

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 24th November  
2023

Autumn Term 2, week 3  
*Virtue: Hope*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

Well the temperature has definitely dropped this week! Great to see lots of hats, gloves and scarves being worn, which is wonderful! Please encourage your child to wear these as much as possible ... let us keep these winter bugs at bay as much as possible.

A small group of children from Years 1-6, represented School a bowling festival this week, which was organised by the Leeds Well-schools PE partnership. It was so lovely to hear that not only did the children enjoy themselves, but most importantly, it was a lovely new opportunity for our children who have not experienced bowling before! Well done children for representing our school beautifully, your behaviour and thanksgiving was celebrated by the organisers!

On Thursday 3 of our Y6 School councilors represented our School to form the panel of the Morley Schools Council. The meeting focused on them discussing local park areas and how these are used, as well as nominating the Vice chair & Chair for the academic year. Congratulations to Lucas (Y6) who not only is the Vice-Chair of our School council but has also been nominated to be the Vice-Chair of the Morley Schools Council!

We are becoming increasingly excited as Advent dawns on us!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons

## PE change next week for Y3 & Y6

As a one off, Year 3 and 6 will have PE on Monday 27th December instead of Wednesday. This is due to a timetabling change with our Sports coach. If your child normally attends Total Dance afterschool club on a Wednesday, this has been cancelled on Wednesday 29th December- as a one off.

## Parish Christmas Fayre

This year St Francis Catholic Church will be holding their annual Christmas fayre on Saturday 2nd December, 12-3:30pm. Our School will be hosting a stall. If you have any donations of bubble baths, soaps, bath bombs and other creams or cosmetics please send your donations into school before Wednesday 29th November. There are house points up for grabs to say thank you for your contributions!!



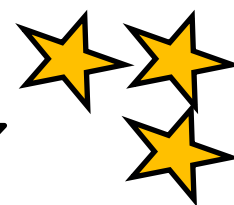
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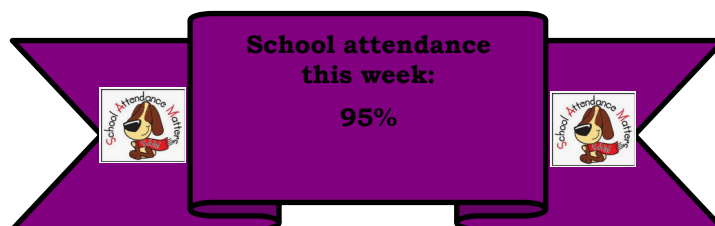
### Dates for your diary:

Last Gardening club session until	28th Novem-
Deadline for Parish Christmas fayre items	29th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm	1st Dec
Church Christmas Fayre (12-3:30pm)	2nd Dec
Advent 1 praise, led by Y4 - 9:10am Parents welcome	4th Dec
PTA event - Adult Wreath making	4th Dec
No Celebration assembly	8th Dec
PTA event - Bauble decorating	8th Dec
Advent 1 praise, led by Y3 - 9:10am Parents welcome	11th Dec
Early Years Nativity, 2pm	12th Dec

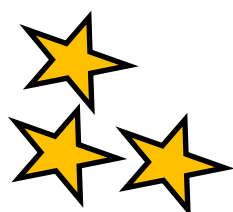
## Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Etta
Year 1	Rowan
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Rafe
Year 4	Arley
Year 5	Helena
Year 6	Aarush



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Cecilia
Year 1	Ellie- May
Year 2	Divit
Year 3	Minnie
Year 4	Agnes
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Hugh



## PTA updates

Tickets are now on sale (available through parents pay) for the PTA fundraising events of the adult wreath making, children's bauble workshop and the Christmas raffle ticket booklets have also come home. If you would like any further information, please contact your class rep who would be more than happy to provide you with the finer details.



## Breakfast & Afterschool club

Do you need reliable childcare, where your child can receive a healthy breakfast or snack which meets the Healthy Schools standards? Look no further!

**We have a few spaces available!**

Breakfast club runs from 7:45-8:50am and provides a range of healthy breakfast items for your child.

Afterschool club runs from 3:30-6pm and provides a healthy snack and a range of activities.

For more information contact the school office on: 0113 323 0554 or email [office@stfrancismorley.org.uk](mailto:office@stfrancismorley.org.uk)



## Lower Key Stage 2



PE Year 3

In Year 3, we have been working on developing balance skills with a partner in gymnastics and on the passing and offside rules in tag rugby ready for a game next week!

This week in Year 4, we have been investigating our science topic: sound.

We went on a walk around school to write down all the different sounds we could hear, as well as rating different sounds based on whether we found them pleasant or unpleasant.



## Upper Key Stage 2



In Year 5, we have been working on converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. We used Numicon and bar models to help us.



Results are in for last weeks TT Rock-stars competition!

St George beat St David and St Patrick beat St Andrew.

Top scorers from each house were:

Andrew - Nathan

David - Emily

George - Isla

Patrick - Joseph Fo

Well done to everyone took part!

In Year 6, we have enjoyed exploring different versions of our class text A Christmas Carol.



## Key Dates for this half term...

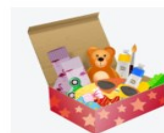
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Praise 1, led by Y4, 9:10am, parents welcome  
- PTA adult event: wreath & centre piece making
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – PTA event: children's bauble decorating
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Praise 2, led by Y3, 9:10am, parents welcome
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 2pm, parents welcome \*
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Confirmation service, 7pm at Church
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity, 9:30am & 2pm, parents welcome\*
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9-10am Inclusion coffee morning (all welcome)  
- Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy team Carol singing in the care homes  
- Final celebration assembly for Autumn term, 3pm, parents welcome
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Praise 3, led by Y5, 9:10am, parents welcome  
- Y6 Herd Farm parents meeting, 4:15pm at School
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner, children to wear **Christmas jumpers over their uniform**  
- Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, Christmas theme  
- Key Stage 2 Carol service at school, 2:30pm, parents welcome  
- PTA Christmas Raffle
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Mini Vinnie & Chaplaincy event: Carol singing & mince pies for grandparents, 3pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christingle service at church led by Y6  
- Class Christmas parties (school uniform) & visit from Santa  
- School closes for end of Autumn Term
- \*\*\*\*\* Christmas holiday: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 \*\*\*\*\*  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Inset day (School closed)  
School reopens: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Shoe box appeal

St Francis Catholic Primary School



### Catholic Care Shoe box 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. This year we would like to send shoe boxes again to Catholic Care to support their Christmas appeal.

#### How can you help?

If you are able to donate items, place these into a small shoe box size, they are collecting: toys, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, chocolates / biscuits / sweets, magazines / puzzle books, playing cards / small games, small craft items, books.

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

We will be delivering the boxes on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, so please ensure they are in school by 4pm on the Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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



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



## Academic Calendar 2023-24

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

Start of Au-  
tumn 1 term *Tues 5th Sept  
2023*

End of Half  
term *Thurs 26th  
October 2023*

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

Start of Au-  
tumn 2 term *Mon 6th No-  
vember 2023*

End of Au-  
tumn 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 cost £2.50 per day.

# YOUR MENU

**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 Rap 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

**THURSDAY**

Roast Pork with Yorkshire  
Pudding, Mashed and Roast  
Potatoes

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

Hot Roast Filled Rap with  
Roast Potatoes

Vanilla Ice Cream with  
Sliced Peaches

**FRIDAY**

Battered Fish with Chips

Tomato Pasta Bake (v)

Tuna Rap with Chips

Jacket Potato with Cheese  
(v)

Chocolate Cornflake Cake

(v) = vegetarian  
(ve) = vegan

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 allergens. 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.

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS  
Leeds CITY COUNCIL

Would you like your child to have Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December but they do not normally order a dinner, contact the School office for more information or complete the order form which can be downloaded from the school website under the newsletter tab.

## 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 /  
SEND CO

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

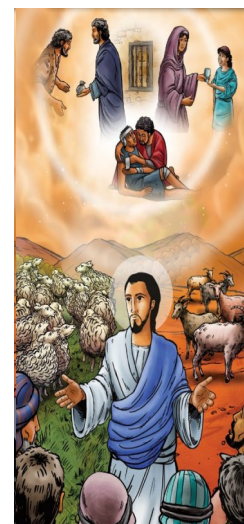
**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

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

## Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes what will happen when he comes again at the end of time. Like a shepherd who calls his sheep to follow him, Jesus invites people to be with him forever. The only requirement is that we should have loved our neighbour: that is, we should have looked after our neighbour in need. The Gospel reminds us that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly. Enjoy a very special time together, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's word, which is **KINDNESS**.

**"The Gospel  
invites us to be  
open to others,  
to share with  
the poor. Let us  
learn to live  
with kindness."  
Pope Francis**



Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm  
Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am  
Weekday mass times: Monday 9am,  
Tuesday - Friday 10am