

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 1st December  
2023

Autumn Term 2 week 4  
*Virtue: Patience*

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## Weekly News Headteacher's Welcome

Well done to all our Y5 children who have successfully achieved their Bronze award and for the 5 children who have not also received their pen license!  
Keep up the brilliant work children!

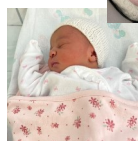
This weeks newsletter is a busy one indeed - if there are any items you are unsure of please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher, as it is a busy time of year.

Just a little reminder that if you have a younger child who is due to commence school in September 2024, the application window is currently open and closes on the 15th January 2024. Please spread the word with any neighbours with younger children too, to remind them of this date so they do not miss the deadline.

There is a lot of snow and ice forecasted over the coming days, any updates from school will come via text and be posted onto our school website and X sites, please ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information so that we can provide you with these updates should they arise.



Finally, a huge Congratulations to Miss Haley and her partner for the birth of baby Saneya Ekirabo Haley, who arrived earlier than expected, Thursday 23rd November, weighting a healthy 7lbs. Both Miss Haley and Saneya are doing well and wish to thank you all for your love and prayers.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons

## Reading ambassadors recommended reads...

My recommendation for a good read would be books written by JK Rowling. I like these books because they are fantastic, magical and simply amazing.

Matilda



I think that the book 'A Christmas carol' by Charles Dickens is an easy (considering the old English) for Year 5 or 6. It is about a sad Christmas and three ghosts of the main character decisions in life.

Niamh W



I would recommend all the 'Diary of a wimpy kid' books because they are humorous books. My favourite book in the collection is 'Deep end'.

Amelia H



My all time favourite novel at the moment is one of the Harry Potter collection books, part 2 (The chamber of secrets) as it is mysterious, interesting and above all adventurous.

Finn J

## Inside this newsletter:

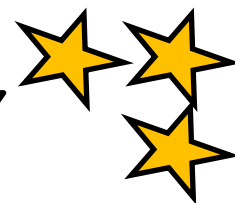
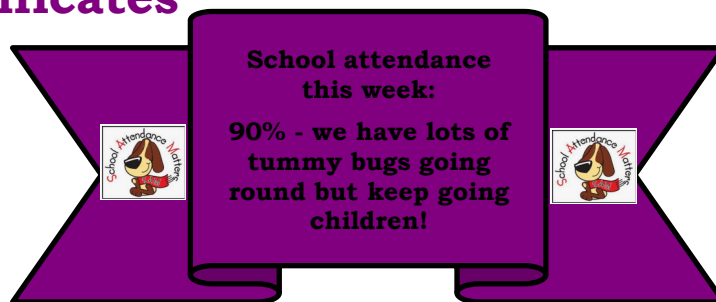
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## Dates for your diary:

Advent 1 praise, led by Y4 - 9:10am	4th Dec
Mini Vinnie Shoe box appeal deadline - 3:30pm	5th Dec
Non-uniform day £1 donation	8th Dec
No Celebration assembly	8th Dec
PTA event - Bauble decorating	8th Dec
Advent 2 praise, led by Y3 - 9:10am	11th Dec
Early Years Nativity, 2pm	12th Dec
KS1 Morley nativity walk	12th Dec
Y6 confirmation service at church, 7pm	13th Dec

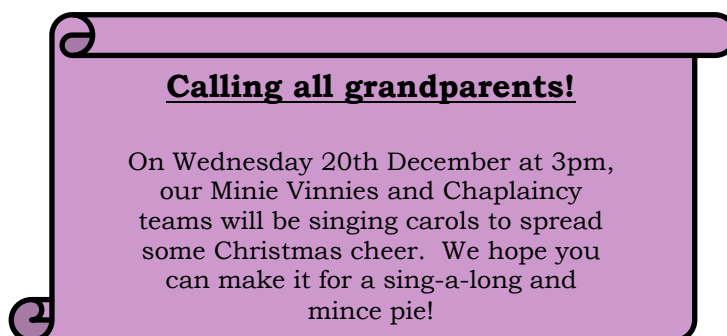
## Celebration certificates

Celebration certificates	
Reception	Klara
Year 1	Felicity
Year 2	Savannah
Year 3	Joseph Ha
Year 4	Ola
Year 5	Eric
Year 6	Frankie C



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Grace
Year 1	Ibrahim
Year 2	Delilah
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Tilly
Year 5	Martha
Year 6	Maja

Headteacher certificates
Bobby-Lee



## Mental health support for your child

The following link is from the Children and Young People's mental health services who have been working on developing a number of short films, aimed at supporting parents and carers who may have concerns about their child's mental health.

The central principle is to promote awareness of support and resources that are already available, with the aim of preventing situations escalating into a crisis stage and, ultimately, admission into services.

There are 16 films in total, covering 6 different topic areas – including safety (both physical and online), eating disorders and self-harm. The link to the central webpage, entitled This May Help is here: [www.thismayhelp.me](http://www.thismayhelp.me)



## Early Years



In Nursery this week, we looked at Advent, we made a wreath and discussed how we can show hope, peace, love and joy!

It has been another busy week of learning in Reception! In Maths, we have been exploring ways to make 5 using part whole models. In RE we have been retelling the story of Jesus' birth. In DT we have been exploring hinges and made our own bracelets!



## Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 we have been busy making a map of the UK from playdough, retelling the story of the Annunciation in RE and have been looking at our new text 'Toys in Space' in our English! It has been a super fun week!



This week in Year 2 we have been busy practicing our jumping skills during our fitness topic and talking about friendships in PSHE.



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## Reading at home

To support your child with their reading progress, please try to read with your child at least 3 times per week. We are still working very hard in school (Christmas may be approaching but we have lots of learning going on) to help your child reach the highest standards. Don't forget to write a short comment about how their reading session has gone.



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## Christmas music concert



Our children who learn a woodwind or brass instrument have been busy learning a range of festive carols. Our Autumn concert, which will be at 2:15pm on Tuesday 19th December, will be hosted by those children who were learning instruments last academic year. Our Spring term concert, this will be hosted by all children learning a woodwind or brass instrument at school. All are welcome to attend.

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## Early Years & KS1 nativities

Tickets will be coming home next week for the nativities. You will need these in order to watch the performances. If you would like to purchase a copy of the performance, please complete the reply slip coming home on Monday 4th December and return it to school by Monday 11th December.



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## Early Years Christmas Stay and Play!

On Tuesday 19th December we would like to welcome all of our Early Years Parents (Nursery & Reception) to a festive stay and play. The session will run from 9-11am. You are welcome to stay for the duration of the 2 hours or stay for as long as you can if you are working or have other commitments. Be prepared to get crafty!



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## Early Years celebration

If any children from nursery or reception have had an achievement or success we want to hear about it! Maybe your child has learnt how to ride a bike, developed in their swimming, can zip up their coat by themselves...we want to know! You can let Miss Mackenzie or Miss Goodall know on tapestry or by sending in a photo or note.



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FRIDAY  
8TH DEC

3.30-  
5.30

Parent & child  
**BAUBLE  
MAKING**

**Make two baubles with each ticket**

TICKETS ON TEACHERS2 PARENT APP

**PTA  
updates**

Date for the diary:  
the next meeting  
will take place in  
School on

Wednesday 17th  
January 2024,  
6:10pm.



**NON UNIFORM  
DAY**

**Friday 8th December**  
**£1 DONATION FOR PTA**



## Key festive Dates over the coming weeks...



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: Non-uniform - £1 donation

PTA event: children's bauble decorating (book a place on the school money app)

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 1) 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.

**Morley St Francis**

**Week 1**

W/C - 04/09/23, 25/09/23, 16/10/23, 13/11/23, 04/12/23, 08/01/24, 29/01/24

**MONDAY**

- Chicken Curry with Rice
- Vegetarian Grill with Jacket Wedges (ve)
- Tuna Mayonnaise filled Wrap with Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Chocolate and Orange Cookie

**Tuesday**

- Beef Cottage Pie
- Super Five Vegetable Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread (v)
- Cheese Bap with Pasta Salad (v)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna
- Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad

**Wednesday**

- Tortilla Pizza with Jacket Wedges (v)
- Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese (ve)
- Ham Sandwich with Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)
- Lemon Sponge with Custard

**THURSDAY**

- Roast Gurner with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)
- Hot Roast filled Bap with Roast Potatoes
- Cheese and Crackers with Apple Wedges

**FRIDAY**

- Fish Fingers with Chips
- Omelette served with Chips (v)
- Wholemeal Tuna Sandwich with Chips
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Shortbread Finger with Fresh Fruit Wedges

**YOUR MENU**

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit**

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

**RED TRACTOR STANDARDS**

**Leeds CITY COUNCIL**

(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 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.

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**



## 1st Sunday of Advent



This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world. In this Sunday's Gospel, the Master represents Jesus and the servants represent us. The message from the Gospel is very clear: we are to 'stay awake!' A little extra daily prayer throughout Advent is a great way to do this – to be alert to Jesus' presence around us. Prayer brings us not only closer to God but also closer to one another. Make a great start to Advent, enjoying a special Prayer & Share time together, discussing this Sunday's Gospel and this Week's word, which is **PRAYER**.

You will also have received a letter reminding that our Travelling cribs will be coming home at some point for a night. This is a lovely opportunity for you to share as a family the true meaning of Christmas and God's message at this time of year.

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

