



Menston Primary School

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Friday 4th September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

A very warm welcome to the 2026-27 academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school this week and to see classrooms once again filled with enthusiasm, energy and excitement for learning. I would also like to extend a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

As shared in my letter earlier this week, I hope that all families enjoyed a happy and restful summer. Thank you also to those parents and carers who completed our parent survey during the summer term. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us to shape our priorities and continue improving the experiences we provide for our children. A summary of the survey findings and our next steps will be shared later this term.

Who should I contact if I have a query or concern?

We are committed to resolving any questions or concerns quickly and effectively. In the first instance, parents and carers should always contact their child's classroom teacher, who is usually best placed to help.

If you feel that a matter needs to be escalated, please contact the relevant Phase Leader:

- **EYFS:** Miss Lain
- **Key Stage 1:** Ms Baker
- **Key Stage 2:** Mrs Kay/ Mr Frost

Teachers and Phase Leaders will seek guidance, support and involvement from senior leaders as appropriate to ensure that any queries and concerns are addressed promptly and effectively.

Any queries about Care Club should be directed to Mrs Michelle Emsley, our Care Club manager:
careclub@menston.mlt.co.uk

We greatly value positive communication between home and school and look forward to working together throughout the year to ensure the very best outcomes for every child.

Term Dates

The term dates for the academic years 26-27 and 27-28 have been published on our website and are available to download. Please [click here](#) to view them.

New Catering System - SchoolGrid & Hutchinson's Caterers

We would like to thank all of our families for their patience and understanding this week as we implemented our new catering system. We are aware that some families have experienced technical issues with their account set up, and we would like to assure you that our team has worked quickly to resolve these. We are pleased to share that feedback from the children this week has been positive, and they have been enjoying their meals.

As a reminder, all families must activate their SchoolGrid accounts, including those with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. This is the only way to make meal choices for your child. We would also ask all families to ensure that dietary requirements and allergy information are added to SchoolGrid in full. This is essential to ensure that children are offered safe and appropriate meal options. If allergy information is incomplete, available meal choices will be restricted to options that do not contain any of the major allergens. If you have not received your activation email, please get in touch with the school office and we will arrange for this to be resent.

Medicines in School

If your child requires any medication to be kept in school on a long-term basis, such as inhalers or EpiPens, please bring the medication directly to the school office so that a new medication consent form can be completed. For safety reasons, children should not bring medication into school in their bags.

Hutchinson Catering School Lunch Menu

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 £2.83 per day/ £14.15 per week. **Parents/carers are responsible for booking school meals in advance through School Grid. They are also responsible for ensuring that all allergies, dietary requirements, and special dietary information for their child are accurately entered and kept up to date within the app. If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals or your School Grid account, please contact the School Grid Team directly on 01506300310 or email support@schoolgrid.co.uk**

Monday: Margherita Pizza, Sweet Chilli Salmon Melt, Tomato Penne Pasta and Sandwiches (Ham/Cheese/Tuna)

Tuesday: Smokey BBQ Pieces with Vegetable Rice, BBQ Chicken with Vegetable Rice, Cheesy Penne Pasta and Sandwiches (Ham/Cheese/Tuna)

Wednesday: All Day Breakfast, Vegetarian All Day Breakfast, Tomato Penne Pasta and Sandwiches (Ham/Cheese/Tuna)

Thursday: Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake, Beef Chilli with Bean Macaroni Cheese, Cheesy Penne Pasta and Sandwiches (Ham/Cheese/Tuna)

Friday: Quorn Dippers with Chips, Fish & Chips, Tomato Penne Pasta and Sandwiches (Cheese/Tuna)

Free School Meal Expansion

To ensure that we have the most up-to-date information and to help determine whether your child/children could be entitled to Free School Meals Expansion, please complete the eligibility check by [clicking here](#).

This applies to families who are entitled to or who already receiving Universal Credit.

The form is quick and easy to complete. When prompted to select a school, please note that our school is within the Bradford Local Authority, so please select Bradford from the first "Select School" drop-down menu.

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

Friday 11 September: Y6 Parents Strategies for Maths

9:00-10:15am, KS1 Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday 15 September: Reception Curriculum Information Evening, 6:00-7:00pm

Friday 25 September: KS1 Macmillan Morning

Tuesday 29 September: Individual Pupil Photos & After-School Sibling Photo Shoot 3:20 - 4:30pm

Friday 23 October: School closes for October half-term

ParentPay Refunds from Facilities Management

If you are due a refund from our outgoing catering provider, Bradford Facilities Management, we have requested that all refunds are processed and returned to parents as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience while these refunds are being arranged.

Events in the Bradford District

- Heritage Craft Workshop: spend the day learning to create a beautiful mosaics at Bradford Industrial Museum on Saturday 5 September.
- There are several fantastic events taking place at Bradford Markets. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Heritage Open Days: Every September, thousands of volunteers organise events across England to celebrate its rich history and culture. These events are free of charge. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival

This year, the Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival will be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 at Pudsey Civic Hall from 9:30am.

The festival will include a full day of talks, activities and great exhibitors. [Click here](#) to book tickets.

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.
- Arbor: [click here](#) to view our website's Arbor page with direct links to download the app on Android and IOS. Parents also need Arbor to make payments for trips and residentials.
- School Grid: Order and pay for school lunches via the School Grid website.

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