

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 27th February
2026

Spring Term 2, week 1
Virtue: Clove & Charity

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Weekly News Headteacher's Welcome



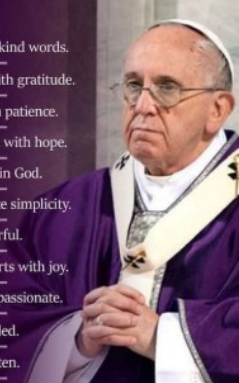
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Dates for your diary:

St David's house team wear yellow	2nd Feb
Year 2 leading Lenten guess name	2nd—6th
PTA meeting - 6:00pm	2nd March
Year 1 Den building day	3rd March
Penitential service - 2:45pm all welcome	4th March
World books day - book related costumes	5th March
Year 5 Class mass (in costume)	5th March
Stay & learn - Years 1-6: Reading session to 9:30am	5th March
World day of prayer (Mini Vinnies & Chaplaincy team at church)	6th March
Celebration assembly - parents welcome, 3pm	6th March
Y3 Reconciliation classes	6th / 7th March

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis



- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Big thank you to all who have supported our 'Stewards of creation ambassadors' through donations of dressing up costumes so that we could host a World Book Day dress swap! There are still a few items available if you were unable to make it on Friday. These will be kept in the office over the coming week incase anyone would like to have a look through.

As we began our Lenten journey over the holidays, we officially marked this in school this week, with our Chaplaincy team leading a celebration of the word (worship) focused on prayer and of Lent being a time of personal reflection of our conscience. We will be having a Penitential service on Wednesday afternoon, do join us if you can at 2:45pm in school. I have dropped a great image shared within the parish about ideas from our previous Pope Francis of what we can

do as an act of personal 'fasting' (one of our 3 areas of focus) over this Lenten period.

Thank you to all who were able to join our Stay & learn session for Maths this week. Next week will be a session for the whole school (nursery too) linked to Reading from 9-9:30am in classes, please join us if you can.

Thank you also to our Governors for their time in school today as part of their termly visit to monitor and triangulate our high expectations, as part of their role in evaluating & challenging the strategic operations of our wonderful school.

Our Y3 children began their sacramental journey of Reconciliation this week, please remember our children in you prayers.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons

★ STEM WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



9th - 13th March 2026

Do you work in SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, or MATHEMATICS?

We would love your help to INSPIRE OUR PUPILS during STEM Week!

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- Give a short presentation
 - Take part in Q & A session
 - Lead a hands-on STEM activity
 - Share your career journey or skills
- Any level of support is greatly appreciated!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Please contact the school office
FAO: Miss Haley

★ We look forward to hearing from you!

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Books for charity!

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

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

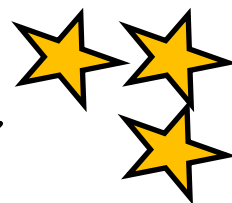
Please bring them into school and pass onto Miss Haley or a Mini Vinnie by Friday 20th March.

Thank you for your support and generosity
St Francis Mini Vinnies

Together in truth and faith we learn and grow as God's family.

Celebration certificates

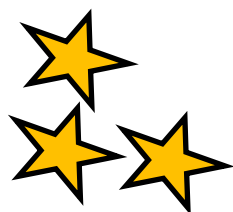


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Isaac
Year 1	Hugo
Year 2	Dawid
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Divit
Year 5	Seth
Year 6	Isla

School attendance this week:
95.9%

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Roman
Year 1	Aarav
Year 2	Cecilia
Year 3	Zachary
Year 4	Caterina
Year 5	Leo
Year 6	Arley

Classes with the best attendance this week is:
Year 6



Health Schools update

Please be reminded that the foods highlighted in red below should not be included in your child's packed lunch. We currently have a small number of children who are still bringing sweets to eat at lunchtime. Our packed lunch policy works in line with our school meals policy to ensure that all children have a healthy and nutritious meal during the school day. Over the coming weeks, our Food Ambassadors will be sharing some healthy and nutritious alternatives as part of our updated packed lunch guide. Thank you for your continued support.

St Francis Food ambassadors!

Red Foods/Drinks

These foods should not be included in a healthy packed lunch box.

Sweets, Lollipops and Chocolate Bars



Fizzy and Energy Drinks



Nuts - Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** any nuts or nut based foods.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

St David's day

Happy St David's day for Sunday! A reminder that all children in St David's house team can wear something yellow to school on Monday to mark the celebration of one of our school saints!

Lower Key Stage 2



This week Year 3 have started their new science unit on animals including humans. We took part in a carousel of activities based on different food groups, as well as looking at different food labels and what they meant. We also looked at animals and had a go at putting a skeleton back together!

This week in Year 4, we had a fantastic time during the Brazilian samba workshop this week. We learnt how to play different instruments and played lots of rhythms as a whole class!

Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 have made a wonderful start to their geography unit on Whitby. They have used their atlas skills to locate the town and nearby places, as well as comparing how the coastal resort has changed in the last 70 years. Well done Year 5!

Year 6 have begun their journey through Lent by creating a Lenten garden together for our class worship table. They also helped to lead a thoughtful and reflective Mass in church this week.

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. **Please remember to order your child's dinner daily before 8:45am.**

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 TWO

W/C 02/03, 23/03, 04/05, 15/06, 06/07.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Savoury Cheese Roll (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty Bread	Hawaiian Pizza Seasoned Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Crunchy Salmon Bites with Tomato Ketchup (H) Sauté Potatoes
Meat Free	Quorn Biryani (V)(H)	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (V)(H) Spaghetti Crusty Bread	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Seasoned Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetarian Sweet Chilli Chicken Style Wrap (V)(H) Sauté Potatoes
Deli	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Ham Bap Homemade Jacket Wedges	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Seasoned Potato Wedges	Soft Filled Roll with either Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Cheddar Cheese Bap (V)(H) Sauté Potatoes
Spud Station	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Coleslaw (V)(H)	Jacket Potato with Beef Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)(H)		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise (H)
Desserts	Raspberry Jelly with Peach Slices	Butterscotch Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Pancakes with Ice Cream and Toffee Sauce	Sprinkle Sponge with Creamy Custard	Chocolate Crispy Slice with Fresh Fruit

YUM!
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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.



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

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him."
Pope Francis (Pope from 2013 - 2025)