

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 21st November  
2025

Autumn Term 2, week 3  
Virtue: Hope

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome



This week we have been busy thinking about Road safety and how we can stay safe when we travel. We have also had Years 2 & 6 join parishioners'

for their class mass. You may have also seen a special letter inviting families to join us next Sunday 30th November for an Advent family mass. If you and your child are able to attend, please let us know via the link in the letter by Tuesday, so that we can allocate ministry roles such as readings and offertory to your children. Well done to **St Andrews** and **St David's**

house teams for winning this weeks' battle of the houses on TTRS!

Miss Haley, the Mini Vinies and I have been so overjoyed with our school communities generosity for the baby advent calendar and shoe boxes. We can not thank you all enough for your love and kindness for those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas time.

Thank you all so so much. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday!

Mrs Gibbons



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### Dates for your diary:

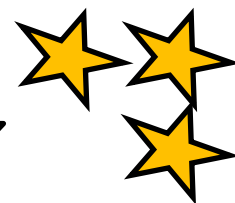
Y3+5 Class mass, 10am	27th Nov
PTA event ~ advent wreath making. 6:30pm	27th Nov
Y6 take over & Preparing for advent day	28th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm ~ all welcome	28th Nov
Family Advent Mass 9am	30th Nov
Advent praise 1 ~ led by Year 3	1st Dec
Winter Voices concert	1st Dec
EYFS nativity ~ 2pm (ticket needed)	2nd Dec
PTA event ~ Christmas movie nights	3rd & 4th Dec
KS2 VR headset workshop	4th Dec
Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation	4th Dec

## 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 Friday 28th November. There are 100 house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



# Celebration certificates



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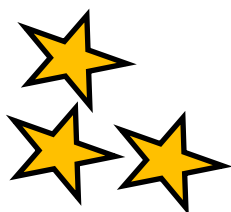
Reception	Maya
Year 1	Noah M
Year 2	Klara
Year 3	Scarlett
Year 4	Sean
Year 5	Joseph Fo
Year 6	Tilly

**School attendance  
this week:  
98.4%**

## Virtue certificate

Reception	Edie
Year 1	Alex
Year 2	Etta
Year 3	Soliana
Year 4	Delilah
Year 5	Jack L
Year 6	Niamh H

**Classes with the  
best attendance  
this week is:  
Year 5  
100! Well done  
children!**



## Y2 Den building



Despite the weather, Year 2 had a brilliant time den building this week. They worked as a team to construct a lavvu tent and then made miniature homes for the woodland creatures. To finish off the day we explored a range of animals bones and skulls.



## Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3, we have had a busy week! In Science we were learning about friction and in PE about how to defend in tag rugby. In French we were learning how to ask each other our names.



This week in Year 4, we were writing our own poems to perform them in music. We had to think about the tempo and dynamics when we were performing.

## Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have been looking at climate graphs for different biomes. We compared the precipitation and temperatures of places all around the world.



In Year 6 this week, we really enjoyed our class library session and having the opportunity to share and discuss books together.



## Key dates for this half term...



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - PTA event: Adult wreath making, 7pm in school  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 take over day! Preparing for Advent day in school  
 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.

\*More information regarding Christmas nativities to follow, i.e. ticket entry & recording.



## 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.

# Plea from our Mini Vinnies...

## Toy swap!

Why not have a look at toys that you may want to gift for Christmas for free!



**Christmas Toy Swap**

Classroom doors will open at 8.40am on Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Nov so parents can take childfree look around.

Classroom doors will close at 3.45pm on Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Nov so parents can take childfree look around.

Are you sorting through your old toys ready for Christmas? Could you donate any toys you no longer need to help others?

St Francis Mini Vinnie's are seeking donations of toys, in good working condition, that can be redistributed to families in school.

DONATIONS to be brought into school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Toy swap sessions will be in the hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November



**WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**  
NOVEMBER 27TH  
6:30PM  
TICKETS £25

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS**  
3RD DECEMBER  
4TH DECEMBER  
TICKETS £5  
INCLUDES A HOTDOG, DRINK & POPCORN

Coming Up This Term!

*Christmas*  
EVENTS

Break the rules!...

**CHRISTMAS THEMED**  
DECEMBER 12TH  
RULE BREAK INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**Christmas FAYRE**  
2PM-4PM  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

**PTA events... going live on School money today!**

## Nursery places September 2026

We are now taking bookings for Nursery places for September 2026. If your child will be three in 2026 or 2027, don't forget to fill out an application form to reserve a place for your child. Application forms are available from the school office. We offer 30-hour places as well as 15-hour part-time places. Nursery children can also have access to our Before and After School club provision (7:30am - 6pm). We are already down to last 5 places available in our school nursery. If you know you will be wanting to have a place, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure there is a place for your child, to avoid any disappointment!



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

Leeds City Council  
Child Friendly Leeds

## 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

School: Morley St Francis Primary  
**5 CHOICE STANDARD Week ONE**  
WC 03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25, 05/01/26, 26/01/26

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Cook's special</b> Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.</li> <li> <b>World wide</b> Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes.</li> <li> <b>Brain boosting</b> Proven packed dishes to support learning.</li> <li> <b>High 5</b> Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day.</li> <li> <b>Planet power</b> Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet.</li> <li> <b>Eat a rainbow</b> Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TASTY!</b> Mains <i>Choose your favourite!</i></p> <p><b>Meat Free</b> Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Deli</b> Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H) Steamed Rice Cauliflower &amp; Peas</p> <p><b>Spud Station</b> Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)</p> <p><b>Wow!</b> Jam &amp; Coconut Sponge with Creamy Custard</p>	<p><b>Meat Free</b> Chicken Pie with Puff Pastry Crust, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b> Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V)(H) Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Deli</b> Tuna Mayonnaise (H) Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) or Tuna Crunch</p> <p><b>Wow!</b> Melon Slices &amp; Home Baked Shortbread</p>	<p><b>Meat Free</b> Beef Chilli Con Carne with Baked Nachos and Rice, Peas &amp; Carrots</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b> Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Mashed Potato, Peas, Carrots &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Deli</b> Cheddar Cheese and Coleslaw (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> Tuna Mayonnaise (H) or Beef Chilli Con Carne</p> <p><b>Wow!</b> Flaky Apple &amp; Cinnamon Swirls</p>	<p><b>Meat Free</b> Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b> Vegetarian Savoury Grill, (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Deli</b> Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H) PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> <b>YUM!</b> Roast Dinner today!</p> <p><b>Wow!</b> Jelly &amp; Ice Cream</p>	<p><b>Meat Free</b> Fish Fingers, Chips &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b> Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)(H) Hash Brown &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p><b>Deli</b> Tuna Mayonnaise (H) Hash Brown PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> Baked Beans (V)(H)</p> <p><b>Wow!</b> Freshly Baked Chocolate Sprinkle Cookies Fresh Fruit Wedges</p>

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!

(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

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

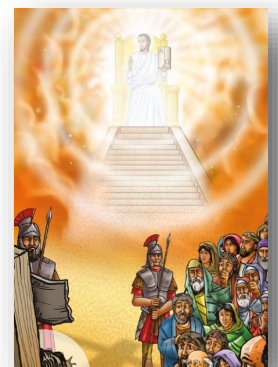
**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

**Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336**

## Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, the leaders, the soldiers and the people all mock Jesus as God's Chosen One and as king. Jesus' kingship is not one of military or political power, but one of love and mercy. Jesus forgave those who crucified him. He also showed mercy to the criminal who was sorry and called him to share in his kingdom – an offer Jesus also makes to us today. In life, we all make mistakes, but we never have to be afraid to ask God for forgiveness — God is pure mercy. Each one of us receives mercy as a gift from God, and it is a gift we are called to share with others too. Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Week's word, which is **MERCY**.

“Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love and the future to His providence.” and the future to His providence.” St Augustine of Hippo



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass: 9am

Weekday mass times: Tuesday 7pm,  
Thursday 10am