

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2026

Spring Term 1, week 4
Virtue: Simplicity

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Weekly News



It has been wonderful to see our wider extracurricular clubs commence this week. A huge thank you to all staff for volunteering their time to provide such a lovely range of opportunities for children across school.

This week children across school attended Young Voices. Young Voices celebrated their 30 year anniversary this year, which made it extra special! We had a great time performing the songs that we have been working really hard to learn since September. We are proud of all of the children for their hard work and dedication to attending Young Voices practices. Thank you to all the families who came along to support us too!

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Morley Library this week. The children loved listening to a story, taking part

in a book-character scavenger hunt, and choosing some books to bring back to school. We were so proud of the children's enthusiasm and behaviour during the visit, which was also complimented on by members of the public. Well done children for making us so proud! Thank you to Miss Grayston for organising all the library visits this term for our school.

We have decided to push NSPCC number day back by a week. The new date will be Friday 13th February. A letter is coming home today with reminder details for the dress down theme in aid of NSPCC.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



Nursery places available

We are over half full for our school nursery places for September 2026-27. If your child will be three in 2026 or 2027 make sure you have filled out an application form to reserve a place for your child, to avoid disappointment. Application forms are available from the school office. We offer 30-hour places as well as 15-hour part-time places. Nursery children can also have access to our Before and After School club provision (7:30am - 6pm).



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Dates for your diary:

Y4 skipping competition	2nd Feb
Y5&6 Kooth workshop	2nd Feb
Y6 parent SATs meeting, 3:30pm	2nd Feb
Catholic partnership Mini Vinnie Mass	4th Feb
Lego robotics STEM work-	5th Feb
Year 2 skipping workshop	5th Feb
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	6th Feb
Year 6 residential	9th—11th
Online safety day	10th Feb
PTA event: EYFS / KS1 disco	12th Feb
PTA event KS2 silent disco	13th Feb
NSPCC number day* Date change!	13th Feb

Early Years

In Nursery this week, we have worked together in small groups to retell the story that we listened to in Drawing Club last week which was the Gingerbread Man! The children enjoyed having their own roles in the story and using the props to help too!



In Reception we have been enjoying exploring 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' within our English lessons and provision. We also

loved exploring colour mixing in Art this week. We painted our hands two different primary colours and mixed them together to see what secondary colour they made.

Key Stage 1



Year 1 have had a very busy week this week! We have loved drawing the features of our face in Art and have also loved learning how we can spread good news like Jesus.



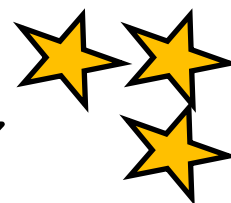
In Year 2 we have been designing our final pieces for our Great Fire of London pointillism piece. We have been learning about the Parable of the Lost Sheep in RE and recognising that God forgives everyone.

Parking!

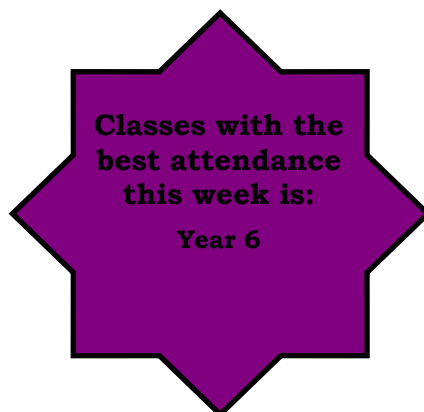
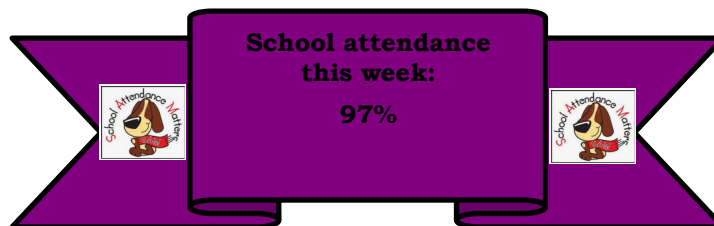
Please take care and pay special attention when driving and parking around school, especially during pick up & drop off times!

Please also remember to be considerate to our neighbours around school to not obstruct driveways.

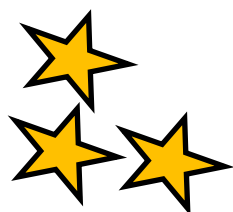
Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Elara
Year 1	Fallan
Year 2	Amos
Year 3	Ronan
Year 4	Amen
Year 5	Archie B
Year 6	Penelope



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Killian
Year 1	Elsie
Year 2	Evelyn
Year 3	Oran
Year 4	Diyan
Year 5	Luca
Year 6	Valentine



Stewards of Creation appeal...

Mrs Iddison & the stewards of creation are completing their annual recycle mission, any tubs to donate, please drop into the school office.

Do you have any items that could help us?

We are looking for some items that could really help our Early Years and Key Stage 1 areas of provision. We are seeking:

- bike helmets
- Dominoes
- The large cable wheels
- Craft items such as: bottle corks, milk bottle lids, buttons, ribbons, thick wool etc,
- Wicker style baskets
- Small wooden logs & blocks
- Plastic animals
- Cooking utensils, pans, trays, bowls

If you are able to donate any items, please drop them into the main office. Thank you so much for all your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Supporting our families ~ let us know if you would like to find out a little more about any of the following...

Range of Cluster family support available ~ please contact Mrs Gibbons / Mrs Harrison for more information.

Feeling frustrated by your child's behaviour and looking for support?

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

Find strategies to help you understand and support your child's behaviour

- Find out where behaviour comes from
- Get everyone in the family talking and listening to each other
- Understand why your child gets angry or upset and how to help them calm down
- Learn how your body language can help calm difficult situations
- Find strategies to change patterns of behaviour
- Get ideas and inspiration to try at home

Date: Thursday 5th March 2026
 Time: 9:30-12:00
 Location: Cluster Office, Churwell Primary School.
 Contact: Sarah 07891276155 or Ruth 07891275543

Healthy Families: Growing Up

Join our Parent Support Group

Healthy, thriving children and families

HENRY'S free Healthy Families: Growing Up programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

"The last (or best) thing I could possibly wish for my child is to be a better mum!"

The programme covers three 5 themes across 6 weeks and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeding more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family therapy skills
- Enjoying life as a family

Get 4-50% off for 50% off and more!

Programme details
 Date: Tuesday 3rd February - Tuesday 21st March 2026 - 9.30-11.30am
 Location: Churwell Primary School, Woodhead 5366, Churwell, LS27 9HS

Contact Us
 Contact info: Sarah 07891275543 & Ruth 07891275543

Does you struggle to manage / support your child with neurodiversity?

Cygnets course may be helpful – contact Mrs Gibbons or Mrs Harrison for more details.

Parent or carer looking to get back into work?

Our friendly team can help you achieve your goals towards work or training.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

We offer free one to one support and guidance for parents and carers on:

- CV building
- Work, training & volunteering
- Health and wellbeing
- Support and help with money issues
- Up to 12 weeks counselling and peer support groups
- Life skills

Eligibility criteria
 Bright Horizons is available to parents and carers who are:
 • not currently in employment,
 • living in West or South Leicesters.

Parents of children under the age of 16 are not eligible for this service.

Get in touch
 To refer or for more details please contact us:
 West Office: 011 2796 800
 South: 011 2796 800
 BrightHorizons@leicesters.gov.uk

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What our students think about the service

Does your child struggle to have a good night's sleep or you would like help introducing a routine?

Cygnets Sleep - this is a 2 hour session looking at healthy sleep routines.

Our next course will be held on Thursday 19th March 9:30-11:30.

Vacancy

We currently have a Vacancy for an teaching & admin assistant, more details can be found on our School website via the 'vacancies' tab.

Closing date for applications: Monday 9th February 2026, 9am

Academic Calendar 2025-26

End of half term *Friday 13th February*

Start of Spring 2 half *Monday 23rd February*

End of Spring term **Thursday 2nd April**

Start of Summer term **Monday 20th April 2026**

May Day bank holiday ~ *Monday 4th May 2026*
School closed

End of half term *Friday 22nd May*

Start of Summer 2 half *Monday 1st June*

End of academic year *Friday 17th July*

Academic Calendar 2026-27

Start of Autumn 2026 *Wednesday 2nd Sept 26*

School dinner menu - Spring Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 2) is listed below. If your child is in Nursery dinner costs £2.80 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £3 per day.

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 25/26

Great school lunches designed to help young people grow and thrive in everything they do! Seasonal vegetables are provided with all meals or children can opt out for our 'Pick Your Own' salad bar.

School: **Morley St Francis Primary**

5 CHOICE STANDARD Week TWO

W/C 10/11/25, 01/12/25, 12/10/25, 02/02/26

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<p>Look out for why our MIGHTY MENUS are the best choice at lunchtime!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cook's special Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy. World wide Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes. Brain boosting Protein packed dishes to support learning. High 5 Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day. Planet power Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet. Eat a rainbow Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits. 	<p>TASTY!</p> <p>Mains The Best of Both Worlds</p> <p>Meat Free</p> <p>Deli</p> <p>Spud Station Pick Your Own Salad Bar</p> <p>WOW!</p> <p>Desserts Fresh Fruit & High 5</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Margherita Flatbread Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Vegetarian Chilli with Baked Nachos and Rice (VE)(H) Peas & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar</p> <p>Fruity Coleislaw (V)(H) or Vegetarian Chilli (VE)(H)</p> <p>Freshly Baked Ginger Cookies & Fresh Fruit Wedges</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Homemade Chicken Curry with Rice, Cauliflower & Broccoli</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese Omelette (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes Fresh Salad</p> <p>Roast Ham Herby Diced Potatoes, PYO Salad Bar</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) or Homemade Chicken Curry</p> <p>Fruity Drizzle Cake with Creamy Custard</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Cheeseburger Homemade Jacket Wedges & Fresh Salad</p> <p>Vegetarian Cheeseburger (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges & Fresh Salad</p> <p>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks & Mayo Dip</p> <p>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</p> <p>Seasonal Plum Flapjack</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</p> <p>Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</p> <p>Hot Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H) Roast Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">YUM!</p> <p>Roast Dinner Today!</p> <p>Strawberry Ice Cream Topped with Sprinkles</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Crunchy Salmon Bites or Fish Fingers (H) Chips and Tomato Ketchup, Sweetcorn & Green Beans</p> <p>Macaroni Cheese (V)(H) with Garlic Bread, Green Beans & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Tuna Mayonnaise Salad (H) Chips PYO Salad Bar</p> <p>Baked Beans & Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</p> <p>Chocolate Brownie & Fresh Fruit Wedges</p>
<p>FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; color: white;">(V) VEGETARIAN (VE) VEGAN (H) HALAL Allergen information is available on request. Special diets catered for.</p>						

Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:

Mrs Gibbons
Headteacher / SENDCO

Miss Grayston
Assistant Headteacher

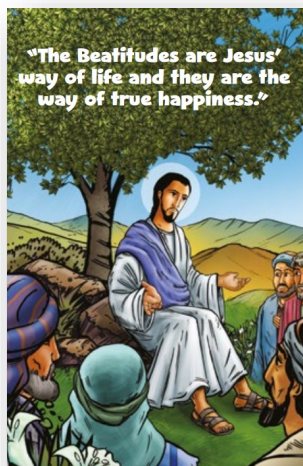
Miss Goodall
EYFS lead / Reception teacher

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

4th Sunday of ordinary time



Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which promise true, lasting happiness, are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and are known as the Beatitudes. To be gentle and to mourn means to share the sorrows of others and help them. To hunger and thirst for what is right, and to be prepared to be persecuted for it, needs courage and good judgement. 'Meek' really means un-pompous, genuine. The merciful don't insist on their rights, but have strength to see the point of view of others and to think of the needs of others as well as their own needs. Jesus' words would have turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too. Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this weeks word, which is **HAPPINESS**.

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:

Tuesdays 7pm,

Thursdays 10am