



# Menston Primary School

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Friday 13th March 2026

## Science Week

Science Week was a tremendous success! We kicked things off on Monday with an exciting Science Fair, where parents and staff generously volunteered to lead sessions on weather, astronomy, climate change, human biology and more – thank you to everyone who shared their time and expertise. The children were fully engaged and had a fantastic time exploring each activity. Today, we rounded off the week by welcoming parents and carers into school for a special Science Celebration, and we are grateful to all who attended.



## School Council - World Down Syndrome Day Fundraiser

This year, we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, the last day before we break up for the Easter holidays. Our School Council has organised a fundraising fair where year 5 and 6 pupils will run their own stalls selling handmade items. The proceeds of the fundraiser will be donated to the Down Syndrome Training & Support Centre in Bingley. Last year, pupils sold sweet treats, paintings, bracelets and potted plants. Year 5 and 6 pupils wishing to run a stall should sign up with the school council at lunchtime or break time. **Any edible goods should be clearly labelled with the ingredients and should not contain nuts or sesame.** All year groups will have an opportunity to visit the fair. We suggest that children bring in a **maximum of £5** to spend at the stalls.



## Year 2 Tree Planting

This morning, Year 2 had a wonderful time planting tree saplings in Porritt's Field, Menston, alongside the Menston Area Nature Trust. The children loved getting their hands dirty and learning about how trees help wildlife and the environment. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to make a positive impact on our local community—and they can't wait to see how their trees grow!



## 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 is now open. **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 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  
Thursday 26 March: Cross Country Event @ Cliffe Castle (invite only)  
Friday 27 March: World Down Syndrome Day & school closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Holidays (Care Club will remain open till 6pm)  
Monday 13 April: School reopens

## Singing Children of Africa - Uniform Appeal

Educate the Kids is a not-for-profit charity that relies on volunteers and donations. We have had a long-standing relationship with the organisation and have supported them by collecting school uniforms on many occasions. Last year, we were delighted to welcome some of their students from Kenya to our school. **To continue supporting the charity, we will once again be collecting uniform items: blue gingham dresses and grey shorts.** If you have any of these items in good condition and would like to donate them, please drop them off at the school office.



## 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. Tickets are now available for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Join us for some summer fun on a walk in our beautiful countryside with food, drinks and a luxury raffle!

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.1%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.53%. 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: 16/03/2026 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](mailto: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

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

### Parent/Carer Support Group



The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team will be holding an online parent support group via MS Teams. The sessions are a safe space for them to share experiences, build positive relationships and receive peer support. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30am-12:00pm or 7:00pm-8:30pm. To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

### PE People Easter Holiday Club

Mr Langan is excited to announce that bookings are now open for his Easter holiday club! Book now by [clicking 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](#).

### Events in the Bradford District

March is here 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.

### 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](#).



### Susan Knowles Easter Drama School

Susan Knowles Drama School will be running an Easter camp for children at The Queen's Hall, Burley. The theme of the camp is The Lion King. The camp will run from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 9:00am till 3:30pm. Parents are invited to a performance at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon. To book, please contact Sue on 07806 640661

### 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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