

# Menston Primary School

Making Our World A Better Place

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Friday 5th December 2025

## Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

A reminder that next **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** will be our Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper along with their normal school uniform. We will be raising funds for the 'Save the Children' charity. Families can donate to our JustGiving page by [clicking here](#). The kitchen will also be serving Christmas dinner on this date. Children will order this in class. **Please note: the Christmas dinner menu will be the only menu served on this date. The normal menu will not be served and there won't be any deli bar. If your child does not want a Christmas dinner, please send them in with a packed lunch instead.** Parents and carers can view the Christmas menu on the second page of this newsletter.



## Singing Children of Africa

We are delighted to announce that our 'Loose Change' collection is now up and running in support of [Educate the Kids](#), a wonderful charity that transforms lives through education and music. This organisation provides schooling, resources and opportunities for children in Kenya, helping them to build brighter futures and share their incredible talents with the world. Your donations will go directly towards funding essential educational materials, meals and community projects that make a real difference to these children and their families. If you are attending any of our Christmas concerts over the next two weeks, please bring along any coins that you can spare and drop them into our collection boxes. Every penny counts and will help change lives! Thank you for your generosity and support.

## Memory Cafe

On Wednesday, the school choir were invited to Cornerstones cafe to sing to a group called the 'memory cafe,' who were having their Christmas party. The children entertained the group with several Christmas songs and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were a credit to Menston Primary School and totally embodied our motto of 'Making our World a Better Place'.



## FoMPS

The Menston Village **Christmas Light Switch On event is this Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, at Kirklands Community Centre from 1pm, with the village lights being turned on at 5pm.** Santa will be in his grotto all afternoon (there are a few tickets left to buy on the door), FoMPS, the Scouts, St. John's church and other local community groups will have stalls, games, Christmas jumpers, food and refreshments in the main hall and artisan craft stalls will be found in the library. There will be live music by local artists, including Wilko Wilkes, from 3pm. Please come along and support this fantastic community event!



## 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**

## Christmas Performances

We are delighted to welcome families to our upcoming Christmas performances. **You do not need to book tickets in advance.** To ensure fairness and comply with fire regulations, we kindly ask that **for years 1-6, each child is allowed one adult per performance. Reception are allowed two adults per child for each performance as it is only one year group.** We must adhere to these limits so that every child has the opportunity to have at least one adult present. Reception and KS1 parents should enter via the school office. LKS2 and UKS2 parents should enter via the Victorian building on Main Street. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.9%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.6% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Sycamore** with 97.5% 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: 08/12/2025 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](mailto: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: Roast Turkey Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken Dinner, Quorn Roast or Cheese & Onion Flan\***



## 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 parents/carers will have the opportunity to win a £30 Amazon Gift voucher for participating.

## 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](mailto:charles.langan@pepeople.co.uk)



## School's Out @ Cornerstone Cafe

Every Friday evening after school, 3:15-4:30pm, the Cornerstone Cafe invites parents, carers and children of all ages to come along for board games and an affordable range of refreshments, including a wide range of hot and cold drinks, including hot chocolates, milkshakes, and a range of sweet and savoury treats and snacks. It's a great way to relax with friends at the start of the weekend!



## Ilkley Grammar School Consultation

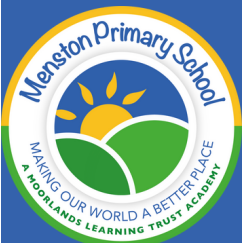
Ilkley Grammar School and Moorlands Learning Trust are consulting on changes to the oversubscription criteria for out-of-area admissions from September 2027. As required by the School Admissions Code, they are consulting with local authorities, other admission authorities, parents / carers, and any other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

## Susan Hughes Performance Drama School

The Susan Hughes Performance Drama School will be running a one-day dance, drama and crafting workshop for children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at The Queen's Hall, Burley from 9am-3:30pm. To book a place, contact Sue on 07806640661

## 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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