

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2025

Autumn Term 1, week 7  
Virtue: Thankfulness

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome



A big heart felt thanks to all who gave so generously to our Harvest collection. The food items collected have now been donated to the local Morley food bank, St George's Crypt and SVP food banks. Well done to Year 4 who presented the true meaning of harvest when thinking of our Catholic mission through the Catholic

Social Teachings as the late Pope Francis called us all to play our part in.

Thank you to our local Coop Community champion for asking our children to be involved in the Remembrance day display that will be featured in the window of the Morley funeral home over the coming weeks. The children loved painting their hands and can't wait to see the poppy display this will create in remembrance of loved ones we think of during November.

It has been wonderful to have such lovely discussions with you all this week during parents evening and to hear of how well your children have settled into their new classes this academic year and of the enjoyment in their learning.

I look forward to seeing families on Sunday at the pumpkin patch. A big thank you to the PTA for their time organising another lovely community event for our families.

A little reminder for our Reception & Year 6 families that we have our Welcome service on Thursday, 9:10am in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons



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### Dates for your diary:

PTA event ~ pumpkin patch	19th Oct
Open evening ~ EYFS '26, 5-6pm	20th Oct
Y5 Space workshop	22nd Oct
Digital leaders NSPCC celebration	22nd Oct
Reception welcome service, 9:10am led by Year 6	23rd Oct
End of half term ~ 3:30pm school	23rd Oct
Inset day ~ School closed to children	24th Oct
School reopens for Autumn 2 ~ 8:50am start of day	3rd Nov 2025
Y3 class trip	5th Nov
Open day ~ EYFS '26, 10am & 2pm	6th Nov
Mp Mark Seward parliament week school visit	7th Nov
Choir Winter voices trip	7th Nov

## Path resurfacing update

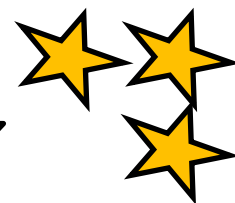
Just to update that the path running down the side of Years 4, 5 & 6 will remain closed Monday & Tuesday. Therefore, pick up and drop off will be as to the same arrangements as yesterday and today.

Years 4, 5, 6 enter through the hall door at the start of the school day.

Year 4 collection will be from the hall door and Years 5 & 6 will be from the back playground shelter. An update will follow should there be any further delays as the week progresses.

Thank you for your support and patience during this time of disruption.

## Celebration certificates



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Reception	Arthur
Year 1	Zofia
Year 2	Chloe
Year 3	Teddy
Year 4	Ariel
Year 5	Autumn
Year 6	Arley

**School attendance  
this week:  
96.8%**

### Governor award

Nursery	Patrick & Bonnie Blue
Reception	Max & Crystal
Year 1	Aarav & Luna
Year 2	Evelyn & Grace
Year 3	Maddison & Ally
Year 4	James & Ayla
Year 5	Autumn & Archie G
Year 6	Alex S & Ola

### Virtue certificate

Reception	Alex P
Year 1	Messi
Year 2	Rupert
Year 3	Alaya
Year 4	Emily
Year 5	Annabelle
Year 6	Isla

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

**Years 2 & 6**

## 500 Word challenge

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds** and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library. 50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at **Windsor Castle** in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by **Her Majesty Queen Camilla**. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with **The One Show** in early March. Our official panel of celebrity judges, **Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce** will return to crown our next winners.



**Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November.**

**To submit an entry please visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words)**

## TTRS battle of the bands result

Thank you to Mrs Pearson for organising yet another great battle of the bands, this time it was for our houses to play against each other. Congratulations to St David and St Patrick's house teams who beat St Andrews and St George.

Don't forget there is a weekly top 3 players for each class (Years 2-6) that is presented in assembly! Keep rocking those times tables children!

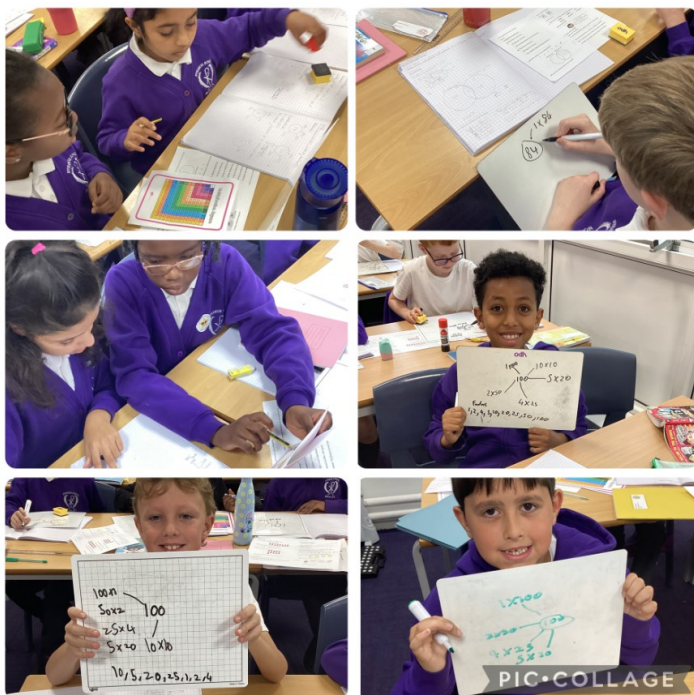
## Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3, we have been learning about Bob Marley in history for Black History Month. We moved between different stations to learn about different parts of his life!



This week in Year 4, we created a still image portrait of pyramids using oil pastels. We used lots of different techniques using the oil pastels to make the image as realistic as possible. They turned out great!

## Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5 we have been working hard on our multiplication and division topic, this week we have been learning about factors and common factors. Our brilliant times table knowledge has really helped us with our new learning!



In Year 6 this week, we have been working hard to develop our gymnastics and balancing skills.

## 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

SCHOOL: Morley St Francis

### LUNCHTIME MENU

Week 2 w/c 08/09/2025 29/09/2025  
20/10/2025

Menus are subject to availability



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mediterranean Vegetable & Chicken Pasta Bake Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Balls in a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce (VE)(H) Pasta Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Salmon Bites (H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)(H) Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Omelette (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)(H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Sandwich (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Hot Roast Chicken Baguette or Vegetarian Sausage Baguette (VE)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap (H) Chips
Jacket Potato Cheese and Crunchy Slaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato Cheese (V)(H)	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise(H)		Jacket Potato Baked Beans (V)(H)
Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cookie Fresh Fruit	Butterscotch Cookie Fresh Fruit	Lemon Sponge and Custard	Shortbread Cookie

Don't forget to preorder meals on School Grid before 8:50am for your child to have their dinner choice recorded.

Autumn 2 dinner menu will be sent out next week with a few exciting new choices coming onto our menu for Winter...custard is returning!!

## 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**

## 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus wanted to teach his disciples that they should always pray and never give up. So he told them a story. Jesus said, "There was a judge in a certain town who had neither fear of God nor respect for any other person. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time the judge refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for any other person, but since she keeps



pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will continue coming and worry me to death.'" Then Jesus said, "If even the unjust judge eventually helped this woman who didn't give up, then how much more will God, who is good, help those who pray to him every day."

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm  
Sunday Mass times 10am  
Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,  
Tuesday - Friday 10am

"Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another." Pope Benedict XVI