

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



Friday 23rd February  
2024

Spring Term 2, week 1  
*Virtue: Love & Charity*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

It has been an exciting week for us to showcase the brilliant school that we are! I have been incredibly proud to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school which is full of love, joy and academic excellence. Your children and the staff within the school are a real credit to the community. Thank you to you all for your time, support, kindness and dedication to supporting the school this week, be it through speaking to Mrs Ralph, to reading with your child to attending the PTA jump inc event. We are a truly unique, nurturing school community. We will be able to share the outcome of our inspection once the final report is published.

We welcomed Artforms this week into school to work with our Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 classes around stories and songs from other cultures. Children had the opportunity to explore a range of instruments and develop their musical confidence of the key elements of texture, pitch and dynamics within music, whilst reading and singing stories from around the world.

Although we were not in school last week to mark the beginning of Lent, we have reflected this week on the meaning of Lent (fasting, almsgiving and prayer) and made a focal point for our worship tables- our East gardens. You will also have received a letter regarding key details of the Lenten fundraising taking place each week. Please keep our children who have begun their sacramental preparations for Reconciliation this week in your prayers.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Thank you all once again for the overwhelming amount of support to all staff, it has been much appreciated.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons



### Parent workshop reminder!

We have a series of Parent curriculum events this half term. In the sessions, we are inviting parents to come and support your child whilst they learn. We are hoping this will help our parents to see the strategies that we use in teaching your children as well as crafting celebrations too! We hope you can join us...

Tuesday 27th February - Reading (8:50-9:25am)

Wednesday 6th March - Mathematics (8:50-9:25am)

Friday 15th March - Writing (8:50-9:30am)

Friday 22nd March - Easter crafts across school (8:50-10:30am)

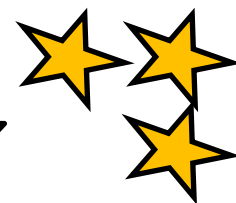
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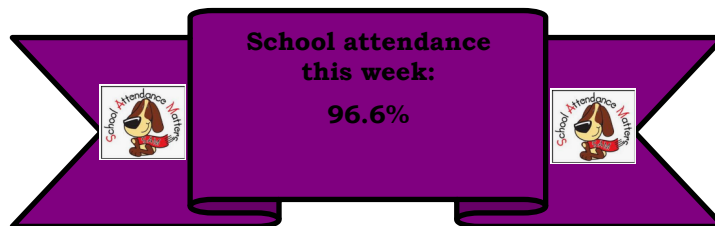
### Dates for your diary:

Y2 Lenten fundraiser- name the teddy.	26th Feb
Y5 Library visit	26th Feb
Parent reading workshop - 8:50-9:25am	27th Feb
Y4 Skipping competition	28th Feb
Celebration assembly, all welcome, 3pm	1st March
Rearranged Football competition	1st March
Y5 Lenten fundraiser- Smarties!	4th March
Y5/6 Girls Football competition	5th March

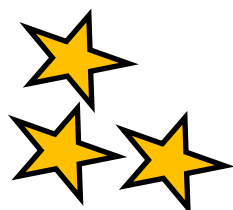
## Celebration certificates




Celebration certificates	
Reception	Amos
Year 1	Sophia
Year 2	Mazuita
Year 3	Annabelle
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	Hannah
Year 6	Leo



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Teddy
Year 1	Madison
Year 2	Ayla
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Matthew
Year 5	Phoebe
Year 6	Max







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THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL EVENT.  
THE KIDS REALLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES AGAIN!

JUMP INC MADE PARKING SITUATION EASY  
AND WE HOPE IT DIDNT TAKE YOU TOO LONG TO  
GET HOME WITH THE FOOTBALL CROWDS



## Early Years



In Nursery, after listening to the story about the fishermen, we enjoyed decorating our own fish using the glitter glue and tissue paper. We got the nets and tried to catch some fish too!



In Reception we have been enjoying our Maths learning! We have recapped composing numbers to 5 and also been exploring length and height. We also had lots of fun at our songs and stories workshop! We learnt new songs and loved being part of the amazing stories!

## Key Stage 1

What a busy week! We have had a stories through music workshop and we even hosted a bun sale! We even made an Easter garden!



This week in Year 2, we have been busy practicing our skipping techniques when Skipping School came to visit us in PE. This week, we have been learning and practicing special songs through stories. We had lots of fun!

# Dates for your diary next half term...

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Lenten fundraising: Guess the name of the rabbit led by [Y2](#)

- Year 5 Morley Library visit

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Parents reading workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 Skipping Competition @ Mount St Mary's

- Year 3 Morley Library visit

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten fundraising: Smartie tube coin collection led by [Y5](#)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parents maths workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

- PTA event: [Mothers' day](#) shop

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World book day: costume required

- Community link: 'Journey through the Old Testament' faith performance

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Early Years Stay & Play, 9-11am, [Mothers' day](#) theme

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March – Science & Design Technology (STEM) week & Y1 Ducks [arriving](#)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – [Mothers' day](#) liturgy led by Y1, 9:10am, parents & grandparents welcome

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Author [visit](#) to School

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Parents writing workshop, 9:10am (come and learn with your child)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten fundraising: Guess the number of sweets in the jar led by [Y6](#)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 3:40-6pm, in the school hall

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Inclusion coffee morning, all welcome

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9-10:30am: Stay and Play (Easter theme) across School

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30am

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Week

- Lenten fundraising: Chocolate hamper led by Y3/4

- Palm Sunday liturgy led by Y2, 9:10am, parents [welcome](#)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 Easter production, 9:30am & 2pm, parents welcome\*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Supper service led by Y6, 9:10am, parents [welcome](#)

Stations of the Cross led by Y5 to the [school](#)

- School closes for end of Spring Term

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday - Bank Holiday (School closed)

\*\*\*\*\* Easter holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

\*More information regarding Easter production to follow, regarding ticket entry.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School opens for Summer [term](#)



## LEEDS ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Can you spare half an hour on Thursdays?

Bring your child to Y6 classroom to help Mrs Gibbons & Mrs Greene decorate all things St Patrick!

Mrs Greene has been working hard to get St Francis a float in this years St Patricks day parade.

Save the date to come and join our School float:

Sunday 17h March 2024, 10:30am, Millenium square.

## Staff update

Next Friday we will be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Fisher our Year 3 teaching assistant who also works with numerous children across school supporting with speech & language work and nurture support. Mrs Fisher has worked in school for over 12 years, right from when her children were in primary school and now her children are leaving school, she is ready to try a new administration adventure. Mrs Fisher will be greatly missed and we can not thank her enough for all the support she has given to children over the years of her working in school. Mrs Fisher, we wish you all the best for your new chapter and hope enjoy your term time holidays too, which we know you can not wait to enjoy!

## Sporting stars!

Huge congratulations to Anges, Cora and to their older sisters for showcasing their passion and drive to achieve football success! Girls you spoke so confidently on Look North on Friday evening and it was amazing to watch you celebrate that football is for all! We are right behind you and look forward to seeing your sporting careers...Lionesses here you come!! Carlton football club are always looking



for girls to join their team, if you would like more information, please speak to Mrs Gibbons.

## PE days this half term - Spring 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: Thursday

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Mondays & Wednesday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) & Tuesday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Thursday & Friday



## Academic Calendar 2023-24

End of half term Friday 9th February

Start of Spring 2 half Monday 19th February

End of term Thursday 28th March

Start of Summer 1 half term Monday 15th April

**School closed - May** Monday 6th May

End of half term Friday 24th May

Start of Summer 2 half term Monday 3rd June

End of Academic year Friday 19th July

**Inset days—** 22nd & 23rd  
**School closed** July

## School dinner menu - Autumn Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 2) 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 Primary School**

**Week 2**

W/C 26/02/24 - 18/03/24 - 22/04/24 - 13/05/24 - 10/06/24 - 01/07/24 - 22/07/24

# YOUR MENU

(v) = vegetarian  
(ve) = vegan

**MONDAY**

- Vegetarian Sausage Wrap (v)  
Jacket Wedges
- Tortilla Pizza (v)  
Jacket Wedges
- Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (v)  
Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato Cheese (v)

**Tuesday**

- Chicken Breast topped with BBQ Sauce and Cheese  
Herby Diced Potatoes
- Vegetarian Pasta Bake (v)
- Tuna Bap (v)  
Herby Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato Baked Beans (v)
- Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges

**Wednesday**

- Beef Spaghetti Bolognese
- Herby Tomato Quiche (v)  
Baby Baked Potatoes
- Cheese Bap  
Baby Baked Potatoes
- Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise
- Chocolate and Orange Cookie with Apple Wedges

**THURSDAY**

- Roast Chicken  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage (v)  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Hot Roast Filled Baguette with Roast Potatoes

**Friday**

- Salmon Bites  
Chips
- Cheesy Bean Wrap (v)  
Chips
- Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap  
Chips
- Jacket Potato Cheese (v)
- Ice Cream with Peaches

**Seasonal local produce**  
USED WHEREVER POSSIBLE

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit**

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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.

## Safeguarding

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

**Mrs Gibbons**  
Headteacher & SENDCO

**Miss Grayston**  
Assistant Headteacher

**Mrs Harrison**  
HLTA / Learning mentor

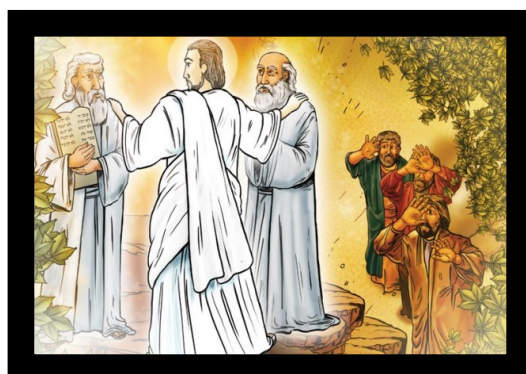
**Mrs Walker**  
Chair of Governors

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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

Please keep Canon Galvin in your prayers, as he continues to recover from his period of illness.



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