong throughout school, including the KS2 SATS outcomes. As you would expect, governors and school leaders remain always ambitious for all children to achieve to the best of their abilities, and the school development plan sets out in detail how teaching and learning can be further enhanced. We are also preparing for the new Ofsted framework, which introduces a new inspection process and grading system, with a strong focus on inclusion throughout every aspect of assessment. Of course, we don't know when Ofsted will visit, but it pays to be prepared.

Governors send their best wishes to all pupils, staff and parents for Christmas and the New Year.

A Message from Mrs Wilson

As we reach the end of the first term in this academic year, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. Parents play a crucial role in supporting children's learning and research shows a strong correlation between levels of parental engagement and better academic outcomes. It has been wonderful to see some of the home learning projects that children have brought into school - projects and pieces of work which show how engaged children have been in our school curriculum topics. Thank you also for supporting our wonderful Christmas performances. It has been such a privilege for me to see all the performances and to see how confidently our children speak, act, sing, dance, play musical instruments and perform in other ways. The children and staff worked really hard to bring their shows together and I know that treasured memories will have been made for everyone who came to see them. If you are still looking for Christmas gift ideas, [Oxford Owl](#) and [Books for Topics](#) websites offer excellent book recommendations for children of all ages. Some children will be getting new electronic devices for Christmas, so parents may find it helpful to visit these websites for advice on how to help children stay safe online: [PEGL](#), [Safer Internet Centre](#), [NSPCC](#) and [Internet Matters](#).

Warm wishes on behalf of all our staff for a happy and peaceful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Here is an overview of the after-school clubs that will run in the Spring Term. For Spring Term 1, parents and carers will have already been invited to sign their child up for a club and will have received confirmation of their places this week. For clubs starting in Spring Term 2 (after the February half term), the School Office will contact parents and carers in late January to invite them to sign their child up for those clubs. If your child no longer wishes to attend a club please email office@mentson.mlt.co.uk.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Spring Term 1 (06/01/26 – 13/02/26)	KS2 French Club (3.15-4.15pm) Y4 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm) Y2 Art Craft Club (3.15-4pm) Y2 Spanish Club (3.15-4.15pm)	Y5/6 Coding Club (3.15-4.15pm) KS2 Band (3.15-4pm) Y5 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm)	Y6 IGS Football*	KS2 Choir (3.15-3.45pm) Y3 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm)	Y1 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm) Astrology Club (3.14-4.15)	YR-6 Cross-Country (am)
Spring Term 2 (23/02/26 – 27/03/26)	KS2 French Club (3.15-4.15pm) Y4 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm) Y2 Art Craft Club (3.15-4pm) Y2 Spanish Club (3.15-4.15pm)	Y5/6 Coding Club (3.15-4.15pm) KS2 Band (3.15-4pm) Y6 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm) Y6 IGS Football Final Boys*	Y6 IGS Football* Y6 IGS Football Final Girls*	KS2 Choir (3.15-3.45pm) Y2 Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm)	YR Multi-Sports (3.15-4.15pm)	YR-6 Cross-Country (am)

School Lunch Menu - WC: 05/01/2026 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, 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

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

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

Friday 19 December: School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas Holidays (Care Club will remain open till 6pm)

Monday 5 January: School closed for Training Day

Tuesday 6 January: School reopens for Spring term

Friday 9 January: Open Morning Event 9:30-11:00

Monday 12 January: Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30

Thursday 15 January: Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30

Saturday 17 January: Cross Country Event @ Addingham

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.

PE People Holiday Club

We're excited to share that Mr Langan's Holiday Clubs will be running throughout the Christmas break! Children can enjoy a fun-filled mix of sports, games and festive activities in a safe, energetic environment.

Places are limited, so early booking is recommended. For more details and booking information [click here](#) or email Mr Langan: charles.langan@pepeople.co.uk

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.11%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.6%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

FoMPS

FoMPS would like to wish all the children, their families and the staff a very happy Christmas holiday, however you spend it. Look out for details in the new year about the FoMPS AGM and how you can help to keep FoMPS running in 2026.



Menston Scouts & Guides

Scouts & Guides were given FREE TICKETS to [Brighter Still](#) in Myrtle Park on Sunday afternoon. We still have about 20 tickets left. and would love families to go if they can use them.

There is even free transport, a 30 seater Travel Xpress bus leaving at 3pm from the scout & Guide HQ. The event begins at 4pm and lasts about an hour and then the bus will transport everyone back to Menston Scout HQ at the end.

Please contact Naomi for tickets: glv@menstonscoutsandguides.uk

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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