

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2026

Spring Term 1, week 1
Virtue: Faith

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that this coming year brings good health and happiness to you and your families. I know for many of our school community Christmas may not have been what was hoped with family illness and bereavements, we are here for you all and continue to keep you all in our thought and prayers.

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord with Years 2-6 going to church for Mass where Fr Peter shared lovely stories of how families in his Mother's



home town in Europe celebrate the feast day. We also learnt about the chalk tradition of 20+C+B+M+26, ask your children what this means and I hope it brings comfort to you when you see this around school. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children celebrated the feast day with a performance of Cinderella. Both staff and children had lots of fun singing along to the songs in true pantomime style! There was even a special



guest appearance from Miss Goodall and Mrs Nicolson dancing with the characters on stage.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Keep warm where possible!

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

Nursery parents update

If you collect your child at lunchtime from Nursery, this will now be from the bottom gate (like it used to be before the extension building works) to collect from the Nursery classroom door at 11:45am.

Drop off for the afternoon sessions will still be from the main office to sign your child into school.

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Dates for your diary:

Y2 Fire! Fire! Workshop day	12th January
Year 1 parents phonics meeting, 3:30pm in class	12th January
Y5/6 Morley Library visits	14th January
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	16th January
Clubs commence for 8 weeks	19th Jan
Y6 Her Farm parent meeting,	19th Jan
Y1 Trip	21st Jan
Y3/4 Morley Library visits	21st Jan
Y1&2 Hand washing workshop	22nd Jan
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	23rd January
Y2 Morley Library visit	28th Jan
Young Voices trip	28th Jan

Early Years

In Nursery, we listened to a story about the visit of the Wise Men. We made our own crowns and acted out the story that we heard. We made sure we took three special gifts to give to baby Jesus.



In Reception, we have been retelling the visit of the Wise Men. We used role play to show our understanding and learned a song to help us remember

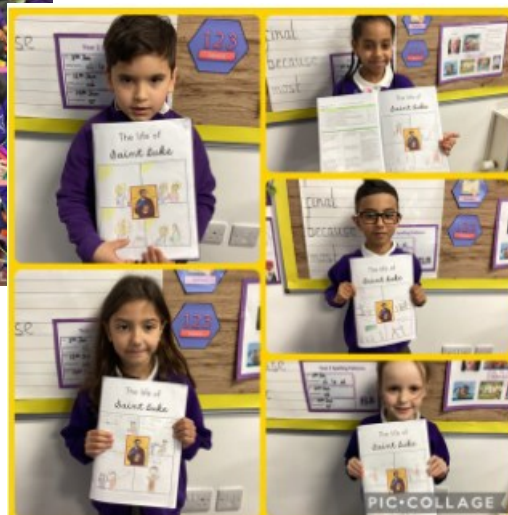
the story. In Maths, we have been practising our subitising to 5 as well as thinking about the number zero. We sorted different representations.

Key Stage 1



This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed learning a new song in music! We have also started our new history topic castles and have loved learning about the different types of castles that were built!

During our Catholic Social Teaching lesson Year 2 were learning all about St. Luke our class saint. In English we have been looking at poetry and writing our own poem about the rainforest.



Lower Key Stage 2

This week in Year 3, we started our new Stone Age history unit with a special workshop. We investigated bones, handled artefacts, and even created our own weapons and tools. The afternoon ended with archery,



This week in Year 4, we started our gymnastics sessions with Total Dance Leeds. We practiced different balances (standing, sitting and both) and created our own balances in small groups!

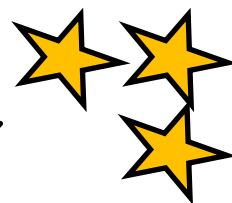
Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have started our materials unit of learning in science. We carried out a range of experiments looking how different materials react together and discussed our key vocabulary.



In Year 6 this week, we have explored Vincent van Gogh's use of the impasto skill of layering paint in his famous artworks of The Starry Night and Sunflowers.

Celebration certificates

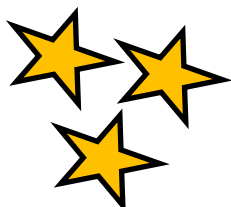


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Crystal
Year 1	Jane
Year 2	Gabriel
Year 3	Jack
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	Joseph Fed
Year 6	Agnes

School attendance this week:
97%

Classes with the best attendance this week is:
Year 6

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Bliss
Year 1	Menas
Year 2	Connie
Year 3	Jenson
Year 4	Annalise
Year 5	Ella
Year 6	Alex M



Is your child due to start primary school in 2026?

Apply now!

Applications are open for Reception places to start in **September 2026**

You can apply online until **Thursday 15 January 2026**

www.leeds.gov.uk/apply

Parent meetings in January

Year 1 ~ Mrs Nicolson will be hosting a parent phonics meeting on Monday 12th January at 3:30pm in the Year 1 classroom.

Year 6 ~ On Monday 19th January Miss Grayston will be joined by a member of the Herd Farm team to discuss the Year 6 residential.

Miss Grayston will also be hosting a SATs parent meeting on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 3:30pm in the Year 6 classroom.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please do not worry as all materials will be emailed to parents after the meetings.

A little reminder that the application window closes on Thursday 15th January, don't forget to apply online and if your child is baptised to bring the certificate into school and complete the SIF form too.

Nursery applications for September 2026 for children aged 3+ are also being received, we only have a small number of places still available!

Academic Calendar 2025-26

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*

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.

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5 CHOICE STANDARD Week TWO

W/C 10/12/25, 01/12/25, 12/01/26, 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 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. 	<p>TASTY!</p> <p>Mains <i>Meat free at every meal!</i></p> <p>Meat Free</p> <p>Deli</p> <p>Spud Station <i>Meat free at every meal!</i></p> <p>Desserts <i>Meat free at every meal!</i></p> <p>WOW!</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>YUM! 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>

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!

VEGETARIAN, **VEGAN**, **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

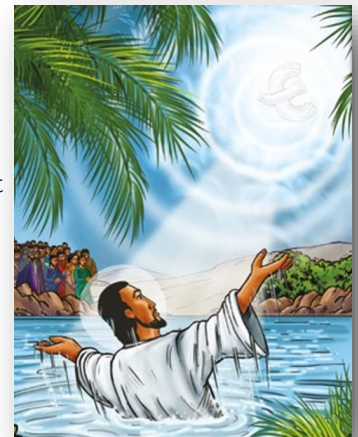
Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

Baptism of the Lord

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a new start. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast – The Baptism of the Lord. In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist didn't see the need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community - to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow. Jesus, God's beloved Son, came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **NEW START**.



“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times: Tuesday 7pm, Thursdays 10am