

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2025

Autumn Term 2, week 4  
Virtue: Christ the King

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## Weekly News

What an exciting week seeing the artificial grass and fencing finally complete! It feels like this week has seen a long time coming but with delays now over we are almost there! **As of Monday drop off and pick up will be back to the bottom gate!** We can not wait! A busy week for our sporting events including Y5/6 indoor athletics competition and an inclusion bowling trip. Well done children for your sporting successes! You continue to make us all so proud.

Our Mini Vinnies also had the opportunity in selling Christmas cards to parishioners', something the children have been so keen to do. It was lovely to hear of the joy they brought to the parish on Thursday. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Advent preparations today, it really is beginning to feel like Christmas in School now! Well done to our Year 6 children who also developed their confidence today in their 'Take Over Day' lessons. It was wonderful to see the children develop their understanding of aspirations. This was further

developed through a heart dissection afternoon on Wednesday too. **A reminder for St Andrew's house team members to wear blue on Monday!**

Wishing you all a wonderful Advent weekend. See you on Monday!

Mrs Gibbons



## PTA events... live on School money!

Thank you to all who supported the wreath making event, an amazing £650 was raised to go towards our next big project for your children!



## Parish Christmas Fayre

This year St Francis Catholic Church will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 6th December, 12-3:30pm. Our School will be hosting a stall as usual. If you have any donations of bubble baths, soaps, bath bombs and other creams or cosmetics please send your donations into school before Thursday 4th December. There are 100 house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



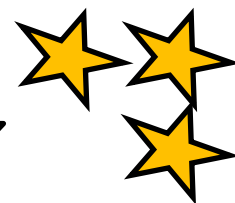
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### Dates for your diary:

Family Advent Mass 9am	30th Nov
St Andrews house - wear blue today	1st Dec
Advent praise 1 ~ led by Year 3	1st Dec
Winter Voices concert	1st Dec
EYFS nativity ~ 2pm (ticket needed - collected at the door)	2nd Dec
PTA event ~ Christmas movie nights	3rd & 4th Dec
KS2 VR headset workshops	4th Dec
Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation	4th Dec
Celebration assembly, 3pm ~ all welcome	5th Dec
Parish Christmas Fayre	6th Dec
Advent praise 2 ~ led by Year 4 (9:10am)	8th Dec

# Celebration certificates

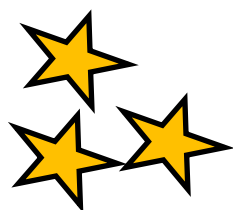


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Martha
Year 1	Ewan
Year 2	Mufaro
Year 3	Brodie
Year 4	Mazuita
Year 5	Isaac
Year 6	Ola

**School attendance this week:**  
**98%**

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Adelina
Year 1	Elias
Year 2	Rosie
Year 3	Ronan
Year 4	Teo
Year 5	Emily S
Year 6	Saron

**Classes with the best attendance this week is:**  
**Year 2**



## Key dates for this half term...

December – DecemBAR, Maths focused challenge each day

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Family Advent Mass, 9am in church

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Praise 1, led by Y3, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 2pm, parents welcome \*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA event: Christmas movie nights

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Praise 2, led by Y4, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm, parents welcome\*

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner (Children wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December –Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy team Carol singing in the care homes / community

- School Christmas Fayre (2-4pm) in the school hall

- PTA event: Break the rules (Christmas edition!)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Praise 3, led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 9-10am Inclusion coffee morning (all welcome)

- Key Stage 2 Carol service at school, 2:30pm, parents welcome

- PTA Christmas Raffle

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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy event: Carol singing & mince pies for grandparents, 3pm

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service at church led by Y6, 10:45am

School closes for end of Autumn Term, 3:30pm

\*\*\*\*\* Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 \*\*\*\*\*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – School reopens for Spring term.

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

## Early Years

In Nursery, we have been learning all about Advent, we did this by making our own Advent Wreaths. We discussed the colours that we could see and carefully counted the candles before sticking them down. In RE, we listened



to the story about the birth of baby Jesus, we made a manger for baby Jesus and shared how Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem.



In Reception we have been practising our jumps in PE, ensuring we land correctly. In Music, we have enjoyed exploring pitch and had a go at being conductors! In RE, we have been learning the Christmas story and thought about how we would welcome baby Jesus.



## Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1, we have learnt how to programme beebots using an algorithm in Computing. The children had lots of fun debugging! We have also learnt the names of 2D shapes in Maths!



In Year 2 we have been designing our Kenyan houses. We have also been learning about Mary's song the Magnificat. We have been finding out about attractions in Blackpool as part of our Geography unit.



## 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.

## 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 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

School: Morley St Francis Primary  
5 CHOICE STANDARD Week TWO  
W/C 10/11/25, 01/12/25, 12/01/26, 02/02/26

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.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Look out for why our MIGHTY MENUS are the best choice at lunchtime!</b></p> <p><b>Cook's special</b> Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.</p> <p><b>World wide</b> Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes.</p> <p><b>Brain boosting</b> Protein-packed dishes to support learning.</p> <p><b>High 5</b> Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day.</p> <p><b>Planet power</b> Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet.</p> <p><b>Eat a rainbow</b> Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits.</p>	<p><b>TASTY!</b></p> <p><b>Mains</b> Margherita Flatbread Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges, Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b></p> <p>Vegetarian Chilli with Baked Nachos and Rice (V)(H) Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Dairy</b></p> <p>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Spud Station</b> Fruity Coleslaw (V)(H) or Vegetarian Chilli (VE)(H)</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> Freshly Baked Ginger Cookies &amp; Fresh Fruit Wedges</p> <p><b>WOW!</b></p>	<p><b>Homemade Chicken Curry with Rice, Cauliflower &amp; Broccoli</b></p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese Omelette (V)(H)</b> Herby Diced Potatoes Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Roast Ham</b> Herby Diced Potatoes, PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</b> or <b>Homemade Chicken Curry</b></p> <p><b>Fruity Drizzle</b> Cake with Creamy Custard</p>	<p><b>Cheeseburger</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges &amp; Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Cheeseburger (V)(H)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges &amp; Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges, Carrot &amp; Cucumber Sticks &amp; Mayo Dip</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b></p> <p><b>Seasonal Plum Flapjack</b></p>	<p><b>Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage &amp; Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H)</b> Yorkshire Pudding Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage &amp; Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</p> <p><b>Hot Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage (H)</b> Roast Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>YUM! Roast Dinner today!</b></p> <p><b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b> Topped with Sprinkles</p>	<p><b>Crunchy Salmon Bites or Fish Fingers (H)</b> Chips and Tomato Ketchup, Sweetcorn &amp; Green Beans</p> <p><b>Macaroni Cheese (V)(H)</b> with Garlic Bread, Green Beans &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise Salad (H)</b> Chips PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Baked Beans &amp; Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</b></p> <p><b>Chocolate Brownie &amp; Fresh Fruit Wedges</b></p>
<b>FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!</b>					

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

Don't forget to pre-order your child a Christmas dinner by Thursday 4th December. Orders after this date will not be accepted.

## 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**

## 1st Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel. So let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God. The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready! Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **ADVENT**.



Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Traditional Advent wreaths have a candle to light on each Sunday of Advent which reminds us of the light that Christ brings into our world.

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm  
Sunday Mass times 9am  
Weekday mass times:  
Tuesdays 7pm,  
Thursdays 10am

### Our Advent journey

