

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2024

Autumn Term 1, week 5  
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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome



What an exciting day of celebration we have had today to celebrate our school patron saint: St Francis! Here are a selection of images of our Catholic Social teaching activities, where the children have learnt of St Francis' mission, stewardship of creation and attended mass in celebration.

Our celebrations will continue on Monday with Year 3 leading a service of thanksgiving to St Francis at 2:45pm. More than Dance will be celebrating St Francis day with us on Monday as well as celebrating the jubilee Year of Hope, through Dance.



St Francis Day! 🍷



Thank you to our wonderful 5 parents who put themselves forward to be part of our school leadership team through the role of Parent Governor. A huge thank you to all who took the time to vote, there were over 120 votes! Congratulations to Mrs Joyce, on behalf of the governing body welcome to the committee.

What a busy week of exciting learning opportunities from Years 2 & 5 learning about Carbon monoxide safety (sessions for Y3,4 & 6 to follow in November), to national Poetry day, to our annual visit from the Wonderdome. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram & Facebook to see what we have been up to throughout the week!

Thank you to our PTA for organizing a special St Francis day fundraiser afterschool. A little reminder that the next meeting will be on Monday, 6pm in School ~ all welcome along to support the planning of Autumn events.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons

### Parents evening

Parents evening letters have been sent home this week and the time sheets available to sign up to a slot since Wednesday. Time sheets will remain available in classes and at the main entrance ~ for parents who use breakfast or afterschool club.

We will contact parents who have not managed to make an appointment towards the end of next week.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you all to discuss your child's transitional progress. Please do bring the comments slips along with you as we love to share these together.



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#### Dates for your diary:

St Francis day celebrations 6th Oct

Y3 St Francis day service, 2:45pm parents welcome 6th Oct

Y5 Class Mass— 10am 9th Oct

Celebration assembly - all welcome, 3pm in school 10th October

Harvest service led by Y4 ~ 2:45pm 14th October

Parents evenings 14th & 16th Oct

PTA event ~ pumpkin patch 19th Oct

Open evening ~ EYFS '26 20th Oct

Y5 Space workshop 22nd Oct

Digital leaders NSPCC celebration 22nd Oct

Is your child due to start secondary school in 2026?



Apply now!

You can apply online until **Friday 31 October 2025** for a Year 7 place in **September 2026**

[www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

## Uniform reminder

Just a couple of reminders about uniform as there are several children not coming to school in the correct uniform. All children wear indoor pumps and these are kept in school. Our PE kit consists of black shorts / plain black jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and logoed purple zipped jacket or hoodie.

Last year we had a transitional year of allowing the black zip-jackets but these are not part of our school uniform as of September 2025. Several children have also been wearing branded sports kits, these are also not school uniform, please only send your child in unbranded items as described above for PE kit.

## Mini Vinnie Harvest Collection

It is that time of year again where we come together in thanksgiving for the wonderful creation that God has given us and we thank him for providing all we need. We know that there are many less fortunate than ourselves and we ask for any donations (ideally of non-perishable) foods that our Mini Vinnies can distribute to food banks and those in need across our local community and city. Children are welcome to decorate shoe boxes holding food items as per our school tradition. Please can all donations be sent to school by Tuesday 14th October, ahead of Year 4's Harvest service and distribution to charities.



Is your child due to start school in September 2026? Or are you looking for a child's Nursery place? We would love to welcome you to visit our wonderful school community on the following dates:




Open Evenings:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 17:00 – 18:00

Open Day: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We are offering tours of the school at 10am and 2pm.

This is open for prospective parents of Reception aged children from September 2026 and Nursery children from aged 3.

Please contact the school (0113 323 0554) for further information.

## Lower Key Stage 2

This week in Year 3, we have enjoyed learning more about how our homes have changed over time. We worked in groups to order the telephones from the oldest to the most modern. We even had the extra challenge of doing it silently!



This week in Year 4, we worked in groups to research facts about Ancient Egypt using Ipads and books to write a non-chronological report.

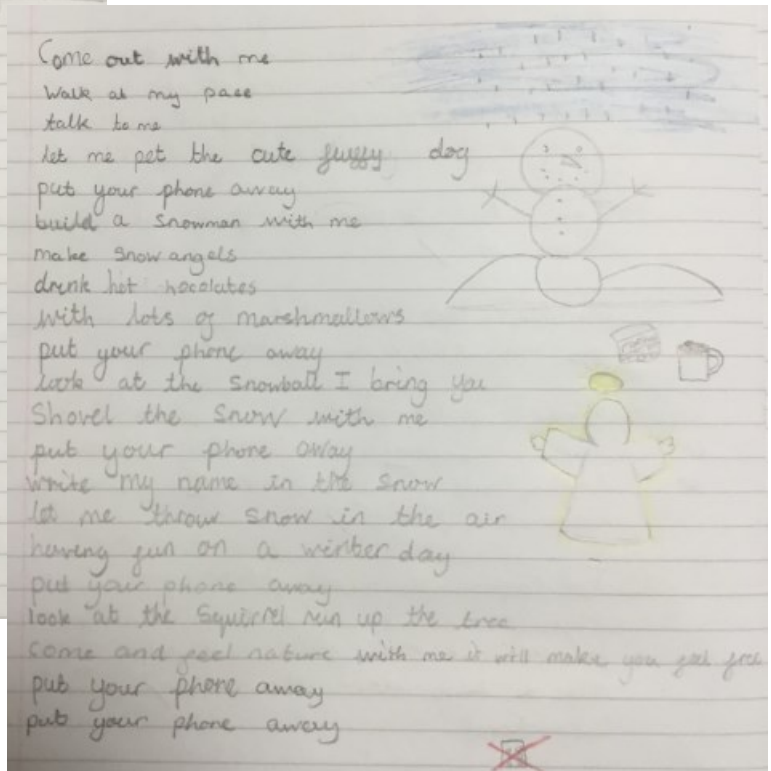
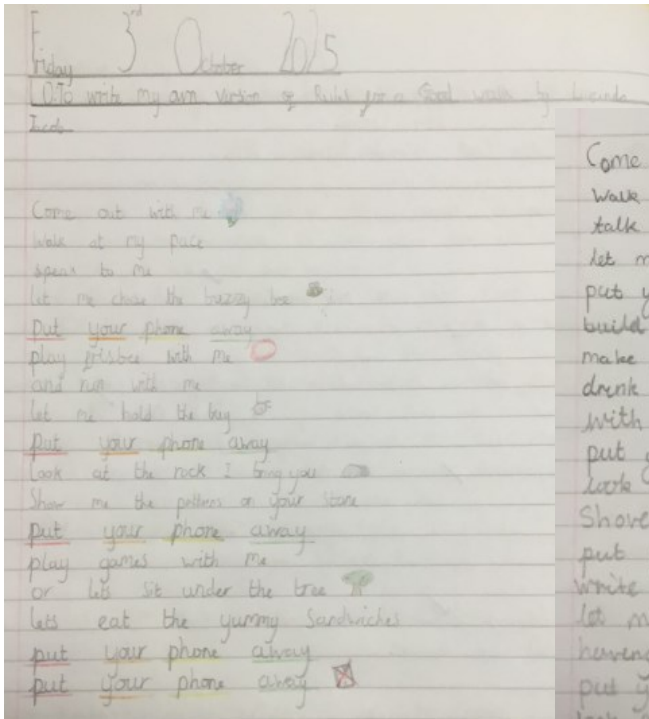
## Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have been studying the poem *Is that a playground?* by Michaela Morgan. We looked at the rhyming pattern, the structure of the stanzas and then had a go at writing our own. Some children even performed their poems to the class! Well done Year 5!



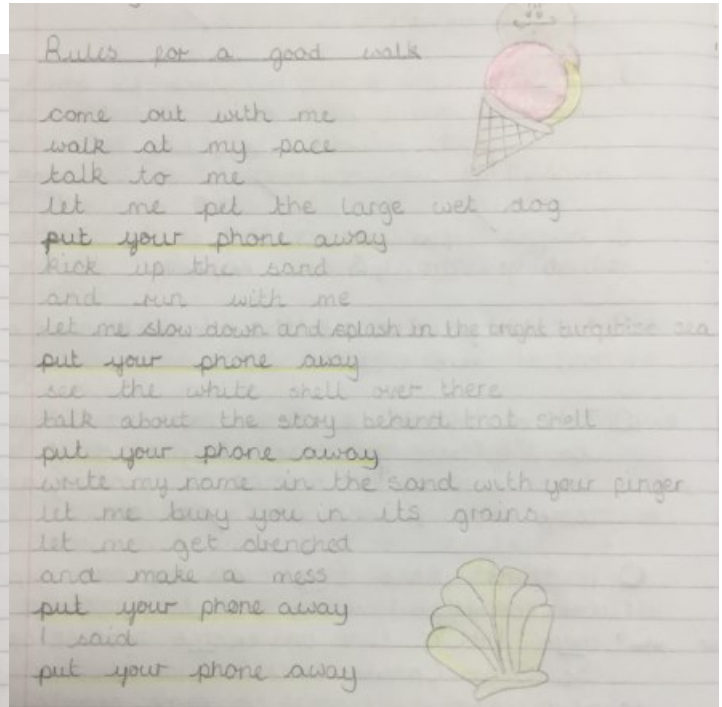
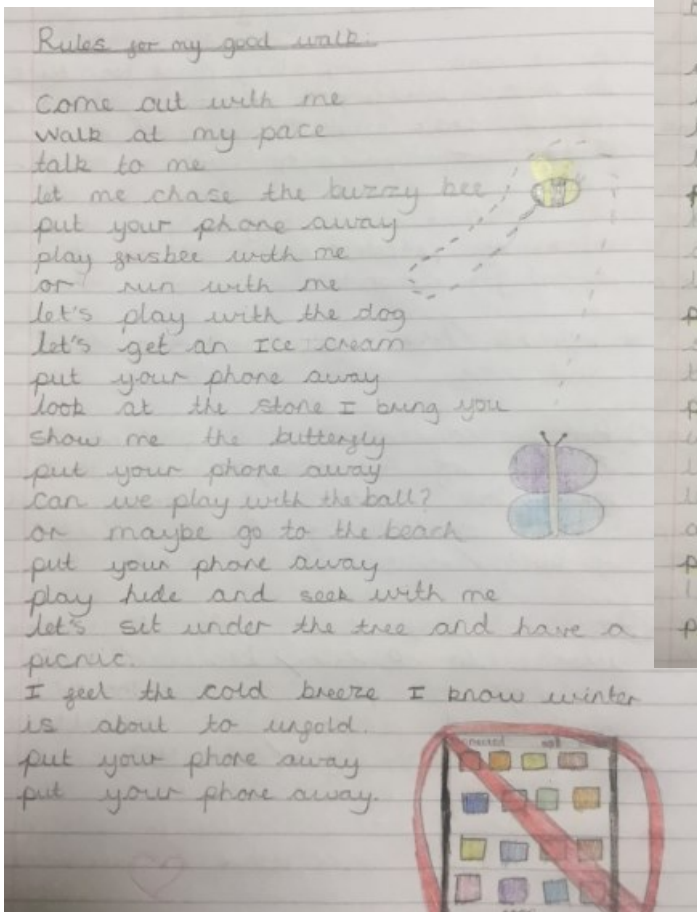
In Year 6 this week, we have learnt how to create a lino print, inspired by Henry Moore. We have designed them to show our focus area of perspective. We are really looking forward to our final pieces.

# National Poetry day



Thursday was national poetry day and children across school participated in a range of poetry activities. Here is some of Year 6's poetic creations!

Live readings can be viewed on our social media platforms.



## Academic Calendar 2025-26

**Inset days –** 1st / 2nd Sep  
**School closed** September 2025

**New School Year begins** Wednesday  
3rd September

End of half term Thursday  
23rd October

**Inset day ~** Friday 24th  
**School closed** October

Start of Autumn 2 Monday 3rd  
November

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

## 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.

SCHOOL: Morley St Francis

Week 3 w/c 15/09/2025 06/10/2025

### LUNCHTIME MENU

Menus are subject to availability



| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Crispy Chicken Bites with Tomato Dip<br>Jacket Wedges<br>Seasonal Vegetables         | Margherita Pizza (V)(H)<br>Baby Baked Potatoes<br>Seasonal Vegetables | Beef Lasagne<br>Seasonal Vegetables            | Pork Sausage<br>Yorkshire Pudding<br>Mashed and Roast Potatoes<br>Seasonal Vegetables                  | Golden Fish Nuggets (H)<br>Chips<br>Seasonal Vegetables          |
| Vegetarian Sausage in a Finger Roll (VE) (H)<br>Jacket Wedges<br>Seasonal Vegetables | Vegetarian Bolognese (VE)(H)<br>Pasta<br>Seasonal Vegetables          | Vegetable Curry<br>Rice<br>Seasonal Vegetables | Veggie Balls in Gravy (VE)(H)<br>Yorkshire Pudding<br>Mashed and Roast Potatoes<br>Seasonal Vegetables | Crispy Vegetable Fingers (VE)(H)<br>Chips<br>Seasonal Vegetables |
| Tuna and Sweetcorn Sandwich (H)<br>Jacket Wedges                                     | Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H)<br>Baby Baked Potatoes                      | Cheese Bap (V)(H)<br>Rice Salad                | Veggie Ball Baguette (V)(H)<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Seasonal Vegetables                                   | Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H)<br>Chips                                |
| Jacket Potato<br>Cheese (V)(H)   | Jacket Potato<br>Vegetarian Bolognese (VE)(H)                         | Jacket Potato<br>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)           |  | Jacket Potato<br>Baked Beans (V)(H)                              |
| Ice Cream with Summer Fruit Sauce  | Marble Sponge and Custard   | Sprinkle Cookies<br>Fresh Fruit                | Sponge Cake  | Flapjack<br>Fresh Fruit Wedges                                   |



## Safeguarding

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

**Mrs Gibbons**  
Headteacher & SENDCO

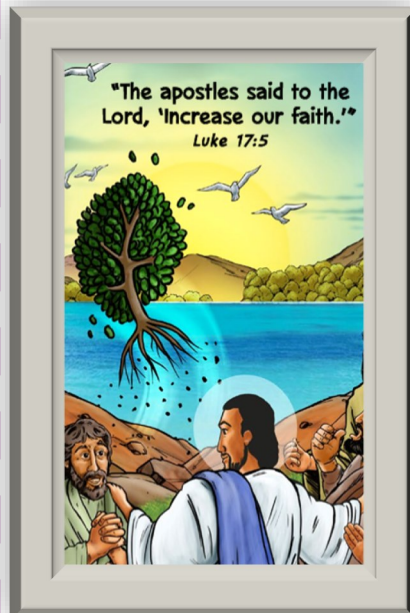
**Miss Grayston**  
Assistant Headteacher

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

## 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time



“Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these.” St Ignatius of Antioch

It is said that faith can ‘move mountains’. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God. Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how we see the world — it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength, and help us keep growing in our love for one another. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Enjoy exploring this Sunday’s Gospel and this week’s word, which is **FAITH**.

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:

Tuesdays 7pm,

Thursdays 10am