

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2023

Autumn Term 1, week 8  
*Virtue: Thankfulness*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

Wow what a half term we have had! It has been a long but very productive half term. The children have worked so hard and settled into the challenges of their new year groups brilliantly. It was truly lovely to see so many of you at School last Sunday for the PTA pumpkin patch and the support for the Disco yesterday. Your support and generosity is outstanding and it is just amazing being able to come together as a community and it makes me so proud to be the headteacher of such an amazing school.

We have several key celebrations of work in this weeks newsletter from our learning of celebrations in other faiths to learning of inspirational figures. The days for PE for next half term can also be found on page 3 - these change due to sports coaches who come to work with different year groups.

Upon our return after half term there will be merchandise from the RBL on sale in aid of Remembrance day. Year 5 will be leading us in our Remembrance liturgy on Friday 10th November at 9:10am - all welcome!

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term break.

See you back at School on Monday 6th November at 8:50am!  
Mrs Gibbons

### Nursery places available

We have some places available in our school nursery. If your child will be three in 2023 or 2024 make sure you have filled out an application form to reserve a place for your child. 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 (7:45am - 6pm).



### Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

When we return after the half term break the Mini Vinnies will be selling a range of items on behalf of the RBL ahead of Remembrance day. Items on sale are poppies, wrist bands, reflective poppies, poppy ribbons and snap wrist bands. The price of items vary from £1 to £3.50.



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#### Dates for your diary:

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| School reopens - 8:50am start                  | 6th Nov       |
| Eys / KS1 story telling workshop               |               |
| KS2 Parliament week                            | 6-10th Nov    |
| Flu Vaccination                                | 6th Nov       |
| PTA meeting in School, 6:10pm                  | 8th Nov       |
| Special themed dinner                          | 8th Nov       |
| Year 4 class trip                              | 8th Nov       |
| Year 5 leading Remembrance service, 9:10am, in | 10th Nov      |
| Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents              | 10th Nov      |
| Anti bullying & road safety week               | 13th—17th Nov |

## Other faiths week



Year 2 have been looking at Sikhism this week. We learnt lots about the Gurdwara, langar and the Vaisakhi celebration.



Across School we have been learning about world Religions, with a particular focus of Celebrations. We spent time understanding the importance of celebrations and comparing traditional celebrations of other faiths to the Catholic faith.



Nursery and Reception have been looking at Islam this week. We learnt about the celebration of Eid and had the opportunity to smell and taste some traditional foods eaten during Eid.



## TT RockStars Battle of Key Stage 2...

Over the half term break, we have 2 competitions for our Timestable challenges of:

Year 3 v Year 4 and Year 5 v Year 6.

These will take place from Friday 27th October at 7am to Sunday 5th November at 7pm. Only points scored between 7am and 7pm will count.

Good luck children...lets get speedy at our timestables!





## Early Years

In Nursery, we have celebrated Harvest and autumn this week. We did this by cleaning the crops and putting them in the harvest shop. We used scrunched up tinfoil to 'splat' the paint on the trees!



This week, Reception have been exploring the beauty of Autumn. We went to look at some Autumn trees, discussed the colours of the leaves and created our own finger paintings.



## Key Stage 1



What a busy week! We have had great fun this week finishing our learning about Autumn, taking part in Black history month by creating a timeline on the life of Althea Gibson and learning about Jewish celebrations!

This week in Year 2 we have been practicing our dribbling and passing skills in PE. We have also been playing different notes on the chime bars in music.

### PE days this half term - Autumn 2

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days:

**\*PE kit is a plain white T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a plain black jacket\***

Nursery: Tuesday

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Mondays & Tuesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Friday



# Black History month

Your children have been learning all about inspirational people. This year there has been a theme for Black History month around inspirational women, with a theme of: 'Celebrating Our Sisters' which pays homage to black women who had 'contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced'. Our learning of black history is not restricted to October as each class has a specific person who will be of focus throughout the year. You will notice from the list of inspirational people that they are from all avenues of society from the arts, travel, maths, literature, sports and religion...

Nursery - Wilma Rudolf - Achieve like Wilma

Reception - Rosa Parks- Challenge like Rosa

Y1- Martin Luther King - Dream like Martin / Althea Gibson

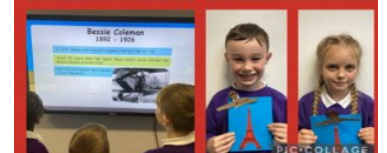
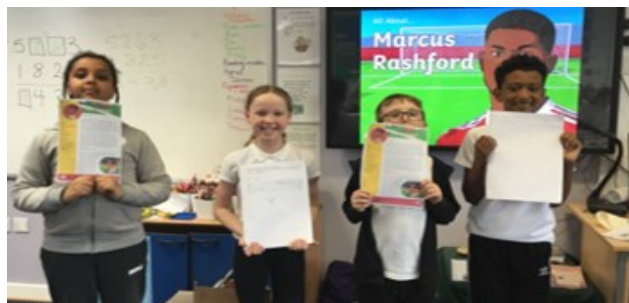
Y2- Mary Seacole- Heal like Mary

Y3- Bob Marley- Sing like Bob / Nicola Adams

Y4- Marcus Rashford- Give like Marcus / Di-  
anne Abbot

Y5- Mae Jemison - Travel like Mae

Y6- Nelson Mandela- Stand like Nelson / Bar-  
oness Doreen Lawrence



## PTA updates

Thank you for all your support with the 2 PTA events of the Pumpkin Patch & Autumn Disco. Both events were a fantastic success! Pumpkin Patch, was a brilliant afternoon and so lovely to be together as a community! A huge thank you to all who organised and volunteered their time to run both PTA events. They have been a brilliant success, so far the pumpkin patch has raised approximately £778.04, which is just fantastic!



Want to know how you have contribute to our school community?

Why not come along to our PTA meeting on Wednesday 8th November, at 6:10pm. The meeting will be held in School.

See you there!

## Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day-school closed *Mon 4th Sept 2023*

Start of Autumn 1 term *Tues 5th Sept 2023*

End of Half term *Thurs 26th October 2023*

**Inset day-school closed** *Friday 27th October 2023*

Start of Autumn 2 term *Mon 6th November 2023*

End of Autumn term *Thurs 21st December 2023*

**Inset day - School closed** *Friday 5th January 2024*

Start of Spring 1 term *Mon 8th Jan 2024*

End of half term *Friday 9th Feb 2024*

## 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 £2.20 per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners

**Morley St Francis**

*Week 3*

W/C - 18/09/23, 09/10/23, 06/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 22/01/24

**MONDAY**

Crispy Chicken Fillet with Jacket Wedges

Vegetable Curry with Rice (v)

Wholemeal Tuna Sandwich with Jacket Wedges

Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)

Golden Crunch Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges

**Tuesday**

Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)

Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes (v)

Egg Mayonnaise Bap with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)

Orange Sponge

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit**

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

**Wednesday**

Pasta with Beef Bolognese

Omelette with Jacket Wedges (v)

Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich with Jacket Wedges (v)

Jacket Potato with Tuna Crunch

Seasonal Fruit Crumble with Custard

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS

**Leeds CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY**

Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes

Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)

Hot Roast filled Bap with Roast Potatoes

Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Peaches

**FRIDAY**

Battered Fish with Chips

Tomato Pasta Bake (v)

Tuna Bap with Chips

Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)

Chocolate Cornflake Cake

(v) = vegetarian (ve) = vegan

*Seasonal local produce USED WHEREVER POSSIBLE*

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food, fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

Special themed lunch on Wednesday...

"The Great British Brunch!"

## Safeguarding

**If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:**

**Mrs Gibbons**  
Headteacher

**Miss Grayston**  
Assistant Headteacher

**Miss Dobson**  
Year 3 Class teacher / SENDCO

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

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

## 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out.

"Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."

*"It is not enough to say 'I love.' We must put that love into a living action." St Teresa of Calcutta*



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm

Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am

Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,  
Tuesday - Friday 10am