

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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Spring Term 2, week 2
Virtue: Love / Charity

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Weekly News



Thank you to St Francis parish for kindly inviting our Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy team to the world day of prayer service early today. We love being in church and apart of our parish community!

Thank you also to Fr Peter and our families who joined us on Wednesday for our penitential service, it was a really special time of reflection and prayer. Seeing the whole school bring their pebble (a symbol of their penance) to the foot of the cross was a really moving moment.

It was also a pleasure to hear John Burton's rendition of the Pilgrims progress delivered through a reenactment to our Years 4,5 and 6 children. Thank you to Cllr Dalton for organising this for our children.

You should have received several communications this week to: sign your child up to Cafod fasting lunch being held on Friday 13th March, sign up to parents evening times that are 'going live' Monday 9th March and details of St Patrick's day changes that have been put in place by LCC & the Parade committee as a safety measure. Please check your emails for further details or contact the school office should you have any queries.

On Wednesday 11th March, we will be welcoming More Than Dance back into School, please can all children wear their PE kit on Wednesday as a one off. Y1-6 Parents are also welcome to watch the Lenten reflection at 2:45pm, in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



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Dates for your diary:

Ducks arriving into Year 1!	9th March
STEM week - workshops across school supporting aspirations!	9-13th March
Year 6 leading Lenten guess the sweets in the jar!	9-13th March
More than Dance - PE kits today	11th March
Reception trip	11th March
Year 4 trip	12th March
Year 3 Class mass	12th March
EYFS stay & play (9-11am)	12th March
Y1 leading Mother's Day service, 9:10am	13th March
Celebration assembly - parents welcome, 3pm	13th March
Y3 Reconciliation classes	13th / 14th March

Early Years Mother's Day theme Stay and Play!

On Thursday 12th March we would like to welcome all of our Early Years Parents (Nursery & Reception) to a Mother's Day themed stay and play. The session will run from 9-11am. You are welcome to stay for the duration of the 2 hours or stay for as long as you can if you are working or have other commitments. Be prepared to get crafty!

Mother's Day family Mass!

On Sunday 15th March at 9am, we will be hosting our second family mass of the academic year. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to join with a parish to lead readings, offertory and prayers with our Parish. If you think you would be able to attend, please complete the form that was emailed out last week. This helps us to be able to provide the parts of ministry to the children who we know will be in attendance.

Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Aida
Year 1	Primrose
Year 2	Daisy
Year 3	Ally
Year 4	Arthur
Year 5	Eleanor
Year 6	Matthew

School attendance this week:
97.8%

Classes with the best attendance this week is:
Year 2

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Crystal
Year 1	Kevin
Year 2	Teddy
Year 3	Scarlett
Year 4	Sean
Year 5	Hailey
Year 6	Franklin



Mothers' Day shop!

Our PTA have organised a special Mother's Day gift shop that will be open in School for the children to pick their gifts! Simply add the number of gifts you would like your child to pick via school money and make the payment on there. All monies raised will go towards this years' projects of outdoor equipment & for new classroom SMART boards for each class! Supporting all children in school with their learning both indoor and out!

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Mother's Day Secret Shop!

We have a variety of gifts which your child can choose from during school hours, assisted by teachers. These will be wrapped and sent home in time for Mother's Day! Gifts can be for mothers, grandmothers, godmothers etc, multiple tickets can be purchased.

£3
per gift

Tickets are on
Teachers2Parents
App NOW!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Books for charity!

Do you have any books you no longer need at home?

The Mini Vinnie's are collecting unwanted books for the local Barnardo's Charity Shop in Morley Town centre.

Please bring them into school and pass onto Miss Haley or a Mini Vinnie by Friday 20th March.

Thank you for your support and generosity

St Francis Mini Vinnie's



Mothers' Day service!

Year 1 will be leading our Mother's Day service on Friday 13th March, 9:10am in School. All are welcome to attend.

Early Years

In Nursery, we have worked together during our RE learning this week. In small groups we have prepared our worship table for Lent, we made sure to take turns when adding the items onto the worship table and discussed the importance of them.



In Reception we have started to learn about Lent and have been thinking about the Seasons of the Church and what we have learnt so far. We have also been exploring the num-

bers 9 and 10 in Maths and have been representing them in different ways.



Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 we enjoyed our den building day where we built our own dens linking with our hot and cold places in Geography, made fairy houses with natural resources and even roasted some marshmallows! We also loved having our parents in the classroom to support us with our reading!



In Year 2 we have been cutting, grating and tasting vegetables in our new design technology unit. We have also started writing our explanation texts about how to care for a hamster. In RE this week we have been learning about the stages of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Huge
thank
you to**

all our families for such a brilliant World Book Day! It was lovely to celebrate our love of reading with families coming to our stay & learn as well as to dress up!



Spring term calendar of dates:

A little reminder of the dates that were sent out in January of the class events taking place during this half term.

Monday 9th March – Lenten fundraising: Guess the number of sweets in the jar led by Y6 all week & Year 1 ducks arriving 6th – 15th March – Science & Design Technology (STEM) week

Wednesday 11th March – Reception trip to 'The little town of Play'
- PTA event: Mothers' day shop

Thursday 12th March – Early Years writing parent workshop with Stay & Play, 9-11am, Mothers' Day theme
- Year 4 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- PTA event: Mothers' day shop

Friday 13th March – Mothers' Day service led by Y1, 9:10am, parents & grandparents welcome

Sunday 15th March – Lenten & Mother's Day family mass, 9am

Monday 16th March – Lenten fundraising: Smartie tube coin collection led by Y5 all week

Tuesday 17th March – Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall
- St Patrick's house members wear green

Thursday 19th March – Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall

Friday 20th March – Key Stage 1 Little Sing trip

Monday 23rd March – Lenten fundraising: Bun sale led by Nursery & Reception, 50p per cake all week

Tuesday 24th March - Inclusion coffee morning 9-10am in School, all welcome

Thursday 26th March – Year 5 Whitby Residential (parents meeting), 3:30pm in Y5 classroom.

Saturday 28th March – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30am at Church

Monday 30th March – **Holy Week**
- Lenten fundraising: Chocolate hamper led by Y3/4
- Palm Sunday service led by Y2, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 31st March – Year 3/4 Easter production, 2pm, parents welcome*

Wednesday 1st April – 9-10am: Stay and Play (Easter theme) all classes across School

Thursday 2nd April – Last Supper service led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome
- Stations of the Cross led by Y6
- Easter bonnets, eggs and gardens
- School closes for end of Spring Term at 3:30pm

***** Easter holiday: Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April 2026 *****

*More information regarding Easter production to follow, regarding ticket entry.

Monday 20th April – School opens for Summer term at 8:45am for Nursery and 8:50am for School

Thursday 23rd April – St George's house members wear green
- PTA event: EYFS sponsored bounce

28-30th April – Year 5 Residential to Whitby

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (School closed)

Lent through a Lense, Easter bonnets & gardens

Just a reminder of our Lenten competitions that are running this half term...

To take part, you will need to take a photograph of what Lent means to you. Look out for something that best represents Lent. It may help you to make a list of all the things that come to mind when you think of Lent. Remember that Lent is the old word for Spring, so you could also think of Spring images e.g. snowdrops, buds on trees, chicks, lambs.

Once you have taken your photograph, please either email it or hand it in to our Chaplaincy team via Miss Goodall along with 50p. You have until Wednesday 1st April to enter the competition.



We are inviting our Early Years & Key Stage 1 children to enter an Easter hat/bonnet and our Key Stage 2* children, they a competition entry of a themed Easter garden or egg. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and would like to enter a bonnet / hat, they are more than welcome to! The entry fee for the Easter competition will be a £1 per entry (which will be added to our Lenten fundraising for the Good Shepherd appeal) payable on the day of the competition. Please send the Easter competition entries into school with your child on Thursday 2nd April.

Academic Calendar 2025-26

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 term **Monday 1st June**

End of academic year **Friday 17th July**

Academic Calendar 2026-27

Start of Autumn 2026 **Wednesday 2nd Sept 26**

End of Autumn 1 half **Wednesday 21st October**

Start of Autumn 2 half **Monday 2nd November**

School dinner menu - Spring Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 2) 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 2026

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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N4 Week THREE

W/C 09/03, 30/03, 20/04, 11/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Tortilla Pizza (V)(H) Pasta Salad	Chicken Tikka Masala Rice and Naan Bread	Minced Beef Tacos Rice	Pork Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Fish Finger Butty (H) Tomato Ketchup Chips
Meat Free	Veggie Meatball Sub (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Crispy Topped Macaroni Cheese (V)(H)	Vegetarian Enchiladas (V)(H) Rice	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Crispy Vegetable Nuggets (VE)(H) Tomato Ketchup Chips
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham Bap Baby Baked Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Soft Filled Roll with either Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheddar Cheese Salad Wrap (V)(H) Chips
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)	Jacket Potato with Ham and Cheddar Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
Desserts	Banoffee Mousse	Carrot Cake with Creamy Custard	Chocolate-Orange Flapjack with Fresh Fruit	Strawberry Crunch Sundae	Raspberry Bun with Fresh Fruit Wedges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:



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

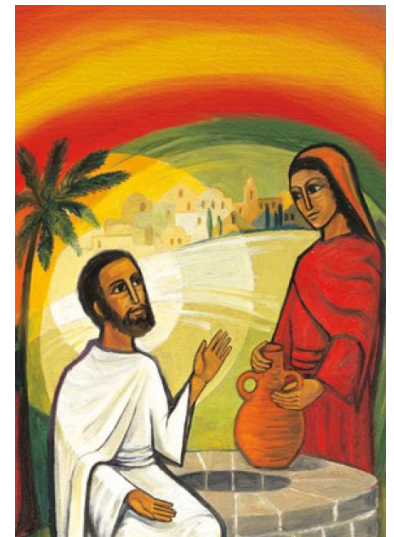
Mrs Lawson
School business Manager

Mrs Walker
Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

3rd Sunday of Lent

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other. Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are – and that includes us too! God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink. Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's words, which are **GOD'S LOVE**.



God's love is a spring of living water which flows constantly into the hearts of those who pray."

St Louis de Montfort

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:

Tuesday - 7pm

Thursday - 10am