

St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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2024

Summer Term 1, week 3
Virtue: Perseverance & Resilience

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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome

What a sporting week we have had this week, from Year 6 representing us at the Netball festival to Y4 skipping. A huge congratulations to our Year 4 finalists who achieved a medal finish in 10 of the 16 events. Children you have worked so hard and become avid skippers! We are so proud of you and have loved seeing the smiles of your faces whilst completing your skip-dance! Well done



Year 4 and a big thank you to Miss Learie for 'championing' the team!

We have also had a pantomime performance of Alice in Wonderland! Which judging by the singing booming from the hall, the children enjoyed their special treat! Year 5 had an exciting visit to Maths City, where they explored a range of Mathematical concepts and re-

quired sharp problem solving skills!

Next Thursday, we celebrate a Holy day of obligation - The Ascension of our Lord. Our Year 2-6 classes will be going to mass in the morning.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday - don't forget

School is closed on Monday!

Mrs Gibbons



Nursery places available September 2024

In September we will have some places available in our school nursery. If your child will be three in 2024 or 2025 make sure you have filled out an application form to reserve a place for your child. Application forms are available from the school office. We offer 30-hour places as well as 15-hour part-time places. Nursery children can also have access to our Before and After School club provision (7:45am - 6pm).



Online safety

We have had a few discussions with families since returning from our Easter holidays about concerns with what content is available online, as well as reports of a few fall outs on social media networks. Although we can not police these concerns which are taking place outside of school, we can offer advice and recommendations as to safe use of technology. Please send some time checking over controls and what your child is accessing online.



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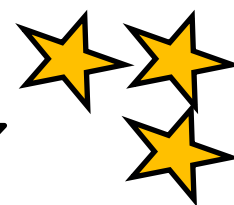
School dinners this term 5

Family worship of the week 5

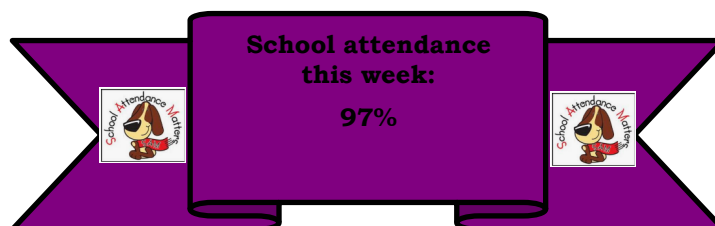
Dates for your diary:

Bank Holiday - School closed	6th May
PTA - bottle donations	6th May
Ascension of our Lord - Mass at 10am in Church	9th May
Celebration assembly - 3pm, all welcome	10th May
Y6 SATs week	13 - 17th May
PCSO visiting Y5	14th May
PTA - Toy donations	20th May
Aspirations week - dress as your future self	20th May
Y2 trip - Thackery museum	20th May

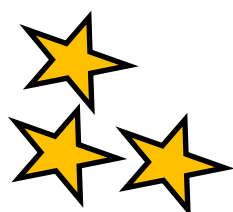
Celebration certificates



Celebration certificates	
Reception	Heran
Year 1	Oliver
Year 2	Teo
Year 3	Hailey
Year 4	Orla
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Zachary



Virtue certificate	
Reception	Klara
Year 1	Jack H
Year 2	Jamie
Year 3	Alex
Year 4	Alhanna
Year 5	Finn B
Year 6	Harley



NHS Advice for children's mental health. More information can be found [here](#)

Ways to support a child or young person

Be there to listen
Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on [Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health](#).

Support them through difficulties
Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from [the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour](#).

Stay involved in their life
Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.

Encourage their interests
Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.

Take what they say seriously
Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. [Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people](#) has more on this.

Build positive routines
Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The [Sleep Charity](#) has [relaxation sleep tips for children](#).

Early Years

In Nursery, we had lots of fun with our PE learning this week, we had to catch the bean bags in a cone and throw the bean bag in the hoop! Some of us challenged ourselves by taking a few steps away from the hoop before throwing the bean bag in!



In Maths this week, Reception have been practising verbal counting beyond 20. We have also enjoyed exploring a map, naming and locating countries that we know. Miss Goodall was very impressed with our knowledge!



PTA updates...

Congratulations to our Year 1 children for winning the penny war. Thank you for all your contributions, we look forward to giving you a full run down of the totals for each class!

Every couple of weeks in the build up to the return of our Summer Fayre, there will be a donation plea for items such as chocolate, bottles, toys and so on. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed into the boxes at class doors or in the main office. Here are the key dates:

22nd April - Donations of gifts - boxes are ready in classes for your donations!

6th May - Donations of bottles

20th May - Donations of toys

3rd June - Donations of chocolate bars

17th June - Donations of cakes

Our next PTA meeting will be on 5th June, 6:10pm Virtually. The meeting will focus on all things 'summer fayre', we hope that you can join us!

Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 in Science we have been naming parts of the body we can see. We then enjoyed labelling parts of our bodies using sticky labels. In Computing we began creating our own fact file about Minibeasts. We learnt why Minibeasts are invertebrates and the unique things they can do!



This week in Year 2, we have had lots of interesting and exciting lessons. In RE, we were hot seating questions that we would ask Jesus and the Disciples to help us understand what Easter stories tell us about how special Jesus was. In mathematics, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions!

Academic Calendar 2023-24

School closed - May Monday 6th May

End of half term Friday 24th May

Start of Summer 2 Monday 3rd June

End of Academic year Friday 19th July

Inset days— School closed 22nd & 23rd July

Academic Calendar 2024-25

Inset day - School closed Monday 2nd September

Start of Summer 1 Tuesday 3rd September

End of half term Thursday 24th October

Inset day - School closed Friday 25th October

School dinner menu - Summer 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.

YOUR MENU

Morley St Francis Primary School

Week 1

W/C 19/02/24 - 11/03/24 -
15/04/24 - 06/05/24 - 03/06/24 -
24/06/24 - 15/07/24

MONDAY

- Margherita Pizza (v) Jacket Wedges
- Veggieballs in Tomato Sauce (v) Jacket Wedges
- Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato Baked Beans (v)
- Ice Cream with Strawberry Sauce

Tuesday

- Savoury Minced Beef Mashed Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v) Jacket Wedges
- Cheese Bap (v) Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise
- Carrot Cake with Fresh Fruit Wedges

Wednesday

- Chicken Curry with Rice
- Super Five Vegetable Pasta Bake (v)
- Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (v) Jacket Wedges
- Jacket Potato Tuna Mayonnaise
- Rainbow Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

- Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Vegetarian Sausage (v) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes
- Hot Roast filled Baguette with Roast Potatoes
- Chocolate Sponge

FRIDAY

- Battered Fish with Chips
- Veggie Nugget Wrap (ve) Chips
- Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich (v) Chips
- Jacket Potato served with Cheesy Coleslaw (v)
- Custard Cream Cupcake

AVAILABLE DAILY

YOGHURTS AND Fresh Fruit

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

RED TRACTOR STANDARDS

Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

(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.

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

6th Sunday of Easter



God is love and all love comes from God. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family life then love grows and life becomes more joyful. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions.

Love is life's greatest blessing and Jesus' message is for us too. By loving as Jesus loves, we too become his friends and we experience the harmony and peace which comes from following his command - to love. Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Week's word, which is **LOVE**.

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

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others." St Augustine of Hippo