

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2025

Spring Term 1, week 6
Virtue: Simplicity

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Weekly News

What a busy week we have had with our Cafod visitor who complemented our lovely school. He mentioned how the moment you step into the school, you can tell there is a special spark of love from the children and staff, which was just such a beautiful reflection of our school mission. We also had a focus of children's mental health week, online safety day and of all things number related for our NSPCC fundraising! Thank you for all your support and donations, we will provide the fundraising total after the holidays. Thank you to all who volunteered to make the 2 discos such a great success! I have not experienced a silent disco before, but the buzz in the hall was amazing ~ the children loved it! Thank you to our PTA for such a great idea and the time to organize such a memorable event for the children. I look forward to seeing the grand total of (and which class has won) the penny wars 2026! Thank you for your contributions! Miss Goodall sent a Lenten flyer last week with details of our weekly class fundraisers for the school (in aid of the Good Shepherd appeal) that is taking place after the holidays until Easter, do have a look through if you can, to see the activities come up. I am also very excited to announce our new website platform is almost ready, just a few graphic tweaks but all being well it will be live the first week back. There will be an app linked to the site to allow more live connectivity for reminders & notifications; more information to follow soon. Thank you to Miss Haley for her photography skills too! Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

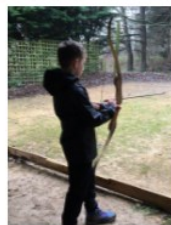


See you on Monday 23rd February! Don't forget parents of Years 1-6 are welcome to join a Maths stay & learn session after drop off on 24th Feb.

Mrs Gibbons

Year 6 residential...

What a brilliant time our Year 6 children had this week whilst on their Residential visit to Herd Farm. Well done Year 6 for pushing yourself to achieve and overcome challenges! We missed you when you were away!



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Dates for your diary:

Ash Wednesday - 7pm at church	18th Feb
School opens for Spring 2 half term	23rd Feb
8:45am Nursery, 8:50am R-Y6	
Year 1 leading Lenten toast selling, 20p slice	23rd - 26th Feb
Stay & learn - Years 1-6: Maths session to 9:30am	24th Feb
EYFS / KS1 Live Music workshop	24th Feb
KS2 Live Music workshop ~ Brazilian Samba	26th Feb
Y3 Reconciliation classes	27th / 28th Feb
Year 2 leading Lenten guess name of bunny, 20p	2nd - 6th March
PTA meeting - 6:0pm	2nd March
Year 1 Den building day	3rd March

Celebration certificates

Classes with the best attendance this week is:

Year 6

School attendance this week:

97.5%

Celebration certificates

Reception	Benjamin
Year 1	Alex
Year 2	Zak
Year 3	Johns
Year 4	Hendrix
Year 5	Francis
Year 6	Harry Fr

Governor award

Reception	Sophia Mae & Alex Po
Year 1	Mylie & Kevin
Year 2	Rafael & Reuben
Year 3	Alaya & Pahpael
Year 4	Jamie & Stephanie
Year 5	Leo & Emily P
Year 6	Jessica & William

Virtue certificate

Reception	Vanessa
Year 1	Sienna
Year 2	Klara
Year 3	Madison
Year 4	James
Year 5	Nia
Year 6	Lucas

Health Schools update

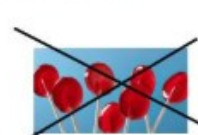
Please be reminded that the foods highlighted in red below should not be included in your child's packed lunch. We currently have a small number of children who are still bringing sweets to eat at lunchtime. Our packed lunch policy works in line with our school meals policy to ensure that all children have a healthy and nutritious meal during the school day. Over the coming weeks, our Food Ambassadors will be sharing some healthy and nutritious alternatives as part of our updated packed lunch guide. Thank you for your continued support.

St Francis Food ambassadors!

Red Foods/Drinks

These foods should not be included in a healthy packed lunch box.

Sweets, Lollipops and Chocolate Bars



Fizzy and Energy Drinks



Nuts - Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** any nuts or nut based foods.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Policy update

Governors have ratified an updated complaints policy, communications policy and our home school agreements. Our website host have managed to get links live, if these crash / do not work, not to worry as they are ready to go live on our new website that will be launched after the half term break!

Early Years

In Nursery, we have learnt all about positional language in Maths, we helped our teachers to move the teddy on, under, in front of and behind the chair! We learn tall about Chinese New Year in provision this week and particularly enjoyed making our own dragons after watching a video of a traditional dragon dance!



In RE, Reception have been learning the parable of The Good Samaritan. We have enjoyed acting it out in provision. We have also been learning all about Chinese New Year! We have been exploring our Chinese Café in provision and been making lanterns and playdough dragons! We were also very lucky to come together with Nursery and learn more about Chinese New Year from Mrs Chan and enjoy some traditional Chinese food.

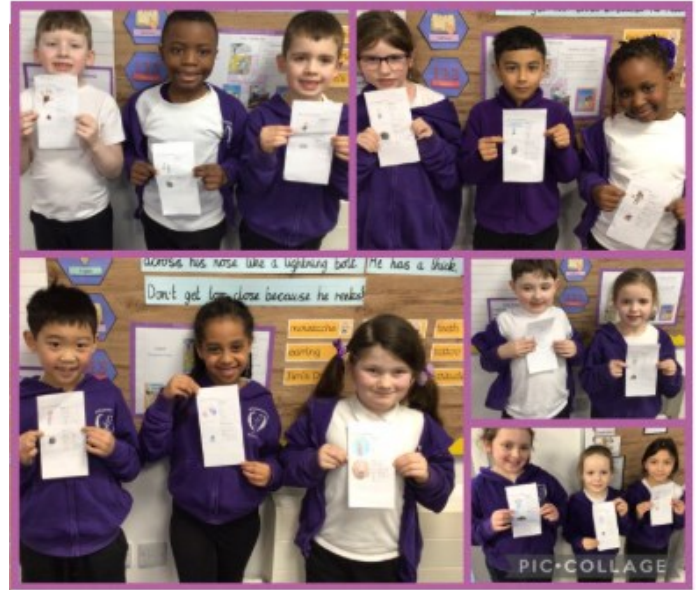
Key Stage 1

This week year 1 did some Art in the style of Beatrix Potter as part of our work on our Scientist in Science. We have also finished writing our story 'The gigantic Turnip'.



In Year 2 we have been creating our own artwork pieces to show how water is a symbol of new life. In maths we have been using arrays to solve multiplication sentences.

Health Schools update ~ online safety day & children's mental health week



This year there has been a focus for online safety around using 'smart tech' in a safe way (making safe choices) and responsible use of AI; exploring what AI is all about.

The Children's mental health week focus has linked into our children's understanding of 'This is my place', looking at the theme of belonging to different communities.



Time for a Spring clear out! Mrs Iddison and Stewards of Creation are organising a fancy dress swap the week before World Book Day. Please see the poster for details.



Academic Calendar 2025-26

Start of Spring 2 half term *Monday 23rd February 2026*

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*

Academic Calendar 2026-27

Start of Autumn 2026 *Wednesday 2nd Sept 26*

End of Autumn 1 half term *Wednesday 21st October 26*

School dinner menu - Spring 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 2026

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 name text here
N4 Week ONE
W1C 22/02, 16/03, 27/04, 19/05, 06/06, 29/06, 20/07

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham and Pepper Quiche Baby New Potatoes	Breaded Chicken with Katsu Curry Sauce Sunshine Rice	Roast Pork with Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Battered Fish (H) Chips
Meat Free	Vegetarian Super Five Pasta (V)(H)	Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)(H) Baby New Potatoes	Vegetarian Brunch Muffin (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Sausage with Stuffing (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetable Samosa with Yoghurt and Mint Sauce (V)(H) Masala Potato Salad
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (H) Baby New Potatoes (H)	Cheddar Cheese Wrap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Soft Filled Roll with either Roast Pork or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Chips
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Coleslaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Crunch (H)		Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)
Desserts	Ice Cream with Homemade Berry Sauce	Apple and Yoghurt Sponge with Creamy Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cookies with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Cheese and Crackers with Apple Wedges	Fudgy Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Fruit

YUM!

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:

Deli

Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.

Spud Station

Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

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

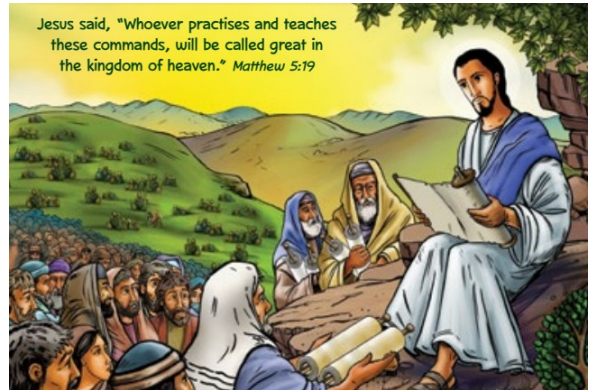
Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

6th Sunday of ordinary time

Jesus said, "Whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:19*



Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not imagine that I have come to destroy what the Law or the Prophets taught. No, I have come to make them complete – to show you what they meant. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke of

a pen, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday
18th February, 7pm @ church.

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