

# St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2023

Autumn Term 2, week 2  
*Virtue: Hope*

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## Weekly News

### Headteacher's Welcome

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the wonderful learning taking place this week, especially of Anti-bullying in PSHE lessons. Bullying can often be a term that with children we can be quick to associate to fallings out due to the personal, emotional and naturally defensive circle we have around our children. Yet as adults when we have disagreements we do not jump to calling this bullying. This week and the subsequent weeks where we reinforce messages of kindness and friendship and the zero tolerance to bullying, it is a fantastic opportunity for us to teach to our children the clear definition of bullying, how to distinguish between a friendship breakdown vs bullying and most importantly how to deal with and move forward following disagreements or unkind behaviours. The children have all worked hard to produce a whole school booklet for anti-bullying, which we will hopefully be able to share with you very soon.

We welcomed our School Governors into school for the day, where Governors conducted lessons visits, had a look through the learning in books, spoke with pupils about their learning and enjoyed their lunch with the children. It was a busy day but an extremely positive one, where they offered strategic challenge to the learning taking place across school. One common theme that emerged across the day was the witness of the high expectations the staff have of the children but also the sheer volume of hard work that the staff across school do for our children. We really do have an outstanding team of staff who go above and beyond.

It was also Miss Haley's last day today (she is hoping to return during Summer term) as she has now commenced her maternity leave, although I'm sure she will be in very soon as baby is due in just two weeks time. Sending all our love and prayers for the safe arrival of Miss Haley's baby girl. We look forward to updating you all when baby arrives.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

See you on Monday!  
Mrs Gibbons

## 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.



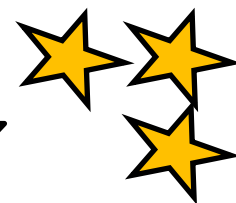
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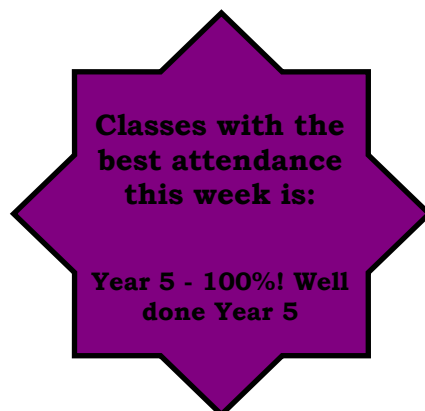
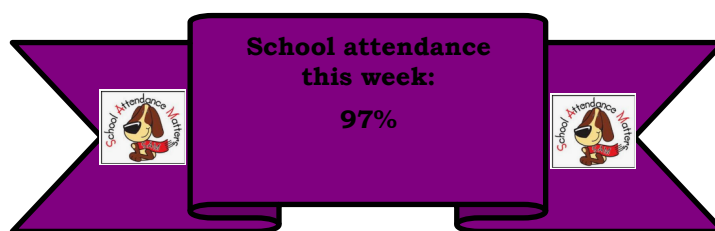
### Dates for your diary:

Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	17th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	24th Nov
Last Gardening club session until Spring term	28th November
Deadline for Parish Christmas fayre items	29th Nov
Celebration assembly, 3pm Parents welcome	1st Dec
Church Christmas Fayre	2ns Dec
Advent 1 praise, led by Y3 - 9:10am Parents welcome	4th Dec
PTA event - Adult Wreath making	4th Dec
No Celebration assembly	8th Dec
PTA event - Bauble decorating	8th Dec

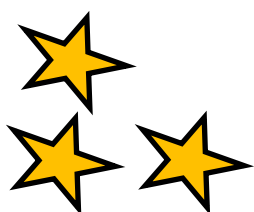
## Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Jace
Year 1	Ronan
Year 2	Amen
Year 3	Luca
Year 4	Pedro
Year 5	Nick
Year 6	Neorah



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Dawid
Year 1	James P
Year 2	Henry
Year 3	Joesph Fo
Year 4	Niamh W
Year 5	Marin
Year 6	Ollie



## St Francis Priorities: Our new School rules and behaviour ladders

Another section of our school priorities for this year surrounds the behaviour and attitudes where we are working to ensure consistently high expectations for ALL learners' behaviour and conduct throughout the school, resulting in positive attitudes to learning.

What can I do at home?

Discuss their behaviour and celebrate achieving the school rules.

### ST FRANCIS SCHOOL RULES

Strive To be

**F** FRIENDLY

**R** RESPECTFUL

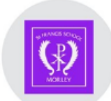
**A** AMBITIOUS

**N** NURTURING

**C** CREATIVE

**I** INSPIRING

**S** SELFLESS



As previously mentioned, when priorities are set they are not a reflection of a particular weakness, it is merely a focus in school to continue to drive the school in its journey to continued excellence.

On Friday we introduced our School rules, rewards and sanctions ladders.

St Francis Catholic Primary School Rewards Ladder	
<b>Level 5</b>	Certificate of excellence for children who have shown outstanding behaviour throughout the half term. Parents informed, letter from the Governing Body given out in Celebration Assembly. • Outstanding behaviour for the half term
<b>Level 4</b>	Head teacher award. Parents are informed. • Excellent behaviour • Dedication, positive attitude, living the virtues • Respectful, selfless attitude- being thoughtful of those around them • Working as a team
<b>Level 3</b>	Weekly reward. Children aim to achieve a certificate presented in celebration assembly for living out the school virtuous curriculum, resulting in golden table dining place. • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model. • Working as a team
<b>Level 2</b>	Class reward. Children aim to achieve a particular target for a class reward on a weekly basis. Merits (building up to bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards) • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model
<b>Level 1</b>	Verbal praise, house points, stickers. • Following school, class and playground rules. • Polite, selfless attitude, helpful, a good role model.

St Francis Catholic Primary School Sanctions Ladder	
<b>Level 5</b>	See Head teacher. Parents asked to meet with Assistant Headteacher or Headteacher. One-week behaviour monitoring or fixed term exclusion. • Seen Learning Mentor more than twice in a two week period. • Violent or abusive behaviour towards adults or children. • Racial incidents or bullying.
<b>Level 4</b>	Miss next playtime and potentially more depending on the severity of the incident. Miss class reward time. Child meets with Phase Leader or Learning Mentor and parents are informed. • Reach level 3 twice in a week - bad language, rude, hurting another, dangerous behaviour. • Not following rules or responding to instructions from a teacher or teaching staff.
<b>Level 3</b>	Miss 15 minutes of next playtime. Miss half of class reward time. • Repetition of behaviours in Level 2. • Bad language, rude, hurting another, dangerous behaviour.
<b>Level 2</b>	Move to an alternative place in the classroom or name on the board. • Repetition of behaviours in Level 1 (on two occasions). • Not responding to a warning.
<b>Level 1</b>	Verbal warning • Talking, swinging on chair, calling out. • Not following school, class or playground rules. • Unkindness, misuse of equipment, not playing within boundaries.

## Early Years



In Nursery, we have been working super hard with our fine motor skills this week by threading the hoops onto the spaghetti!

Reception have been very busy enjoying their learning this week. In Maths, we have been representing numbers in different ways. In our Literacy, we have been focusing on the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' and work-



### Times Tables rockstars

Please use the link [ttrockstars.com/parents/](https://ttrockstars.com/parents/) to access useful information about the TT Rockstars website. It includes:

- The importance of times tables
- A TTRS intro video
- A Parent guide PDF
- FAQs answered
- Free downloadables to use with your children

Battle of the houses next week  
from Monday- Friday, 7am-7pm  
St George v St David  
St Andrew v St Patrick

## Key Stage 1



What a busy week! This week Year 1 have drawn pictures of the Christmas story in RE, enjoyed anti-bullying week by celebrating our differences and finished the week with a keeping safe PSHE lesson.

This week in Year 2 we have been finding seaside resorts on maps. We have also been subtracting across 10 and from 10.





## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Reception have been thinking about our class virtue

Year 4 discussed what bullying is, how it makes people feel and what we can do to prevent it. We then created posters to explain what to do if we see someone being bullied.



Year 6 created an antibullying charter for parents.

Year two made friendship badges and posters.



## Anti-bullying week

Year 5 created a whole school anti-bullying promise.

To celebrate Anti-bullying week, Nursery designed a pair of odd socks and we thought about how can be a good friend.

Year 3 designed posters to represent bullying which we recalled can include cyber bullying and how important it is to tell a trusted adult if any issue arises.

Year 1 created posters with ways to deal with bullying.





## 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 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.

**YOUR MENU**

**Monday**

- Chicken Pie with Jacket Potatoes (v)
- Vegetarian Pasta with Jacket Potatoes (v)
- Cheddar Cheese with Jacket Potatoes (v)
- Jacket Potatoes with Vegetarian Bolognese (v)
- Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Salad

**Tuesday**

- Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato
- Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato (v)
- Tuna Rap with Pasta Salad
- Jacket Potato with Cheese (v)
- Fruity Flapjack

**Wednesday**

- Chicken Curry with Rice
- Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese (v)
- Cheese Sandwich with Rainbow Rice (v)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna
- Marble Sponge and Custard

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

- Crispy Salmon Bites with Chips
- Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips (v)
- Tuna Mayo/Mashed Sandwich with Chips
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v)
- Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad

**Seasonal local produce**

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit**

**RED TRACTOR STANDARDS**

**Leeds City Council**

(v) = vegetarian  
(ve) = vegan

## 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!!



## 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**

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold.

In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have. The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place.

Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to ring happiness to others! Let's enjoy this week and help spread God's love, through using our **talents** well.

**"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God."**  
Pope Francis



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