



Menston Primary School

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Friday 16th January 2026

Winter Illness

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. Illness is the biggest single reason for school absence; while some absences due to illness are unavoidable, many can be reduced through simple, proactive measures that minimise the spread of infections. [Click here](#) to view the latest NHS guidance for preventing and controlling infections. Parents and carers can also access [this useful resource](#) from the NHS to help them decide when children should stay at home.

Parent Consultation Meetings

The parent consultation meetings will be held on **Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd January 2026, 3:30-6:30pm. Please note: these meetings are only for years 1 - 6.** Today, parents and carers will have received a short, written report, which will give you information in preparation for your meeting. Meetings will be held in the KS1 hall for children in Y1 and 2 – please enter and exit via our main school office. For children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6, meetings will be held in the KS2 hall – please enter and exit through the school doors on Main Street. We respectfully ask that everyone adheres to their 10-minute allocated appointment and, if more discussion time is needed, please make arrangements to see your child's teacher for a follow-up meeting. Running over your allocated time has an impact on other families' appointments. If you are having difficulty booking an appointment via Arbor, please contact the school office.

Reminder to Parents: Please Park Safely and Considerately

We've received reports of unsafe parking practices, including mounting pavements, parking near junctions, and using private driveways or parking spaces during drop-off and pick-up times. These actions can endanger pedestrians and inconvenience local residents. This is particularly affecting residents of Ling Court, which sits opposite to St Peter's Way. Please ensure you park legally and responsibly to keep everyone safe and maintain good relationships with our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have your say - Best Start in Life and Family Hub logos

Since 2023, the Family Hub Start for Life logo has been used in the Bradford District to label:

- Family Hubs, and their services for families with children of all ages,
- Specific 'Start for Life' services for families who are pregnant or with babies and young children.

Following the government's introduction of a new '[Best Start in Life](#)' [national website and logo](#), we are asking Bradford District's families to help decide how we adapt to this change.

To find out more and have your say, please visit the [feedback form](#) on the website. The deadline is 31st January 2026.



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

Saturday 17 January: Cross Country Event @ Addingham
Monday 19 January: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 22 January: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturday 31 January: Cross Country Event @ Ashlands Primary
Saturday 7 February: Cross Country Event @ Ghyll Royd School
Friday 13 February: School closes at 3:15pm for February half-term (Care Club will remain open till 6:00pm)
Monday 23 February: School reopens
Saturday 28 February: Cross Country Event @ Ben Rhydding

Snow White Pantomime

Next Friday night sees the opening of the annual Ilkley Upstagers Pantomime at the King's Hall. This year's Pantomime is Snow White. There are 10 shows running from 23rd until 31st January. Some former Menston Primary students will be performing, plus our very own Y6 pupil, Lucy M, will be playing Sniffly - one of the Seven Dwarfs in 5 of the shows. Tickets are selling fast, especially for the matinée performances. If you fancy a fun family trip out you can book online at the [Box Office](#)

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.3%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.53%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with 100% 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: 19/01/2026 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

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children



If you are looking to purchase pre-loved, good quality uniform, please email fompsuniform@gmail.com. We currently have high stock levels in most ages.

Riverside Gardens Junior Parkrun

Join a fun and friendly weekly 2k event for children aged 4 to 14 year olds, held every Sunday at 9:00am at Riverside Gardens, 33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley. It is free to take part, but please [register](#) before you first come along. You only need to register with parkrun once. Remember to bring a scannable copy of your barcode with you - if you forget it, you won't get a time! [Click here](#) for further details.

Susan Hughes Performance Drama School

Susan Hughes Drama School will be running a holiday camp in the February half-term. The camp theme is 'Wicked for Good,' and will be held at The Queen's Hall in Burley from Monday 16th till Friday 20th February, 9:00am - 3:30pm. Parents are invited to a performance at 3:30pm on the Friday afternoon. The camp is open to children aged 4 and above. Please contact Sue on 07806 640661 to book a place.



February Half-Term Holiday Club

Mr Langan will be running his February half-term Holiday Clubs with PE People. Children can enjoy a week filled with exciting activities, including sports and outdoor games (weather dependent). For February Half Term only, sessions will take place at Menston Scout Hut, with access to the nearby field-children are welcome to bring football boots. All sessions will run with the same high standards of care, activities, and staff. Bookings can be made by [clicking here](#).

Events in the Bradford District

As the new year begins, it's the perfect moment to look ahead at all the incredible events and shows coming to the Bradford district in 2026. From festivals celebrating gaming to performances by rock legends, classic musicals, and vibrant celebrations of food and heritage, there's so much to enjoy. [Click here](#) to discover everything you can experience when you visit Bradford this year.

Hyde & Seek

See family-friendly [screenings of magical movies](#) for film-fans of all ages. Many are Pay What You Can. On Saturdays, enjoy free crafts from 10:30am before the screening. The Sunday showings at the 11:00am Hyde & Seek screening are autism friendly.

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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