

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 14th November  
2025

Autumn Term 2, week 2  
*Virtue: Hope*

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## Weekly news Headteacher welcome

Our week commenced with a special assembly delivered by our Mini Mindmate ambassadors from across school, who present this year's anti-bullying theme of 'Power for Good'. Wearing our odd socks together showed just how united we are as a community to celebrate that we respect that we are all unique. Our connections champions also delivered a special assembly this morning around the theme of kindness to mark World Kindness day yesterday.

A big thank you to all families for supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal this year and a special thank you to Year 5 for such a reflective Remembrance service on Tuesday.

Children from across Key Stage 2 also took part in our Cheerdance festival this week too, which was very exciting to see such confident cheerleading and the joy this brought! Well done children for representing our school brilliantly!

It is approaching one of the busiest times of the year, you will notice that page 5 has a reminder from the term calendar of dates to help keep track of events taking place! Our social media pages will also host reminders to support with diaries.

A reminder of our school photo day this Tuesday can also be found on page 2!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons

## Parish Christmas Fayre

This year St Francis Catholic Church will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 6th December, 12-3:30pm. Our School will be hosting a stall as usual. If you have any donations of bubble baths, soaps, bath bombs and other creams or cosmetics please send your donations into school before Friday 28th November. There are 100 house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



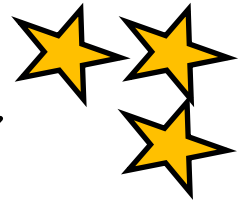
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### Dates for your diary:

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
Y2+6 Class mass, 10am	20th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm ~ all welcome	21st Nov
Y3+5 Class mass, 10am	27th Nov
PTA event ~ advent wreath making, 6:30pm	27th Nov
Y6 take over day	28th Nov
Preparing for advent	28th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm ~ all welcome	28th Nov
Family Advent Mass	30th Nov

# Celebration certificates

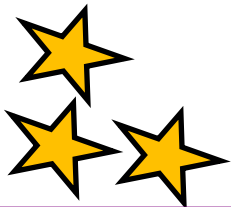


Celebration certificates	
Reception	Mariamawit
Year 1	Diego
Year 2	Leah
Year 3	Zachary
Year 4	Zain
Year 5	Jack Mc
Year 6	Joehan

**School attendance  
this week:**  
**97%**

**Classes with the  
best attendance  
this week is:**  
  
**Year 2 with 100%  
Well done Year 2!**

Virtue certificate	
Reception	Hannah
Year 1	Chiara
Year 2	Grace
Year 3	Millie
Year 4	Savannah
Year 5	Olivia
Year 6	Hannah



**PTA events... going  
live on School  
money at the end  
of the week...**

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP  
NOVEMBER 27TH  
6:30PM  
TICKETS £25

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS  
3RD DECEMBER  
4TH DECEMBER  
TICKETS £5  
INCLUDES A HOTDOG, DRINK & POPCORN

Coming Up This Term!  
*Christmas*  
EVENTS

Christmas  
Break the rules!...  
CHRISTMAS THEMED  
DECEMBER 12TH  
RULE BREAK INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Christmas  
FAYRE  
2PM-4PM  
DECEMBER 12TH

## Photo day ~ Tuesday 18th November

Just a little reminder that it will be our annual individual photo day on Tuesday. Please send your children in their full school uniform. If this is normally a PE day please send trainers in a carrier bag for this day.

Nursery ~ if your child does not attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to bring your child for their photo between 8:30 and 10am.

Year 2 ~ it is the rescheduled Den building day (following the instructor being poorly on the original date). Please send your child with spare clothes and outdoor shoes to change into once their photo has been taken. It is likely that they will be coming home a little muddy so please send old clothes rather than new ones!

Siblings ~ if you would like a family photo to be taken with all your children, mainly for siblings who do not attend St Francis, please arrive at school for 8:30am for this photo to be taken. Siblings who are in school will have photos taken during the day.



## Early Years

In Nursery, we started the week by discussing the importance of Remembrance Day and together we made poppy biscuits. We have also spoke lots about our families this week, we made our family members out of lollypop sticks and discussed how they help us at home.



In Reception we have learnt about Remembrance Day, why it is important and who we remember. We have also been thinking about how we make

others feel special in RE. As part of our Other Faiths learning we learnt about the celebration of Diwali in Hinduism and made diya lamps.

## Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 we have celebrated anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks and designing a superhero. We have started our new DT topic of structures and investigated some existing products. We have also been practicing adding and subtracting 1 using a 100 square!



In Year 2 we have been writing our non-chronological reports about Titanic. In RE we have been retelling the Annunciation of John the Baptist. We have been practicing exchanging tens in maths to add and subtract two digit numbers.

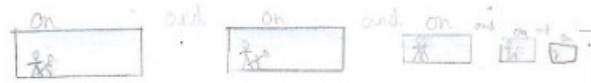
### A definition of bullying

An example of bullying would be hitting  
 Also bullying is not a one off incident. It is a  
 pattern of behaviour that is done on purpose to cause  
 harm.



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is constantly being mean to people.  
 e.g. Spreading malicious rumours, or gossiping.



### Don't Bully's

Bullying can be subtle but physical bullying  
 isn't.

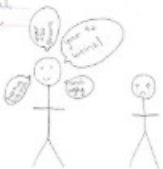
# Definition of bullying from Years 5 & 6

The children have been exploring what bullying means, they say they sometimes hear of the word bullying being used incorrectly to describe a fall out between friends. Our Years 5 & 6 children have worked on sharing what the word bullying really means and how seriously we take this in school.

### A definition of bullying

Bullying is when someone is getting picked on on purpose.  
 Also bullying is repetitive so it is over and over again.  
 A example of a type of bullying is:

- physical
- mental
- verbal



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is when someone is constantly being mean to you. Because it is to  
 doers like physical aggression like other games or more words.  
 This can be like a particular look or a constant undermining of  
 someone's confidence or professional standing. Physical bullying is when  
 you hit them like punching or kicking. Verbal bullying is when  
 you speak rudely to them all the time like threats or  
 name calling. Emotional bullying is when you hurt someone's mental  
 health by manipulation or criticism.



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is where you repeatedly be mean  
 to some.

Bullying can include hitting, kicking, pushing or  
 contact.  
 Every one  
 bully the  
 kid  
 or  
 Every  
 this  
 kid  
 is  
 a  
 loser



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is someone who is being mean repeatedly.

Bullying can cause both physical and mental distress.



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is a person or a group of people who  
 are being mean to a person repetitively.

Be kind



### A definition of bullying

Bullying is when someone does something  
 either every time you see them or every day.  
 For example spreading rumours, alienating people,  
 harassment and threatening people.





## Key dates for this half term...



10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti bullying week in school

– Odd Socks Day (children to wear odd socks to school)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance liturgy led by Y5, 10:45m, parents welcome

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisation day in school

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November – Road Safety week in school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Tempest photograph day (individual and siblings)

- -Open evening for Nursery & Reception new starters Sept. 26, 5-6pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - PTA event: Adult wreath making, 7pm in school

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 take over day! Preparing for Advent day in school

December – DecemBAR, Maths focused challenge each day

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Family Advent Mass, 9am in church

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Praise 1, led by Y3, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 2pm, parents welcome \*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA event: Christmas movie nights

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Praise 2, led by Y4, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm, parents welcome\*

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner (Children wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December –Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy team Carol singing in the care homes / community

- School Christmas Fayre (2-4pm) in the school hall

– PTA event: Break the rules (Christmas edition!)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Praise 3, led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 9-10am Inclusion coffee morning (all welcome)

- -Key Stage 2 Carol service at school, 2:30pm, parents welcome

- PTA Christmas Raffle

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, Christmas theme

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy event: Carol singing & mince pies for grandparents, 3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas parties & PTA event: visit from Santa & Elfridges

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service at church led by Y6, 10:45am

School closes for end of Autumn Term, 3:30pm

\*\*\*\*\* Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 \*\*\*\*\*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – School reopens for Spring term.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany feast day mass Y2-6, 10am in church.

\*More information regarding Christmas nativities to follow, i.e. ticket entry & recording.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Is your child a baptised Catholic and in Years 3 or above? They will be due to make their reconciliation (first confession) this academic year. A letter will be coming home next week to enroll your child in this sacramental preparation.

If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6, and has not yet made their first reconciliation, they are welcome to join this years cohort to prepare for the Sacrament. A letter can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Please enroll your child by Monday 15th December 2025. A further letter will then come home to confirm when the preparation classes will take place.

# 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 8.45am 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 in a way that will make a big difference. You can help spread joy this Christmas to families whose children 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...

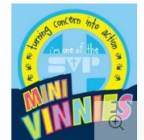
## Baby Bank Advent Calendar Appeal

### 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.



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.

**Monday 17th – Friday 21st November**

**Saint David v Saint George**

**Saint Patrick v Saint Andrew**

**Make sure you log on to TT Rockstars this week to build up points for your house!**

**Good luck!**

**Is your child due to start primary school in 2026?**

**Apply now!**

Applications are open for Reception places to start in **September 2026**

You can apply online until **Thursday 15 January 2026**

[www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

## 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 3) 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

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 THREE

W/C 17/11/25, 08/12/25, 14/01/26, 09/02/26

Catering Leeds  
Feeding the Future

	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 wide</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> Mains <i>Choose the best everyday!</i></p> <p><b>Meat Free</b></p> <p><b>Deli</b> <i>Our traditional jacket potato is available every day!</i></p> <p><b>Spud Station</b> <i>Choose your own potatoes!</i></p> <p><b>Fresh Fruit &amp; Smoothie</b></p> <p><b>Desserts</b> <i>Available daily!</i></p> <p><b>WOW!</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>Cheesy Bean Filled Tortilla Wrap (V)(IH)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges, Carrots &amp; Peas</p> <p><b>Spaghetti Topped with a Vegetarian Bolognese Sauce (VE)(IH)</b> Carrots &amp; Peas</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(IH)</b> Homemade Jacket Wedges PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Baked Beans (V)(IH) or Vegetarian Bolognese Sauce (VE)(IH)</b></p> <p><b>Chocolate &amp; Orange Cake</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>Homemade Classic Lasagne with Crusty Bread, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn</b></p> <p><b>Margherita Pizza (V)(IH)</b> Baby Baked Potatoes, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p><b>Egg Mayonnaise (V)(IH)</b> Baby Baked Potatoes, Carrot &amp; Cucumber Sticks &amp; Mayo Dip</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (IH)</b></p> <p><b>Golden Syrup Sponge with Creamy Custard</b></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Power up Pasta Bowl in a Tomato Sauce with Cauliflower &amp; Green Beans</b></p> <p><b>Flaky Baked Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)(IH)</b> Herby Diced Potatoes, Cauliflower &amp; Green Beans</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b> Herby Diced Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(IH)</b></p> <p><b>Pineapple &amp; Orange Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>Classic Toad In The Hole, Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy</b></p> <p><b>Vegetarian Toad In The Hole (V)(IH)</b> Mashed or Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy</p> <p><b>Hot Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (VE)(IH)</b> Roast Potatoes PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>YUM! Roast Dinner today!</b></p> <p><b>Vanilla Ice Cream topped with Homemade Lemon Sauce</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>Fish Fingers (H)</b> Chips, Peas &amp; Tomato Ketchup</p> <p><b>Crispy Vegetable Nuggets (VE)(IH)</b> Chips, Peas &amp; Tomato Ketchup</p> <p><b>Tuna Mayonnaise Salad (H)</b> Chips PYO Salad Bar</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese (V)(IH) or Tuna Mayonnaise (H)</b></p> <p><b>Freshly Baked Apple Pie Cookies with Fresh Fruit Wedges</b></p>

FIVE BIG CHOICES EVERY DAY!

(V) VEGETARIAN (VE) VEGAN (IH) HALAL  
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

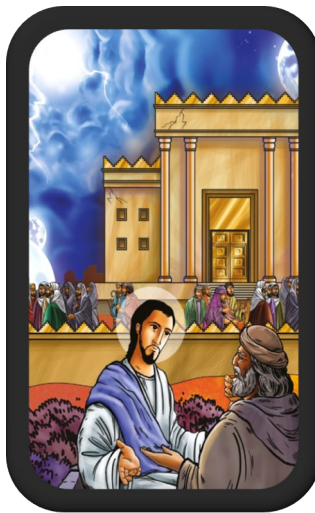
**Miss Goodall**  
EYFS lead / Reception teacher

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

**Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336**

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary time



A faithful person is a gift to the world. When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever. Enjoy a special time together this week exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9am

Weekday mass times:  
Tuesdays 7pm,  
Thursdays 10am