



# Menston Primary School

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## myHappyMind Gold Accreditation

We are proud to announce that our school is officially a myHappyMind Gold Accredited school. The Accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the myHappyMind curriculum into school life and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community. We would like to thank those parents who provided feedback about the program, which supported the application. As we were successful with our application, we will receive some fantastic resources to help us embed the myHappyMind curriculum next year including a myHappyMind card game and some limited edition badges. Don't forget to sign up to the free Parent app, you can use the QR code to download it.



## 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, we raised a fantastic **£594** for the much-needed new Scout and Guide Headquarters in Menston.



## Congratulations Miss Lain!

We are delighted to share that Miss Lain has recently achieved her Master's degree in Education, a qualification she has worked incredibly hard for. As part of her studies, Miss Lain completed an in-school research project that involved children acting as researchers. A group of Year 1 pupils conducted an in-depth investigation aimed at improving an area of provision for our foundation children. We are sure you will join us in celebrating this fantastic accomplishment and in congratulating Miss Lain on her achievement.

## Intergenerational activities at Mayfield view

Esme had a wonderful time visiting the residents at Mayfield View this week. She was a fantastic representative of our school, and the residents absolutely loved spending time with her. During the visit, everyone had the chance to meet and even hold some incredible animals – including a skunk, a python, meerkats, a lizard, and even tarantulas! It was a memorable experience for all involved.



## Reception Parents' Evening

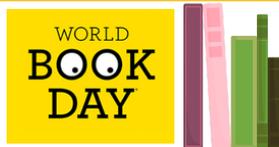
The parents' evenings for Reception will be held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, 3:30 - 6:30pm. The booking window will open on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. Parents should book an appointment via the Arbor app or Arbor Parent Portal.** Please contact the school office if you are struggling to book.

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

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](#)  
Monday 9 March: Y3 Trip to Herd Farm  
Thursday 12 March: Y6 IGS Science Morning  
Saturday 14 March: Cross Country Event @ Nell Bank  
Monday 16 March: Reception Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm  
Thursday 19 March: Reception Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm

## World Book Day

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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:



## FOMPS

We have two great events coming up: the YOMP men's walk event will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## School Lunch Menu - WC: 02/03/2026 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](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:** Loaded Beef Chilli Wedges, Vegetable Jambalaya Rice, Mascarpone Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps

**\*Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children\***

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.7%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.46%. The class with the highest attendance this week is Lime with 98.6% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

## Events in the Bradford District

March is arriving in the Bradford district and spring is on the way, bringing longer days, warmer weather and beautiful blooms across the area. The month ahead is packed with brilliant events, activities and shows to help you get ready to step into spring.



[Click here](#) to take a look at some of the highlights coming up in March.

## Leeds Storytelling Festival

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



## Parkrun

Every Sunday Riverside Gardens, Ilkley, hosts a Junior 2k Parkrun event at 9:00am. The event is free to attend for juniors aged 4-14 years. The event takes place at Riverside Gardens, 33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU. See [Course page](#) for more details. Please remember to [register](#) before you first come along. Once you have registered with parkrun, don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode, otherwise you won't get a time! [Click here](#) for more details. Nearby Saturday Parkrun events for adults (ages 15+) can be found by [clicking here](#).



## Let's Move Bradford!

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport are launching a new "Let's Move!" campaign in areas of Bradford where children are often less active, or where they find it harder to access opportunities for play and exercise. "Let's Move!" aims to help families find and enjoy simple, pressure-free ways to move more together and have fun whilst doing it. When children move, they feel happier and healthier. [Click here to find simple ideas to get active together on the JU:MP website](#).



## 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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