

Menston Primary School

Making Our World A Better Place

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Friday 13th February 2026

Year Group Emails

A quick reminder that the year group email inboxes are monitored on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays** between 3:30 and 4:30pm. Staff are unable to check emails on Wednesdays and Thursdays due to scheduled meetings.

School Day Timings & Dogs on the School Site

Thank you to all our families for helping ensure a smooth and calm start to the school day. A reminder that all children should be in their classrooms by **8:45am**, ready for registration and learning. We would also like to thank parents and carers for supporting our request not to bring dogs onto the school site. If you do need to bring a dog with you, please ensure they are carried at all times while on school grounds. Your cooperation helps us keep the site safe and comfortable for all children and families.

Founders Day - Cake Sale Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all the families who baked, bought, and donated cakes, and to everyone who came along to support our Founders Day cake sale. Thanks to your generosity, the event was a fantastic success as we continue raising funds for the much-needed new Scout and Guide Headquarters in Menston. Every donation helped make a real difference. Together, we truly are helping to Make Our World (and Village!) a Better Place.



NSPCC Number Day

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all families for their generosity. Together we have raised a total of **£559** for the **NSPCC**. Donations can still be made via our [JustGiving page](#).

Cross Country Success

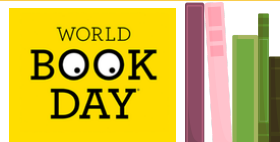
Congratulations to our four cross-country runners - Isobel, Charlotte, Eleanor and Lucas from Year 5 - who took part in the Leeds School Games Cross Country Final on Wednesday 4th February at Temple Newsam. They all ran fantastically well in tough conditions. Good luck to Isobel and Charlotte, who have now qualified for the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals, which will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

Leeds Storytelling Festival

Next week marks the start of Leeds Storytelling Festival from 14th February - 8th March. To find out more about what events the festival has to offer, including theatre, author readings and workshops, please [click here](#).

World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March** we are inviting children and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and/or to bring in a favourite book to share. As part of our **WBD** celebrations, MPS will be receiving a visit from children's author, Jason Beresford. Jason will be coming into school to work with all year groups on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March. If any families would like to purchase one of Jason's books, they can do so by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR codes below:



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

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 @ Ashlands Primary School

Monday 2 March: [Jason Beresford Author Visit](#)

Tuesday 3 March: [Jason Beresford Author Visit](#)

Thursday 5 March: [World Book Day](#)



FoMPS were pleased to welcome some new faces to the committee at our AGM last week. Thank you to those who have come forward to help us reinvigorate FoMPS over the coming months. We are still looking for a chair person and will only run events if more people are willing to volunteer time to support the school. For now, we have two great events coming up: the YOMP men's walk event will take place on **Saturday 27th June, 2026**. Start with bacon butties and tea/coffee at the Malt Shovel before taking the coach to Burnsall to hike back through the fabulous Yorkshire Dales, via various refreshment stops, to Menston. To secure your seat on the coach, [click here](#) to buy your ticket now. Save the date for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13th June**. Join us for some summer fun on a walk in our beautiful countryside with food, drinks and a luxury raffle! More details coming soon.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.7%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.49%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow** with 99.7% 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: 23/02/2026 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 Bolognaise, Halal Keema Biryani, Mexican Style Burrito, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

Ashlands February Early Years Holiday Club



Ashlands Primary School will be holding their Early Years Holiday Club from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February.

The club is open to children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. For more information and for opening times and fees, please [click here](#).

Parents should contact the school office to make a booking.

Tel: 01943 609050

Email: office@ashlands.mlt.co.uk

PE People 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](#).

February Half-Term Activities at Bradford Cathedral



On Tuesday 17th February, Bradford Cathedral will be hosting a free family activity day, 10am - 3pm. Children can come along to enjoy craft sessions, colouring, quizzes and trails for children of all ages to enjoy, plus the opportunity to take part in a family-friendly guided tour of the cathedral. **Booking is essential.** Please [click here](#) for more information.

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.

Ilkley Town FC Football Camp

Ilkley Town FC are running a February half-term football camp from 16th-18th February, 9am - 3pm, for boys and girls ages 6-13 years. Each session is delivered by ex-pro footballer John Francis and his team of experienced FA and UEFA qualified coaches. No club membership required - all children are welcome. Children will need a packed lunch, football boots, shin pads and warm clothing/ waterproofs. To book and for more information, scan the QR code.



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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