

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Thursday 21st  
December 2023

Autumn Term 2, week 7  
*Virtue: Patience*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

What a fantastic term we have had and we have achieved so much together! It is a wonderful time of year and we are so grateful for all of your kindness and support over the term. We really do appreciate all of your support, especially with attending our Collective worships, nativities, open mornings, stay and play sessions and your charitable generosity for those less fortunate.

Thank you also for the cards, gifts and well wishes that the staff have received, to receive such heart-warming messages of thanks after a long and busy term, really has been so lovely and meant such a lot to the St Francis team.

This weeks newsletter is all about your children and celebrating all they have been learning about this week and over the term. Don't forget to follow your child's X (formally known as Twitter) account to see weekly posts of their learning!

Wishing you all a wonderful, festive holiday.

See you next Year...on Monday 8th January!

Mrs Gibbons

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### Dates for your diary:

Inset day - School closed	5th Jan 2024
School opens for Spring Term	8th Jan
Y1 trip to Skipton Castle	9th Jan
PSCO visiting Y5/6: social awareness sessions	9th Jan
D-Side sessions: Alcohol & drug awareness & interest safety lessons	10th—12th Jan
Y3 Stone Age day	11th Jan
Y1 Parents Phonics meeting, 3:30pm in Y1 classroom	11th Jan
Celebration assembly, all welcome, 3pm	12th Jan
Reception 2024 admissions applications close	15th Jan
Celebration assembly, all welcome, 3pm	19th Jan

## Spring term 1 PE days

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE uniform on their designated PE days. Year 6 can wear their leavers hoodies on Friday PE sessions, in place of the black zip up jacket.

Please take a close look at the PE days for Spring 1 term, we change days half termly, to alternate the PE coaches with different cohorts across school.

Swimming for Year 4 will begin the week on 15th January 2024, please ensure your child has a coat on their Swimming day.

### PE days this half term - Spring 1

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 & Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday & Friday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Thursday & Friday

## Early Years



This week in Nursery, we have enjoyed our Christmas themed activities especially the Santa soup station! Some of us added sprouts, carrots and oats! We mixed them together just like we do when we are baking to create a wonderful treat!



Reception have loved their Christmas themed provision this week! We have used the numicon to build elves, used segmenting to write CVC words and wrote letters to Santa!

## Key Stage 1



What a fabulous final week! A Christmas dinner, acrostic poems, final art pieces and a Christmas party to end the week! So much fun was had!



In Year 2 this week we have been enjoying the Christmas celebrations! In Art we have also been decorating our punch pots for us to take home.



## Lower Key Stage 2

This week in Year 3, we finished our Science learning about pulleys and completed printing in art. We had a super end to the term making Christmas beautiful cards and having festive celebrations.



In Year 4, we have loved all of the festive activities! We also had lots of fun creating our own telephones from cups and string in science, as well as role playing different ways we can show love to others, in RE.

## Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have been learning about 4 figure grid references. We are now experts in using 4 figure grid references to locate the cities of Brazil!



In Year 6, we have enjoyed creating our own lino prints inspired by Henry Moore's perspective drawings.



## Some of the Clubs during Autum term



The popular Lego club engineers really impressed with their ability to tackle the various construction challenges!



The Mini Vinnies visited local care homes to sing carols to the residents.



The Chaplaincy Team leading the October Rosary prayer group



The Min Vinnies collected generous donations for the Catholic Christmas Care shoe box appeal



The Chaplaincy Team leading the Advent prayer group



**Book club**

By Year 3, 4 and 5



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

**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

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**YOGHURTS**

**AND**

**Fresh Fruit**

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

**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 Gargmon 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

**Seasonal local produce**  
USED WHEREVER POSSIBLE

(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 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.

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS

**Leeds**  
CITY COUNCIL

## 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

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*"I like painting"*  
(Chloe)

*"I like counting in the Maths area."*  
(Jas)

*"I like playing in the playdough area."*  
(Jas)

**Is your child due to start School in September 2024?  
or are you looking for a Nursery place?**

**We invite prospective parents of  
Nursery and Reception aged Children  
wishing to apply for a Nursery place  
from aged 3 or Reception place from  
September 2024 to visit our  
wonderful school**

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

*"I like looking at books in the reading area."*  
(Jas)

*"I like playing with the blocks in the home corner."*  
(Jas)

**Application Timetable –**

The below timetable applies to applications made to Leeds City Council

**1st November 2023 - Applications Open**

**14th January 2024 - National Deadline for Applications**

**17th April 2024 - National Offer Day**