



Menston Primary School

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Friday 28th November 2025

Reverse Advent Calendar - Making Our World a Better Place!

We have a wonderful opportunity to 'make our world a better place,' by supporting [Ilkley Foodbank](#). From Monday 1st - Friday 19th December, children are invited to bring in a donation for 'Reverse Advent' as a way of giving back to our community. There is no pressure to donate, but if you would like to take part, the themes for each day are included on the poster sent this afternoon. Donations will be collected in classrooms and we're thrilled that we have the chance to support families in our local community. Thank you for taking part!

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.

Year 4's DT Project

Year 4 have been shining bright this week - literally! Building on their National Curriculum science learning about electrical circuits, the children designed and constructed fully working torches in Design Technology. They applied their understanding of components such as bulbs, switches, and batteries to create practical, real-world products. This exciting project not only showcased their scientific knowledge but also their creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork. Well done, Year 4!



Football

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 football teams! The girls secured a fantastic 1-0 victory against Ilkley All Saints. The boys followed up with an impressive 2-0 win over Ashlands this week. Well done to all our Year 6 players - brilliant performances and great teamwork on display!

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.

Online Safety Newsletter

December's edition of the online safety newsletter from Knowsley City Council has been published. Parents and carers can access it from our website by clicking [here](#). A copy has also been sent via email this afternoon. This month's newsletter focuses on AI Chatbots, Roblox and tech-related Christmas gifts.

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.

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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93.8%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.75% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Holly** with 99.6% 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: 01/12/2025 Week 2

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: Battered Fish Fillet, Vegetable Pakoras, Arrabiata Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Creamy Chicken Pasta, Vegetable Samosa, BBQ Quorn Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

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

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Savoury Rolls, Spaghetti Marinara, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Beef & Lentil Bolognese, Halal Keema Biryani, Mexican Style Burrito, 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.

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

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

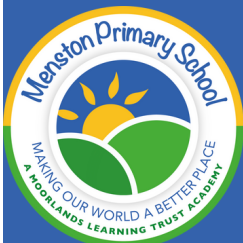
The Susan Hughes Performance Drama School will be running a one-day dance, drama and crafting workshop for children on Monday 22nd December at The Queen's Hall, Burley from 9am-3:30pm. To book a place, contact Sue on 07806640661

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.ilkleyrfc@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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