

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 10th October
2025

Autumn Term 1, week 6
Virtue: Thankfulness

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome



What a lovely start to the week we had with Danielle and Emily from More Than Dance teaching us how to show thanksgiving through dance. Our children were also given a gift of an anchor pin badge, as a reminder of the hope, love and faith in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

Today we marked World Mental Health Day through thinking of how we nurture and spend time to think positively, build resilience when we are faced with challenges and explored this year's theme of 'access to services - mental health in catastrophes and emergencies'. The theme highlights the im-

portance of people being able to protect their mental health in times of global instability'. If you or a relative feel that life is too great a challenge and you just need a moment to chat or do not know where to turn, please do come and speak to a member of staff, we are here to love and support all our families.

As we have parents evening next week there is a note on the afterschool club newsletter from staff to remind to collect as normal from the main office.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



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Dates for your diary:

Harvest service led by Y4 ~ 2:45pm	14th October
Parents evenings	14th & 16th Oct
Celebration assembly ~ 3pm, parents welcome	17th Oct
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 liturgy, 9:10am led by Year 6	23rd Oct
End of half term ~ 3:30pm school closes	23rd Oct
Inset day ~ School closed to children	24th Oct
School reopens for Autumn 2 ~ 8:50am start of day	3rd Nov 2025

Would you like to take me home? Can you help me remember my name? £1 to choose the name you think belongs to me - winner announced at the Pumpkin Patch (19th October)

Mini Vinnie's Harvest Shoe Box Appeal

At Harvest time each year, we ask the children and families of the St. Francis school community to kindly donate a Harvest shoe box to our collection for St. George's Crypt, St. Vincent de Paul and South Leeds Food Bank, wonderful local charities which provided care, compassion and support to homeless adults and vulnerable young people and families in Leeds.

How can you help?

If you are able to donate **non-perishable food items**, please place these into a shoe-sized box. They are collecting: tinned goods, including meats and fish, soup and stew, rice, pasta, tea, cereals, coffee, sugar, biscuits, powdered milk and long-life tins like custard and fruit.

It would be lovely if children could decorate their box to share their pride that by a small action, we can help others in a way that will make a big difference.

We will be delivering the boxes next week on **Tuesday 14th October** after our Harvest liturgy.

Thank you for your generosity,

The St. Francis Mini Vinnies



St. George's
Crypt



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action



**PUMPKIN
FESTIVAL '25**
19|10|25
@ SCHOOL
12PM-3PM

£7 PER FAMILY
INCLUDING 1 PUMPKIN
ADULT SUPERVISION IS
REQUIRED
£3 PER EXTRA
PUMPKIN

Tickets via the
Teacher2Parents app

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 20th October & Tuesday 18th
November 17:00 – 18:00

**Open Day: Thursday 6th 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.

Witnesses needed!

Sadly on Friday 3rd October, an assault took place at the zebra crossing at 3:30pm, where one of our parents was attacked whilst using the crossing. If anyone has any information, please contact the school office as the family are gathering details to support the relevant authorities.

Early Years

In Nursery, we had lots of fun designing our party hats in DT! We are looking forward to making them next week with our friends. We have also enjoyed exploring our provision theme of 'People Who Help Us' and was very creative making our own x-ray hands!



We have had a wonderful week in Reception!



On Monday, we welcomed in More than Dance and enjoyed some Liturgical dancing. Our RE learning has been focused on Prayer. We have learnt that Prayer is when we spend time with and speak to God. We have also been learning and practising the actions for the Sign of the Cross and understanding what these mean.



Key Stage 1



This week in Year 1 we have made pizza following instructions, looked at the kinds of games our Grandparents would have played and thought about how we are all a gift from God. What a busy week we have had! The children have worked incredibly hard!

In Art and Design Year 2 have sculpted their clay pinch pots. In RE we have been looking at the symbols used in Baptism. We have been reading an information text all about the Titanic disaster.



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

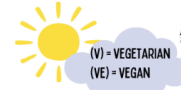
School dinner menu - Autumn Term

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 £2.70 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £3 per day.

SCHOOL: Morley St Francis
Week 1 w/c 01/09/2025 22/09/2025
13/10/2025

LUNCHTIME MENU

Menus are subject to availability



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Curry Rice Seasonal Vegetables	Pork Sausage Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish (H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Cheese and Onion Roll (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Cheesy Topped Ravioli (V)(H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Cheese Wrap (V)(H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Tuna Bap (H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich (V)(H) Jacket Wedges	Hot Roast Chicken Baguette or Vegetarian Sausage Baguette (VE)(H) Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (V)(H) Chips
Jacket Potato Chunky Tomato Sauce (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato Cheese (V)(H)	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise(H)		Jacket Potato Baked Beans (V)(H)
Ice Cream Sliced Peaches	Strawberry Jelly	Shortbread Cookie Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard	Apple Flapjack

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

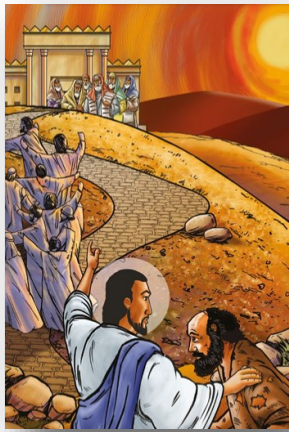
Miss Goodall
EYFS lead / Reception teacher

Mrs Harrison
HLTA / Learning mentor

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

28th Sunday of Ordinary time



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him. But what is due to God in our own lives? Surely our thankfulness would be a good answer to this question. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritans who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God. Being thankful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Enjoy a special Family Time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Week's word, which is **THANKFULNESS**.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope in our Families

Thankfulness strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that making the right response to God's kindness, with praise and thankfulness, brings great joy into our lives.

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

"In all things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give God thanks." of God, and give God thanks." St Teresa of Avila St Teresa of Avila