

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 7th November  
2025

Autumn Term 2, week 1  
*Virtue: Hope*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

Thank you for the special efforts made to be in school on time this week. It has been much improved with children being ready to learn at 8:50am, which is the start of school.

A huge well done to our Y6 children who worked so hard to play 8 consecutive mini-games of Dodgeball competition against 7 other schools. We made us all so proud with your resilience, determination and focus!



You may have noticed that we have an offer on purchasing a Computer from school, which could make a great Christmas gift for a family member. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

This week, some members of our school choir took part in Winter Voices! We attended a rehearsal where we practiced some of the songs we are going to be performing in the December concert! We definitely got into the Christmas spirit with some of the songs!

A little reminder that we have our annual anti-bullying week next week. Don't forget odd socks on Monday!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!

Mrs Gibbons

## Parliament week 2025!

We celebrated Parliament week this week, where we looked at what politics means for us as a British society. Today Mp Mark Sewards visited school. Some of our classes such as Year 3 became Members of Parliament! We learned all about the House of Commons and how important debates help make decisions for our country. To bring our learning to life, we turned our classroom into our very own House of Commons. St Patrick were the Government, and the other houses made up the Opposition. Each house chose a speaker to share their ideas, and then we had a brilliant debate! Everyone joined in, listened carefully, and shared their opinions confidently — just like real MPs



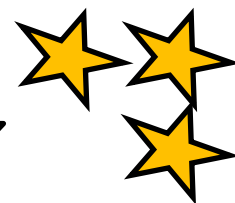
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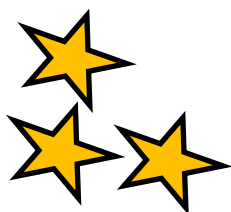
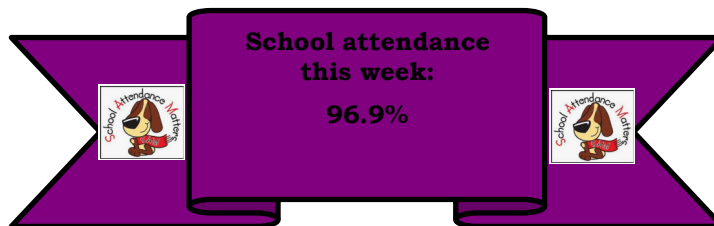
### Dates for your diary:

Anti - bullying week	10th—14th Nov
Odd Socks Day	10th Nov
PTA meeting, 6:10pm in School (all welcome)	10th Nov
Y5 leading Remembrance service ~ 10:45am	11th Nov
Flu immunization in school	14th Nov
Celebration assembly - 3pm, all welcome	14th Nov
Road Safety Week	17th—21st Nov
Y2 (rearranged from Y1) Den building day	18th Nov
Tempest photos (siblings from 8:30am)	18th Nov
September 2026 new starter open evening, 5pm	18th Nov

## Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Ivy
Year 1	Bella
Year 2	Jace
Year 3	Harriet
Year 4	Caterina
Year 5	Alex
Year 6	Nathan



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Eloise
Year 1	Mischa-Leigh
Year 2	Maya B
Year 3	James
Year 4	Divit
Year 5	Hunter
Year 6	Niamh W

## Interested in a teaching career?

**Inspire. Educate. Make a Difference.**

Are you ready to shape young minds and make a lasting impact? Join the St. Anthony's Catholic Primary Partnership Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme (in partnership with Leeds Trinity University) and begin your journey towards becoming an exceptional primary teacher.

### Why train with the Partnership?

- School-based training in a supportive, faith-filled community
- Earn QTS and a PGCE from Leeds Trinity University through high-quality academic and practical training
- Expert mentoring from experienced teachers and leaders across our partnership schools
- Hands-on classroom experience from day one
- Inclusive and values-driven education grounded in Catholic ethos

We are passionate about developing compassionate, skilled teachers who bring learning to life and help every child reach their full potential.

- Apply now for September 2026 entry
- Find out more: <https://www.stanthonysleeds.co.uk/initial-teacher-training/>
- Contact us: [h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk](mailto:h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk)

## Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Abbey House Museum this week, bringing to life their learning on how homes have changed over time. We even had a surprise visit from the Lord Mayor of Leeds!



This week in Year 4, we experimented with sound. We tested different objects and noted the different sounds they made!



## Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5 have loved their first PE session of the half term with Molly. We did gymnastics, focusing on our arm strength and core muscles.



In Year 6 this week, we have enjoyed developing our sewing skills, including running, back and blanket stitch.

# Toy swap!

Why not have a look at toys that you may want to gift for Christmas for free!



## Christmas Toy Swap

Classroom doors will open at 8.40am on Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Nov so parents can take childfree look around.

Classroom doors will close at 3.45pm on Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Nov so parents can take childfree look around.

Are you sorting through your old toys ready for Christmas? Could you donate any toys you no longer need to help others?

St Francis Mini Vinnie's are seeking donations of toys, in good working condition, that can be redistributed to families in school.

DONATIONS to be brought into school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Toy swap sessions will be in the hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

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## Christmas Shoe Box Gift Appeal



This time of year can be really difficult for many and there is always a small way we can help others but in a way that will make a big difference. You can help spread joy this Christmas to families whose children may not receive a gift.

### How can you help?

If you are able to donate items, place these into a small shoe box size. Items can include:

toys, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, chocolates, biscuits, sweets, magazines, puzzle books, small stationary, small games, small craft items, books.

**Please label your box with boy / girl** so it can be gifted appropriately.

Please bring in your boxes by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November so we can then deliver them.

Thank you for your support and generosity,  
St Francis Mini Vinnies



# Plea from our Mini Vinnies...

Our Mini Vinnies are once again hosting several works of Mercy to support babies and children who may not be in receipt of much this Christmas. If you feel you may be able to donate any items, please send these into school 21st November.

Thank you as always for your generosity.

## Baby Bank Advent Calendar Appeal

### Gianna Baby Bank Advent Calendar

Add an item to a box each day, then on Christmas Eve donate the box to the Gianna Baby Bank



1	 Cotton wool	2	 Baby wash	3	 Gift for mum	4	 Baby toy	5	 Toothpaste	6	 Item of baby clothing
7	 Baby hat	8	 Toothbrush	9	 Baby bubble bath	10	 Shampoo for mum	11	 Deodorant	12	 Baby shampoo
13	 Baby towel/muslin	14	 Nappies	15	 Baby wipes	16	 Maternity towels	17	 Nappy sacks	18	 Shower gel
19	 Baby lotion	20	 Baby vest	21	 Breast pads	22	 Cotton wool	23	 Mittens/socks	24	 Gift for baby

Please bring in any baby items in a box or bag by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November so we can deliver them to the Gianna Baby Bank to support mothers and babies in need this Christmas.



## 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 - 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 cost £3 per day.

### MIGHTY MEALS MENU 25/26

School: Morley St Francis Primary  Catering Leeds

5 CHOICE STANDARD Week TWO

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
<p><b>Look out for why our MIGHTY MENUS are the best choice at lunchtime!</b></p> <p><b>Cook's special</b> Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.</p> <p><b>World wise</b> Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes.</p> <p><b>Brain boosting</b> Protein-packed dishes to support learning.</p> <p><b>High 5</b> Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day.</p> <p><b>Planet power</b> Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet.</p> <p><b>Eat a rainbow</b> Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits.</p>	<p><b>TASTY!</b> <b>Mains</b> <i>(Can be had every day)</i></p> <p>Margherita Flatbread Pizza (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges, Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Meat Free</b></p> <p>Vegetarian Chilli with Baked Nachos and Rice (VE)(H) Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Deli</b> <i>(Can be had every day)</i></p> <p>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H) Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Spud Station</b> <i>(Can be had every day)</i></p> <p>Fruity Coleislaw (V)(H) or Vegetarian Chilli (VE)(H)</p> <p><b>Desserts</b> <i>(Available daily)</i></p> <p>Freshly Baked Ginger Cookies &amp; Fresh Fruit Wedges</p> <p><b>WOW!</b></p>	<p><b>Homemade Chicken Curry with Rice, Cauliflower &amp; Broccoli</b></p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese Omelette (V)(H)</b> Herby Diced Potatoes Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Roast Ham</b> Herby Diced Potatoes, PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</b> or <b>Homemade Chicken Curry</b></p> <p><b>Fruity Drizzle</b> Coke with Creamy Custard</p>	<p><b>Cheeseburger</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges &amp; Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Cheeseburger (V)(H)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges &amp; Fresh Salad</p> <p><b>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(H)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges, Carrot &amp; Cucumber Sticks &amp; Mayo Dip</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b></p> <p><b>Seasonal Plum Flapjack</b></p>	<p><b>Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage &amp; Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H)</b> Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Cabbage &amp; Mashed Swede/Carrot and Gravy</p> <p><b>Hot Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H)</b> Roast Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>YUM!</b> <b>Roast Dinner today!</b></p> <p><b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b> Topped with Sprinkles</p>	<p><b>Crunchy Salmon Bites or Fish Fingers (H)</b> Chips and Tomato Ketchup, Sweetcorn &amp; Green Beans</p> <p><b>Macaroni Cheese (V)(H)</b> with Garlic Bread, Green Beans &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise Salad (H)</b> Chips PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Baked Beans &amp; Cheddar Cheese (V)(H)</b></p> <p><b>Chocolate Brownie &amp; Fresh Fruit Wedges</b></p>
<p><b>FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: x-small;">(V) VEGETARIAN (VE) VEGAN (H) HALAL</span></p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: right;">Allergen information is available on request. Special diets catered for.</p>					

## 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**

## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Enthusiasm is one of life's most important ingredients. The word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' which means 'God-filled'. Life really is joyful when we are enthusiastic about the right things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. Right here – right now – we can begin or renew our relationship with God and be filled with fresh enthusiasm for life. Enjoy your week together, and help share God's love – with **ENTHUSIASM!**

Lord Jesus, please fill us with enthusiasm to love you, to serve you, and to help others to know you too.



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm  
Sunday Mass time 9am  
Weekday mass times: Tuesday 7pm  
Thursday 10am