

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 23rd January
2026

Autumn Term 1, week 3
Virtue: Faith

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Weekly News

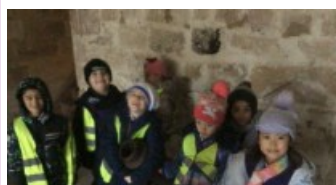
Headteacher's Welcome



The children have been very excited to see how their request for PTA monies to pay for new equipment has started to take shape. We now have our EYFS &



KS1 climbing equipment installed and look forward to the children using this at break and lunchtimes. KS2 equipment installation to follow in March, more updates nearer the time.



Our Year 1 children had a wonderful trip to Skipton Castle as part of their History learning around castles and today enjoyed a banquet dressed as someone who lives or works in a castle!



It was lovely to see our Year 5 children attend a Karate festival hosted by Leeds Rhinos foundation on Thursday too!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!
Mrs Gibbons



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Dates for your diary:

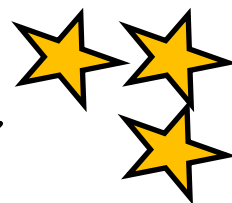
Clubs commence for 8 weeks	26th Jan
Y2 Morley Library visit	28th Jan
Young Voices trip	28th Jan
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	30th January
Y5&6 Kooth workshop	2nd Feb
Y6 parent SATs meeting, 3:30pm	2nd Feb
Catholic partnership Mini Vinnie Mass	4th Feb
Lego robotics STEM workshops—Y2, 4, 5	5th Feb
Year 2 skipping workshop	5th Feb
Celebration assembly, parents welcome, 3pm	6th Feb
Year 6 residential	9th—11th Feb
Online safety day	10th Feb

Nursery places available

We are over half full for our school nursery places for September 2026-27. If your child will be three in 2026 or 2027 make sure you have filled out an application form to reserve a place for your child, to avoid disappointment. Application forms are available from the school office. We offer 30-hour places as well as 15-hour part-time places. Nursery children can also have access to our Before and After School club provision (7:30am - 6pm).



Celebration certificates

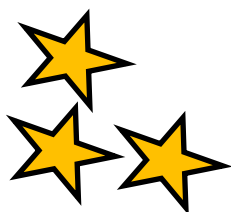


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Sam
Year 1	Noah Y
Year 2	Teddy
Year 3	Scarlett
Year 4	George
Year 5	Matilda
Year 6	Nnenna

School attendance this week:
96%

Classes with the best attendance this week is:
Year 4

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Aida
Year 1	Henry
Year 2	Reuben
Year 3	Chester
Year 4	Jamie
Year 5	Jonathan
Year 6	Rory



Stewards of Creation appeal...

Mrs Iddison & the stewards of creation are completing their annual recycle mission, any tubs to donate, please drop into the school office.

TUB2PUB APPEAL 2026
for **MACMILLAN** Cancer Research

Collect **EMPTY PLASTIC TUBS** for Recycling!

BRING YOUR TUBS TO SCHOOL
16th JANUARY – 13th FEBRUARY

HOW IT WORKS

Mrs Iddison takes tubs to Greene King
Tubs shredded & processed
Recycled plastic used in new products
All funds go to **MACMILLAN** CANCER SUPPORT

DON'T WASTE YOUR TUBS – MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

The Stewards of Creation

Healthy Schools ~ online safety

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the Internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the pace, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

- 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**
Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use clear, simple language and check their age-appropriate content to know they are aware of you about anything that appears on their screens. Parents or carers should always be available to help if they are unsure what to do, or if they are worried about anything they see online.
- 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING**
Children can overshare without considering the risks. Instead of their photos, locations, or messages, encourage them to share their favourite things. Parents or carers should always be available to help if they are unsure what to do, or if they are worried about anything they see online.
- 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE**
Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or social features. These features can be hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in both time and space for a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.
- 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS**
When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues. It means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to be supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.
- 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT**
With emerging technologies like AI, it's important to stay up to date on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you how they use them, and take the lead on any questions you have. This opens up a safe conversation that helps you stay up to date on emerging risks and how you can be supported to help them.
- 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With a growing amount of photos and videos being generated by AI, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and use common sense. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules that cover device use, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to limit their fun.
- 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and critical use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and spending time on messages. If you expect certain behaviour from kids, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.
- 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**
Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report users in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.
- 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**
Partner with parents and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and advice which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report My Problem (RMP) can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report on social media, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

Lower Key Stage 2



This week in Year 3, we explored the Stone Age by using evidence to test how accurate different assumptions are. We also enjoyed a visit to Morley Library, where we took part in a fun Dragon's Den-style activity to decide on five new books for the class to enjoy!



This week in Year 4, we visited Morley library. We chose 5 books to take back to school with us and explored the wide variety of books that they have.

Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have been looking at crime prevention this week! We identified the potential risks in a scenario and spoke about the ways we can keep ourselves and belongings safe.



In Year 6 this week, we have explored static electricity as part of our science work.

Supporting our families ~ let us know if you would like to find out a little more about any of the following...

Range of Cluster family support available ~ please contact Mrs Gibbons / Mrs Harrison for more information.

Feeling frustrated by your child's behaviour and looking for support?

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP



Find strategies to help you understand and support your child's behaviour

- Find out where behaviour comes from
- Get everyone in the family talking and listening to each other
- Understand why your child gets angry or upset and how to help them calm down
- Learn how your body language can help calm difficult situations
- Find strategies to change patterns of behaviour
- Get ideas and inspiration to try at home

Date: Thursday 5th March 2026
 Time: 9:30-12.00
 Location: Cluster Office, Churwell Primary School.
 Contact: Sarah 07891276155 or Ruth 07891275543



Healthy, thriving children and families
 HENRY'S *Healthy Families: Growing Up* programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers three 3 themes: **Feeling more confident as a parent**, **Physical activity for the whole family** and **When children and the whole family are happy, everyone is happy**.

Programme details
 Dates: Tuesday 3rd February - Tuesday 23rd March 2026, 9.30-11.30am
 Location: Churwell Primary School, Woodhouse St., Churwell, LS27 7HX

Contact Us
 Contact: Sarah 07891276155 & Ruth 07891275543

Does your struggle to manage / support your child with neurodiversity?
 Cynet course may be helpful – contact Mrs Gibbons or Mrs Harrison for more details.

Parent or carer looking to get back into work?
 Our friendly team can help you achieve your goals towards work or training.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

We offer free one to one support and guidance for parents and carers on:

- CV building
- Work, training & volunteering
- Health and wellbeing
- Support and help with money issues
- Up to 12 weeks counselling and peer support groups
- Life skills

Eligibility criteria
 Bright Horizons is available to parents and carers who are:
 • not currently in employment
 • living in West or South Leeds.

Get in touch
 You can get advice on the age of 18 (over 20 with an LSC form)
 To refer in or for more details please contact us:
 West: 0114 241 028
 South: 0113 270 803
 Brighton@brighthorizons.co.uk

Does your child struggle to have a good night's sleep or you would like help introducing a routine?
 Cynet Sleep- this is a 2 hour session looking at healthy sleep routines.
 Our next course will be held on Thursday 19th March 9:30-11:30.

Vacancy

We currently have a Vacancy for an teaching & admin assistant, more details can be found on our School website via the 'vacancies' tab.

Closing date for applications: Monday 9th February 2026, 9am

Academic Calendar 2025-26

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*
School closed

End of half term *Friday 22nd May*

Start of Summer 2 half *Monday 1st June*

End of academic year *Friday 17th July*

Academic Calendar 2026-27

Start of Autumn 2026 *Wednesday 2nd Sept 26*

School dinner menu - Spring 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

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 25/26

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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5 CHOICE STANDARD Week ONE

W/C 03/12/25, 24/12/25, 15/01/26, 05/02/26, 24/02/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Look out for why our MIGHTY MENUS are the best choice at lunchtime!					
Cook's special Our cooks have chosen meals they know children will eat and enjoy.					
World wide Dishes from around the world to develop children's tastes.					
Brain boosting Protein packed dishes to support learning.					
High 5 Fresh fruit and veg to help your child reach the magic 5 portions a day.					
Planet power Vegetarian and vegan meals that are good for children and the planet.					
Eat a rainbow Desserts that contain a variety of fresh fruits.					
TASTY! Our menus have great taste.	Mains				
Meat Free					
Deli					
Spud Station All our salad jackets feature fresh potatoes from our PYO Salad Bar.					
Seasonal Fruit & Veggie					
Desserts Available daily.					
WOW!					
	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes Fresh Salad	Chicken Pie with Puff Pastry Crust, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V)(H) Fresh Salad	Beef Chilli Con Carne with Baked Nachos and Rice, Peas & Carrots Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Mashed Potato, Peas, Carrots & Gravy	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, & Gravy Vegetarian Savoury Grill, (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables, & Gravy Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(H) PYO Salad Bar	Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)(H) Hash Brown & Baked Beans Tuna Mayonnaise (H) Hash Brown PYO Salad Bar Baked Beans (V)(H)
	Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H) Steamed Rice Cauliflower & Peas	Tuna Mayonnaise (H) Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar	Cheddar Cheese and Coleslaw (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes PYO Salad Bar		
	Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes PYO Salad Bar	Homemade Cheddar Cheese (V)(H) or Tuna Crunch	Tuna Mayonnaise (H) or Beef Chilli Con Carne	YUM! Roast Dinner today!	
	Homemade Vegetarian Curry (VE)(H)			Jelly & Ice Cream	
	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Creamy Custard	Melon Slices & Home Baked Shortbread	Flaky Apple & Cinnamon Swirls		Freshly Baked Chocolate Sprinkle Cookies Fresh Fruit Wedges

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!



W/ VEGETARIAN (V) VEGAN (V) HALAL (H)

Allergen information is available on request. Special diets catered for.

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

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect – even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness. People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school – together. Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **COMMUNITY**



“Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community.”
St Baldwin of Canterbury

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:

Tuesday 7pm & Thursdays 10am