

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **99.1%** attendance week ending 5<sup>th</sup> September.  
Our overall attendance was **94.4%**

Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **99.6%** attendance week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September.  
Our overall attendance was **97%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 05/09/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 12/09/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	<b>86.4%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Nicholas	<b>94%</b>	<b>2</b>
St Matthew	<b>86.1%</b>	<b>3</b>	St Matthew	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>2</b>
St Mark	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>1</b>	St Mark	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>1</b>
St Luke	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Luke	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>2</b>
St John	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	St John	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St John's</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	

**WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to school, we're so excited to begin another year of learning, laughter, and growth together. It's always a joy to see how each student continues to develop, and we look forward to supporting you every step of the way.

A special welcome goes to Mrs Gac as she begins her first year as headteacher — we wish her all the very best in her new role and know she will lead with warmth, dedication, and vision.

Let's work together to make this school year one to remember!

## Welcome Mass

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Father Emmanuel came into school to lead a special welcome Mass for the school community. It was a beautiful way to begin the new academic year, bringing everyone together in prayer and reflection.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parish members and parents who joined us — your presence made the celebration even more meaningful. Well done to the children who supported Father Emmanuel during the Mass; your reverence and helpfulness were truly appreciated.



## Achievers - Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> September

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Ciprian	Romy-Rose	N/A	Adam
St Matthew	Lily-May	Elliott	N/A	Maria
St Mark	Amelia-Rose	Auburn	N/A	Roscoe
St Luke	Amelia Mc	Olivia R	N/A	Shalom
St John	Allissia	Frankie	N/A	Victoria K





## Achievers - Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September

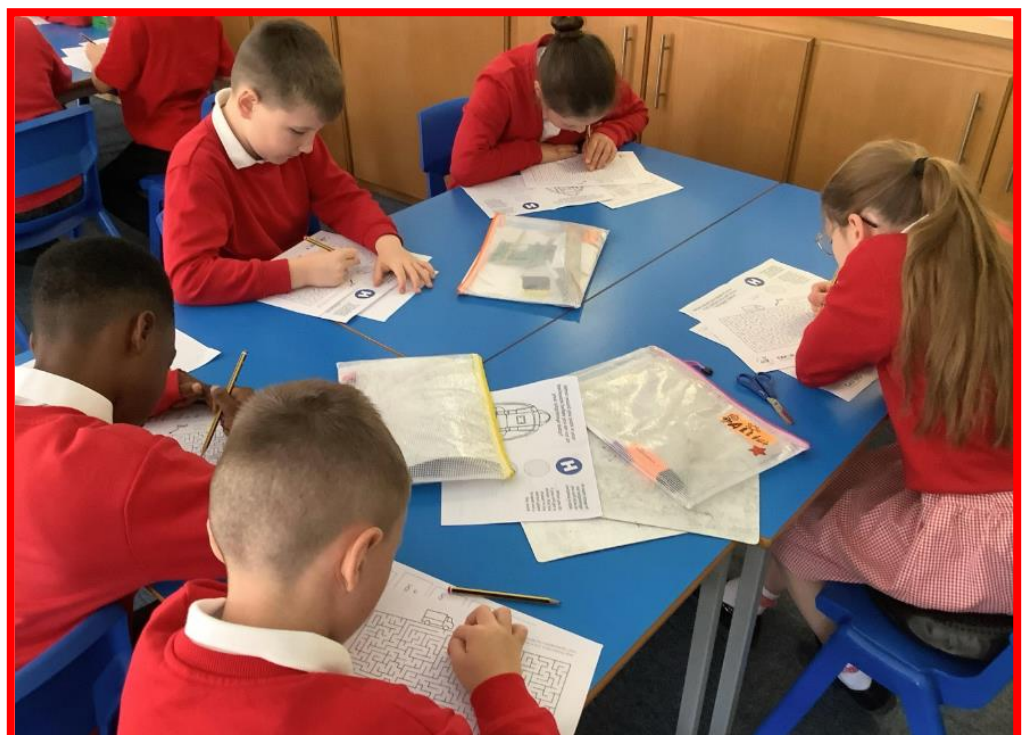
	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Zoey	Nancy	Wynter	Deity
St Matthew	Elias	Dion	Tehillah	Ivy-Blue
St Mark	Kai	Veripi	Dominik	Harry
St Luke	Amelia	Emilia	Deacon	Sam
St John	Ade	Lily	Orlaith	Oliver B



## CAFOD

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Ann (from CAFOD) came into school. In the morning she was in St John's and St Luke's class helping them to learn more about being Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year.

After this, she led a session with St Mark's class and then led a school assembly. She taught the children how the charity is working to improve the lives of people in Ethiopia by building water tanks. She explained how these have helped whole communities have access to clean, safe water.





## OLPH Building Fund

As a voluntary aided school, we have to pay 10% towards any capital building improvements to our school. To help towards these costs we ask for a contribution of £30.00 per family per academic year. In recent years this fundraising has supported the building of our beautiful new library and the replacement of the Foundation Unit floor. Your contribution can be paid as a one-off payment of £30.00 on ParentPay or in smaller instalments. We really hope you can support us by making a contribution from your family to help us maintain the very best learning environment for our children.



## After School Clubs - Autumn term 1

Please see the table below for the after-school clubs.



After School Clubs	Year Groups
Monday - Dance	Year 1 and 2
Tuesday - Gymnastics	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday - Athletics	Mixed age group - Year 1 - Year 6

## School Uniform Reminder

We believe that school uniform gives pupils a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. It also makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance. Please see below a list of our school uniform.

### Girls

Grey or Black trousers/ skirt/  
pinafore dress  
Summer red gingham dress  
White blouse/polo shirt  
Red cardigan/ sweatshirt  
Black shoes/ black trainers

### Boys

Grey or black  
trousers/shorts  
White shirt/polo shirt  
Red Sweatshirt/jumper  
Black shoes/ black  
trainers



## PE days

We have made some changes to our PE schedule. Each class will now have two PE sessions per week, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

For morning sessions, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit but must also bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.

For afternoon sessions, children should arrive in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into before the lesson.

If a child forgets their PE kit, they will be provided with a spare kit from school to ensure they can still take part.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep PE running smoothly!



Please see below the relevant PE days for each class.

Day of the week	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	St Matthew's class	St John's Class
Tuesday	Foundation Stage	St Matthew's Class St Mark's
Wednesday	St John's Class	St Luke' Class (Swimming Lessons)
Friday	St Mark's Class	Foundation Stage

St Luke's Class will be having their swimming lesson as both of their weekly PE lessons until Christmas.

## PE Kit

Black/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms

**Plain** white T-shirt/polo shirt

**Plain** black/navy sweatshirt/tracksuit jacket

Trainers/ pumps

**No logos of any type**



## Earrings and Jewellery

Only small stud earrings and a watch should be worn in school.

Earrings **MUST BE REMOVED** for PE and any after school sports clubs. If your child is considering having their ears pierced, please have them done at the start of the summer holiday



## Dates for the Diary

Event	Date
Year 4 Austerfield Residential	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
St Mark's Reading Café - Parents Welcome	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Macmillan Coffee Morning for Parents- 9AM	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Macmillan Cake Sale for students - after school	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
St Matthew's Reading session in the library - Parents Welcome	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents Welcome	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents Welcome	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 3pm
St Mark's Harvest Festival Assembly	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - 2.45pm
Training Day - school closed to students	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Reception and Year 6 Height Check	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Parents Evening 1 of 2	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
Reading at Home Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
St Mark's Reading session in the library - Parents Welcome	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Photographer in school - individual photos	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
St John's Remembrance Assembly	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - 9am
Parents Evening 2 of 2	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
St Matthew's Reading session in the library - Parents Welcome	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Children in Need fundraiser - theme TBC	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
South Yorkshire Police Internet Safety Year 5	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November - 1.30pm
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents Welcome	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents Welcome	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Choir Singing at Chapel Garth	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 1 of 2	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.40pm
Year 6 Delivering Christmas Cards to community	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 2 of 2	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am
Grandparents Party (60 capacity)	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December - 1.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 1 of 2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.40pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 2 of 2	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Class Christmas Parties	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Talent Show	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - 10am
End of Autumn Term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January



Our Virtue to Live by:

# Respect and Courtesy

I am respectful.

I treat others as I would like to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all  
made in God's image and likeness.

*"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12*

## OLPH 2025/26 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

Bank holidays: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Training days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026