



Menston Primary School

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Friday 17th April 2026

September 2026 Intake

Now that Reception places for September 2026 have been offered, we are pleased to let you know that we still have a small number of places available.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception starters. Families who have been offered a place will be contacted very soon with further information about transition arrangements.

If you know of any families who may be interested in finding out more about our school or who are still considering their options for Reception 2026, we would be very grateful if you could share this information with them. Parents who would like to find out more or book a school tour are very welcome to contact the school office by email at office@menston.mlt.co.uk or by telephone on 01943 873180.

We would also like to remind families who have received an offer for Reception 2026 to please formally accept their place by emailing the school office.

Year 4 Residential

This week, Y4 travelled to Newby Wiske in for their residential visit. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of activities, developing their teamwork, confidence and independence while creating lots of happy memories. A huge thank you to our staff and governors who gave their time to support the trip and ensure it was such a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

myHappymind

We're delighted to share that all children will be coming home this week with a special [myHappymind](#) badge to celebrate our Gold Accreditation - a fantastic achievement for our whole school community. Thank you so much to our families for your continued support with the programme; it really does make a difference. We'd also like to remind parents and carers about the myHappymind parent app, which is a great way to stay involved and support the learning and wellbeing work happening in school.

Schools' Cricket Day – Thursday 23rd April 2026

To celebrate Schools' Cricket Day, our KS2 children will take part in a range of cricket activities throughout the week commencing 20th April. These sessions will help build skills, boost confidence, and inspire a lifelong enjoyment of the game.

Reminder - Allergens in School

We kindly remind all parents and carers that food items containing nuts or sesame should not be brought into school. This includes, for example, chocolate spreads containing hazelnuts and hummus or other products made with sesame. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You

Johnny and Mel Ratcliffe would like to thank all the children and their families and staff for supporting World Down Syndrome Day. We were blown away with all the efforts the children went to. The different stalls which the year 5 and 6 children organised were prepared in their own time which shows how driven and caring the children are. Thank you so much!

Year 5 Maths Afternoon

On Tuesday, a small group of our Y5 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to Ilkley Grammar School, where they took part in a special maths afternoon. The children worked alongside pupils from other local schools, tackling a range of fun and challenging activities designed to stretch their thinking and problem-solving skills. They represented our school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the afternoon. We are very proud of how they rose to the challenge and made the most of this fantastic opportunity.



FOMPS

Look out for fun volunteering opportunities coming up along with these two great events happening next term: 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. Tickets are now available for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13th 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!

School Lunch Menu - WC: 20/04/2026 Week 1

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: Chicken Curry, Mac n Cheese, Mascarpone Pasta, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Tuesday: Cheese & Onion Pasty, Savoury Roll, BBQ Quorn with Rice, Cheese Panini, or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken Dinner, Toad in the Hole, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza, Arrabiata Pasta, Cheese Panini, or Sandwiches

Friday: Salmon & Sweet Potato, Halal Chicken Burger, Quorn Burger, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

A Message from our School Council

The National Year of Reading is a new UK-wide campaign to encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading and to make it a regular part of their lives. This year's theme is "Go All In". Among young people, reading for pleasure is at its lowest level in 20 years so we would love your child to try and get involved. Go All In aims to increase reading for pleasure by asking children to read anything that interests them! Lots of famous faces are supporting this global campaign. National Year of Reading ambassador and Arsenal footballer Leah Williamson, says "The National Year of Reading 2026 is your chance to really go all in on your passions." If you don't like reading, it might just be that you haven't found the right thing for you - you could read comics or articles - it doesn't have to be a story book! To find out more, you can visit [National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust](#).

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

Thursday 23 April: School's Cricket Day (KS2)

Friday 24 April: Y2 Trip to Cliffe Castle

Monday 4 May: School Closed - Bank Holiday

Thursday 14 May: Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm

Tuesday 19 May: Y6 Residential to Great Tower

Friday 22 May: Y6 to return from their Residential & School Closes for May Half-Term (Care Club to remain open till 6pm)

Monday 1 June: School Closed - Training Day

Tuesday 2 June: School Reopens






Menston Arts Club

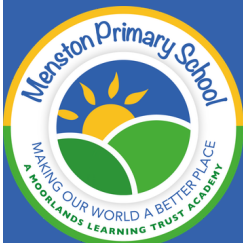
Menston Arts Club will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2026 with an art exhibition at the Kirklands Community Centre, Main Street. The exhibition will be held from 10:30am to 4:30pm. Entry is free. There will be craft displays, a raffle and refreshments are available. To learn more about the Menston Arts Club, please visit their website: www.menstonartsclub.co.uk

Bradford Council - Living Well Newsletter

We would like to share the latest Living Well Bradford newsletter from Bradford Council, which is packed with helpful information, local support, and free activities for individuals and families. Topics include mental wellbeing, staying active, community events, support for children and young people, and training opportunities across the district. Parents and carers may find this newsletter particularly useful for ideas on keeping healthy and connected. You can read the full newsletter [here](#).

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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