

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



**Friday 18th
September 2026**

Autumn Term 1, week 3
Virtue: Love of learning

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Weekly news: Headteacher's Welcome

St Francis Jubilee Year Celebrations
Journeying together in faith, hope and love during this special year.

Monday 28th September Parent invitation to class CotW (9am)	Tuesday 29th September Altar Consecration – 7pm at church	Wednesday 30th September Captivating critters	Thursday 1st October Friars of renewal Mass in school & class visits	Friday 2nd October 2:30pm: Fr Peter Parent assembly
Sunday 4th October 9am Family Mass	Monday 5th October More than Dance 2:45pm Y3 St Francis Service	Tuesday 6th October Y4-6 shared Mass at the Cathedral Sisters of Renewal	Thursday 8th October Sponsor Mrs Gibbons' 'Big Charity Sleep'	

May St Francis inspire us all to be instruments of peace, hope and love.

Huge thank you for all the support and kindness during our parents' curriculum information evenings. If you were unable to attend, not to worry to slides will be on the class website page by the end of the week.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up as we have our celebrations for St Francis feast day. Here is the overview of information sent out earlier this week.

It has been very upsetting to hear of parents messaging other parents regarding school details. Please can I remind parents that school issues are to be discussed with school staff. Messaging parents can be intimidating and upsetting. The way we behave as adults is a model to our children. We are a community that supports each other. Please use the correct avenues to communicate concerns or worries directly to school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

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Dates for your diary:

Mini Vinnie Mass	Wednesday 23 rd Sept
Y5 Class Mass, 10am	Thursday 24 th Sept
MV fundraising: Macmillan bun sale	Friday 25 th Sept
Celebration assembly, 3pm	Friday 25 th Sept (parents welcome)
Y6 Confirmation classes	Fri 25 th / Sat 26 th Sept
Stay & Pray (CotW) 9am Parents invited into classes	28 th Sept
Mindmate parent session, 9:20am	28 th Sept
Consecration of the Altar, 7pm	29 th Sept
Captivating critters!	30 th Sept
Mass in School, 10am	1 st Oct
Fr Peter's Parent assembly	2 nd Oct

Our School mission in action:

It has been lovely to get our 'Silver Reader' programme up and running again. If you know of anyone in the community who may be more housebound or lonely and would like a child to call them to share a story over the phone weekly. Please let Mrs Gibbons know so she can set up the reading. On Friday time our newly elected Mini Vinnies will be hosting their first work of Mercy through a cake sale in aid of fundraising for Macmillan Cancer and Jeans for Genes. Please see details on the attached poster:

Mini Vinnie Cake Sale
Break time on Friday 25th September

Please bring in your donations of cakes, buns and biscuits to help us raise money for our chosen charities!

50p

JEANS FOR GENES

Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3, we have been using water colours to paint a piece of artwork that reflects the parable of the Good Samaritan!



This week in Year 4, we practiced our skipping skills ready for our skipping competition later on in the year!

Upper Key Stage 2

PTA updates

Thank you to all our committee members who attended the meeting earlier this week. Welcome to the new parents who came along to join for the first time too. It is always so lovely to come together as a community to plan the exciting activities for the children. What really stands out is the devotion of time that you as parents invest into our lovely school and of how positively you speak of the opportunities that together we put forth. We always say how much it means to us as a staff to know how valued we are for the time, nurture and support we provide to your children.

Reviewing the enjoyment & successful activities from last year such as the much-loved colour run, Summer Fayre, sponsored events for the children is always a highlight. The first big event of this term is the Pumpkin patch festival, more details to follow soon. The next meeting will take place on 12th October.



In Year 5, we have been busy learning the diameters of the planets and the distances between them. We create a to scale on the playground of the distances between the earth, sun and moon. Then we plotted a graph to show the diameters of the planets.

Keep our children safe

At the beginning of term we detailed a little change to how our online public facing media pages (mainly the school website, Facebook and Instagram) would have a slight change to how images of our children would be posted. Staff have already been putting this measure in place to protect our children from any potential malicious intent with images (mainly against AI).

Class Dojo is almost ready to share with families, just waiting for the final few families to set up their Arbor accounts and provide their consents. Once this is completed, we will then be able to share the class dojo community pages for classes.

As previously mentioned, this will be a lovely, positive communication stream for images to be shared from school with the treasure memories (forward facing images) created in school but locked only to our school community.

St Francis Catholic Primary School
Together in truth and Faith,
we learn and grow as God's family

WE'VE CHANGED THE ANGLE, NOT THE STORY
Celebrating every moment. Protecting every child.
Adapting how we share, in response to evolving safeguarding concerns.

- HANDS ON CONTENT**
Learning, exploring and creating without showing faces.
- BACKS OF HEADS**
We can still show the moments that matter.
- SIDE FACING PHOTOS (WITH PERMISSION)**
Only when we have consent from parents/carers. No front facing photos.

Together in truth and Faith

Celebration certificates & attendance

Look out for our new weekly attendance stickers well done for 100% or improved attendance!

Celebration certificates	
Reception	William
Year 1	Alex Pa
Year 2	Alexandra
Year 3	Elisha
Year 4	Sophia N
Year 5	Emily
Year 6	Archie G

School attendance this week:
98.1%

Class with the best attendance this week is:
Year 3 – 100% well done Year 3!
Wow!

Virtue certificates	
Reception	Sophia H
Year 1	Edie
Year 2	Noah Mc
Year 3	Etta
Year 4	Alexander
Year 5	Ariel
Year 6	Nala

Academic Calendar 2026-27

Inset day - School closed	Tuesday 1 st September
Start of Autumn term	Wednesday 2 nd September
End of half term	Wednesday 21 st October
Inset day - School closed	Thursday 22 nd October
Inset day - School closed	Friday 23 rd October
Start of Autumn 2 half term	Monday 2 nd November
End of Autumn term	Friday 18 th December
Start of Spring term	Monday 4 th January
End of half term	Friday 12 th February
Start of Spring 2 half term	Monday 22 nd February

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 £3 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost £3.10 per day.

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 2026/27				
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
Mains Frankfurter Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Sunshine Rice	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Battered Fish (H) Chips
Meat Free Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Omelette (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V)(H) Jacket Wedges	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs in Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V)(H) Chips
Deli Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Ham Panini Herby Diced Potatoes	Tuna Bap (H) Jacket Wedges	Hot Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheese Panini (V)(H) Chips
Spud Station Jacket Potato with Coleslaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
Desserts Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce & Peaches	Pineapple Sponge with Creamy Custard	Cherry & Coconut Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie	Cheesecake Bite topped with Mandarin Oranges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:

Deli
Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.

Spud Station
Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

FOOD FOR LIFE
Soil Association

As you know, each week a class takes it in turn to write prayer intentions for our school, parish, national or global needs. This year our chaplaincy team would like to offer the chance for families to bring their prayers to school by completing a short online form. Follow our QR code to leave your personal intentions:

Prayer intentions (2026-2027)



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

Miss Goodall

EYFS lead / Assistant SENDCO

Mrs Lawson

Office Manager

Mrs Walker

Chair of Governors

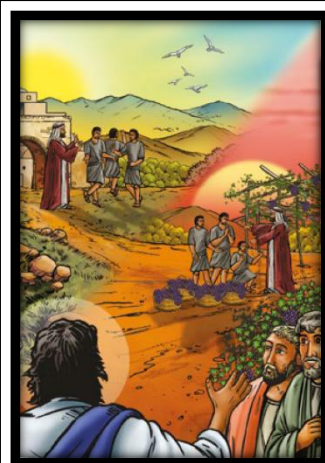
Or ring Duty and Advice on:
0113376 0336

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

Find out more through enjoying a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **GENEROUS**.



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Francian Little flowers prayer group: Tuesdays 6pm

Weekday mass times: Tuesdays 7pm,
Thursdays: 10am

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost." St Ignatius (Prayer for Generosity)