

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 12th December
2025

Autumn Term 2, week 6
Virtue: Patience

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Weekly News



Well done to our KS1 children for such a beautiful nativity. You delivered the Christmas message perfectly children - we are so proud of you! Thank you once again to all the staff who helped to put together such a brilliant performance.

What a brilliant community event our PTA hosted once again today. Well done to our Year 6 children and Mini Vinnies for running a range of exciting stalls! Thank you to the whole community for supporting our School Fayre, together we raised an incredible £1370! All our fundraising this year is going towards new interactive technology screens for all our classes, something all our children will be able to enjoy to support their learning!

Yesterday, you may have seen an exciting post in the Yorkshire Evening Post for the top Primary Schools in Leeds. It was amazing to see that our brilliant school has placed 4th out of over 280 primary schools across the city! Thank you to all our staff for their continued love and support that they give to all children to ensure that they thrive and achieve! Thank you to all the parents who have approached both myself and school staff today to give such lovely feedback, praise and congratulations, your kindness truly means the world to us!



On Wednesday afternoon, we also had a wonderful time on at the Singalong music concert, we sang lots of different Christmas songs! We started by decorating a Christmas tree, then we used our instruments to play along the carols and finally we played a musical game of pass the parcel and there was also a very special visitor at the end... SANTA!

Finally, a thank you to our Choir, Mini Vinnies & Chaplaincy teams for their lovely singing in Morley market & residential homes. It is always such a special moment to see the joy the children's singing brings to those in the community. Well done children!

Wishing you all a wonderful festive weekend. See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



Calling all grandparents!

On Wednesday 17th December at 3pm, our Choir, Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy teams will be singing carols to spread some Christmas cheer. We hope you can make it for a sing-a-long and mince pie!

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Dates for your diary:

Advent praise 3 ~ led by Year 5	15th Dec
Y4 trip ~ The Snowman live performance	15th Dec
Inclusion coffee morning, 9am	16th Dec
KS2 Carol concert & PTA raffle, 2:30pm	16th Dec
EYFS stay & Play (9-11am) Christmas themed	17th Dec
Carols for grandparents, 3pm	17th Dec
Christmas parties, Santa visit & Elfridges shop	18th Dec
Christingle led by Y6, 10:45am	19th Dec
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	19th Dec
School closes for the Christmas holiday, 3:30pm	19th Dec
Children's Christmas eve Mass, 3:45pm	24th Dec
School reopens for Spring term, 8:50am	5th Jan 2026

Early Years Christmas Stay and Play!

On Wednesday 17th December we would like to welcome all of our Early Years Parents (Nursery & Reception) to a festive stay and play. The session will run from 9-11am. You are welcome to stay for the duration of the 2 hours or stay for as long as you can if you are working or have other commitments. Be prepared to get festive & crafty!

Inclusion coffee morning...

On Tuesday 16th December, 9-10am, we will be hosting our Autumn term coffee morning. Mrs Nicolson will be presenting a demo of new school software being used to support pupils in our school who have Special Educational Needs.

Why not come along for a chance to have a coffee and a chat.

Year 4 musical trip...



A reminder for our Year 4 families that swimming lessons have finished last week for Autumn term ~ no need to bring a swimming kit to school. On Monday 15th December, Children will be going on an exciting theatre trip and will need to wear their **school uniform** (not their PE kit).

TTRS results!

Well done to all the children that took part in this weeks' KS2 battle of the gender in each class! The results are as follows...



Year 3 girls & Sophia
Year 4 boys & Divit
Year 5 girls & Hailey
Year 6 girls & Saron

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is your child a baptised Catholic and in Years 3 or above? They will be due to make their reconciliation (first confession) this academic year. A letter will be coming home next week to enroll your child in this sacramental preparation.

If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6, and has not yet made their first reconciliation, they are welcome to join this years cohort to prepare for the Sacrament. A letter can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Please enroll your child by Monday 15th December 2025. A further letter will then come home to confirm when the preparation classes will take place.



Key dates for this week...

Monday 15th December - Advent Praise 3, led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome
Tuesday 16th December - 9-10am Inclusion coffee morning (all welcome)
- Key Stage 2 Carol service at school, 2:30pm, parents welcome
- PTA Christmas Raffle

Wednesday 17th December - Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, Christmas theme

Wednesday 18th December – Mini Winnie & Chaplaincy event: Carol singing & mince pies for grandparents, 3pm

Thursday 18th December – Class Christmas parties & PTA event: visit from Santa & Elfridges

Friday 19th December - Christingle service at church led by Y6, 10:45am
School closes for end of Autumn Term, 3:30pm

***** Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026 *****

Monday 5th January 2026 – School reopens for Spring term.

Tuesday 6th January – Epiphany feast day mass Y2-6, 10am in church.

Key festive dates for your diary ...



Early Years

In Nursery we practiced different positions that we have been learning in our PE topic of gymnastics! We spent a lot of time in provision this week exploring our weekly theme of 'The Nativity', we



used the playdough to make baby Jesus, the Angel Gabriel and the gifts that the three wise men brought!

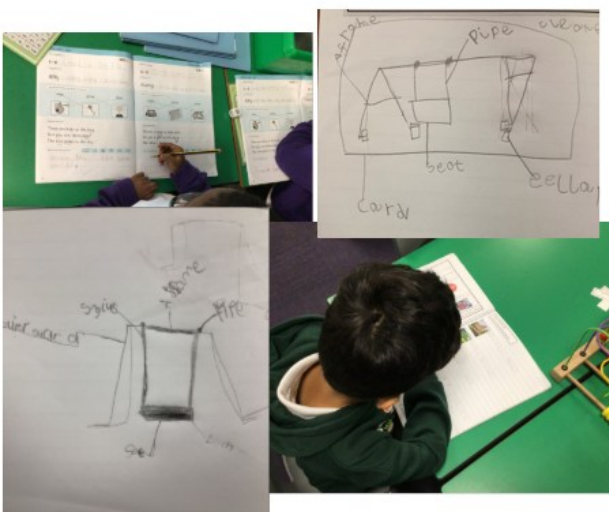


In Reception we have enjoyed exploring the meaning of Christmas in our provision areas. It has been fantastic to see and hear our RE learning shining through. In RE, we created freeze frames of when the shepherds found out Christ the Saviour had been born. In Maths, we have continued exploring the composition of numbers to five through part-whole models.



Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 we have been very busy! We had a lovely Christmas dinner and had so much fun! We also made designs in DT of the swings we are going to be making!



In Year 2 we have been learning all about the RNLI. We have been developing our throwing and catching skills in PE. In RE we have been looking at the symbols on the Advent Wreath and we even looked at where the tradition began in Germany.

Academic Calendar 2025-26

End of Autumn Term *Friday 19th December*

Start of Spring term **Monday 5th January**

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*

End of half term *Friday 22nd May*

Start of Summer 2 half **Monday 1st June**

End of academic year *Friday 17th July*

School dinner menu - Autumn Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 1) 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 ONE
W/C 03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25, 05/01/26, 22/01/26

Look out for why our MIGHTY MENUS are the best choice at lunchtime!

- Cook's special**
Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.
- World wise**
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.

TASTY!
Mains
Meat Free
Deli
Spud Station
Desserts

MONDAY

- Margherita Pizza (V)(H)
- Baby Baked Potatoes
- Fresh Salad
- Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)
- Steamed Rice
- Cauliflower & Peas
- Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)
- Baby Baked Potatoes
- PYO Salad Bar
- Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)
- Jam & Coconut
- Sponge with Creamy Custard

TUESDAY

- Chicken Pie with Puff Pastry Crust, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy
- Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V)(H)
- Fresh Salad
- Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
- Homemade Jacket Potatoes
- PYO Salad Bar
- Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) or Tuna Crunch
- Melon Slices & Home Baked Shortbread

WEDNESDAY

- Beef Chilli Con Carne with Baked Nachos and Rice, Peas & Carrots
- Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H)
- Mashed Potato, Peas, Carrots & Gravy
- Cheddar Cheese and Coleslaw (V)(H)
- Baby Baked Potatoes
- PYO Salad Bar
- Tuna Mayonnaise (H) or Beef Chilli Con Carne
- Flaky Apple & Cinnamon Swirls

THURSDAY

- Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, & Gravy
- Vegetarian Savoury Grill, (VE)(H)
- Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, & Gravy
- Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H)
- PYO Salad Bar
- YUM!**
Roast Dinner today!
- Jelly & Ice Cream

FRIDAY

- Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
- Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)(H)
- Hash Brown & Baked Beans
- Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
- PYO Salad Bar
- Baked Beans (V)(H)
- Freshly Baked Chocolate Sprinkle Cookies
- Fresh Fruit Wedges

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!

(V) VEGETARIAN (VE) VEGAN (H) HALAL
Allergen information is available on request. Special diets catered for.

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



3rd Sunday of Advent



While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard what Christ was doing and he sent some of his followers to ask Christ, "Are you the one sent by God, or do we have to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cured, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life. The Good News is being announced to the poor; and happy are those who do not lose faith in me." As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "He is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you'. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, one greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.

Lord Jesus, please give us the courage always to do and say what is right and to remember that we can always put our faith in you. Amen



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:
Tuesdays 7pm,
Thursdays 10am

Our Advent journey

