

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 19th December  
2025

Autumn Term 2, week 7  
Virtue: Patience

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

It really has been a magical week in School this week as we completed our final Christmas preparations together. From Year 5 leading our final advent praise, KS2 leading our Carol service, Year 6 leading our Christingle service

and our parties and Santa visit. Once again a huge thank you to the PTA volunteers for organising our

SANTA visit & gifts as well as our Elfridges shop. It was so lovely to also welcome our Early Years parents and grandparents to a festive stay & play and our annual Carols and mince pie afternoon for grandparents.

This time of year is so special for our children to see the happiness, love and joy of the festivities. Thank you to all our school and parish community for the kindness, gratitude and joy you have given to all the staff through your support. We really love to work in partnership with you and your appreciation means so much to us. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas & a Happy New Year!

See you on Monday 5th January 2026 @ 8:50am!  
Mrs Gibbons



## Healthy Schools update

As Christmas approaches, many children will be excited to unwrap new phones, tablets, or gaming devices. While these gifts bring fun and learning, they also open the door to the online world. Taking a few simple steps can help keep your child safe from inappropriate content, online scams, and unwanted contact.

Before devices are switched on, set up parental controls, talk to your child about staying safe online, and agree on clear rules for screen time and app use. Remind them never to share personal information and to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable.

A little preparation now can help ensure technology is a positive and safe part of your child's Christmas and beyond. If you would like to find out more information about online safety, you can visit the [NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) website.



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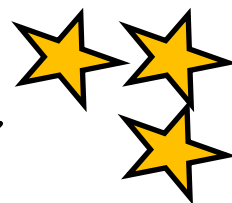
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### Dates for your diary:

|                                                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Children's Christmas eve Mass, 3:45pm           | 24th Dec     |
| School reopens for Spring term.                 | 5th Jan 2026 |
| Epiphany Mass Y2 -6, 10am                       | 6th Jan      |
| Panto for EYFS & KS1                            | 6th Jan      |
| Y3 Stone age day                                | 8th Jan      |
| Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm      | 9th Jan      |
| Y2 Fire! Fire! Workshop day                     | 12th January |
| Year 1 parents phonics meeting, 3:30pm in class | 12th January |
| Y5/6 Morley Library visit                       | 14th January |
| Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm      | 16th January |
| Clubs commence for 8 weeks                      | 19th Jan     |



# Celebration certificates



## Celebration certificates

|           |         |
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| Reception | Rman    |
| Year 1    |         |
| Year 2    | Etta    |
| Year 3    | Freddie |
| Year 4    | Austin  |
| Year 5    | Olivia  |
| Year 6    | Jessica |

**School attendance this week:**  
**96%**

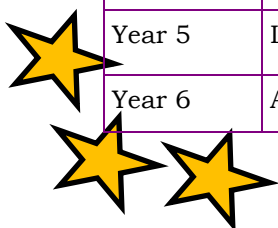
**Classes with the best attendance this week is:**  
**Year 2**

## Virtue certificate

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|-----------|-----------|
| Reception | Francesca |
| Year 1    | Theo      |
| Year 2    | Chloe     |
| Year 3    | Felicity  |
| Year 4    | Arthur    |
| Year 5    | Jack      |
| Year 6    | Orla      |

## Governors award

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Nursery   | Mabel & Noah      |
| Reception | Mildred & Seth    |
| Year 1    | Noah M & Zofia    |
| Year 2    | Klara & Shantelle |
| Year 3    | Millie & Johns    |
| Year 4    | Sean & Emily      |
| Year 5    | Luca & Hailey     |
| Year 6    | Arley & Saron     |



**Well done to Year 2 for winning the highest class attendance overall for the whole of Autumn term!**



## Morley cluster councilors 5025 - 2026!

Well done to two of our Y6 School Councilors who represented our school at the cluster council meeting and even read a manifesto in a bid to be the chair or vice chair of the Morley council this year! We are so proud of you both for your confidence and resilience! Congratulations Nathan for being nominated as the Morley cluster council chair this year!



## 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.

## Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3, we have enjoyed reading all about the lost reindeer! We also enjoyed going on the Morley Christmas Trail!



This week in Year 4, we went on a trip to the Pudsey Civic hall to see a live orchestra perform Snowman and Snowdog. We all really enjoyed it!

## Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5 led our Advent praise this week, we reflected on our Advent promises and keep working towards them throughout the rest of December.



In Year 6 this week, we have enjoyed exploring a range of physical features of North America using atlases.



### 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.

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

## 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 - 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 25/26

School: Morley St Francis Primary  
**5 CHOICE STANDARD Week ONE**  
W/C 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.

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| <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><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><br/>Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.</li> <li> <b>World wise</b><br/>Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes.</li> <li> <b>Brain boosting</b><br/>Protein packed dishes to support learning.</li> <li> <b>High 5</b><br/>Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day.</li> <li> <b>Planet power</b><br/>Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet.</li> <li> <b>Eat a rainbow</b><br/>Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits.</li> </ul> | <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>TASTY!</b><br/>Mains<br/><i>Choose the best every day!</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>Meat Free</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>Dairy</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>Spud Station</b><br/><i>Choose from a variety of our delicious potato dishes!</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>Desserts</b><br/><i>Choose from a variety of our delicious puddings!</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;"><b>WOW!</b></p> | <p><b>Margherita Pizza (V)(H)</b><br/>Baby Baked Potatoes<br/>Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)</b><br/>Steamed Rice<br/>Cauliflower &amp; Peas</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</b><br/>Baby Baked Potatoes<br/>PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)</b></p> <p><b>Jam &amp; Coconut Sponge with Creamy Custard</b></p> | <p><b>Chicken Pie with Puff Pastry Crust, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots &amp; Gravy</b></p> <p><b>Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V)(H)</b><br/>Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b><br/>Homemade Jacket Wedges<br/>PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) or Tuna Crunch</b></p> <p><b>Melon Slices &amp; Home Baked Shortbread</b></p> | <p><b>Beef Chilli Con Carne with Baked Nachos and Rice, Peas &amp; Carrots</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H)</b><br/>Mashed Potato, Peas, Carrots &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese and Cakeslaw (V)(H)</b><br/>Baby Baked Potatoes<br/>PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H) or Beef Chilli Con Carne</b></p> <p><b>Flaky Apple &amp; Cinnamon Swirls</b></p> | <p><b>Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, &amp; Gravy</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian Savoury Grill, (VE)(H)</b><br/>Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, &amp; Gravy</p> <p><b>Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H)</b><br/>PYO Salad Bar</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">YUM!<br/>Roast Dinner today!</p> <p><b>Jelly &amp; Ice Cream</b></p> | <p><b>Fish Fingers, Chips &amp; Baked Beans</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)(H)</b><br/>Hash Brown &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b><br/>Hash Brown<br/>PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Baked Beans (V)(H)</b></p> <p><b>Freshly Baked Chocolate Sprinkle Cookies</b><br/>Fresh Fruit Wedges</p> |

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!

V: VEGETARIAN H: HALAL P: PORK FREE  
**Allergen information is available on request. Special diets catered for.**

Don't forget to order your child's dinner before 8:50am daily! Dinners can be ordered weekly or for the full half term!

## 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**



## 4th Sunday of Advent

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was engaged to a man called Joseph; but before they could be married she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary so he made plans to break the engagement privately. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that she is going to have a son. You must name him Jesus, because he

will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had told him to do and took Mary into his home as his wife.



"Mary is the first and most perfect model of Jesus."  
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:

Tuesday -7pm

Thursdays- 10am

