

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School  
Newsletter  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

Congratulations to St Johns' Class who had **99%** attendance week ending 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Our overall attendance was **99.6%**

Congratulations to St Marks' Class who had **98.1%** attendance week ending 16th January.

Our overall attendance was **95.6%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 09/01/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 16/01/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	<b>96.7%</b>	1	St Nicholas	<b>93.7</b>	0
St Matthew	<b>95.8%</b>	6	St Matthew	<b>92.9</b>	8
St Mark	<b>98.1%</b>	1	St Mark	<b>98.1%</b>	3
St Luke	<b>94.8%</b>	2	St Luke	<b>94.5</b>	5
St John	<b>99%</b>	4	St John	<b>98.1%</b>	3
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St John's</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	

**Epiphany Mass**

On Tuesday 6th January, we gathered in school to celebrate a beautiful Epiphany Mass. Our heartfelt thanks go to Father Emmanuel for leading us in such a meaningful and reverent celebration. We are also grateful to the members of our Chaplaincy Team for their thoughtful contributions and support throughout the liturgy. Finally, a warm thank you to the parents who joined us—your presence helped make the occasion truly special for our school community.



## Achievers - Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> January

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Ella	Romy-Rose	Adebola	Aria
St Matthew	Tommy-Joe	Ezra H	Elliott	Reuben
St Mark	Max	Isabella	Auburn	David
St Luke	Cash	Faith	Maya	Amelia Mc
St John	Oliver S	Harry	Irede	Ola



## Achievers - Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> January

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Izabella	Nancy	Aria	Wynter-Grace
St Matthew	Oliver B	Maryann	Edward G	Veronica
St Mark	Guy	Tiwa	Veripi	Adefolarin
St Luke	Shalom	Deacon	Willow	Gracie-May
St John	Frankie	Calista	Amber	Jack P



## Alright Charlie

On Wednesday 7th January, the school nursing team visited to deliver an 'Alright Charlie' session to St John's class. This important workshop helped the children learn about child exploitation in an age-appropriate and supportive way.

All the pupils engaged brilliantly throughout the session, demonstrating excellent listening skills and asking thoughtful questions. We are proud of how maturely the children approached such an important topic.



## Family Reading Sessions

The first of our family reading sessions took place with St Mark's class on Thursday 8th January, followed by St Matthew's on Tuesday 13th January.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us in the library to spend quality reading time with their children.

Your support helps to foster a love of reading within our school community. We look forward to welcoming even more families to future sessions.



## Dojo Shop

Next week, we will be implementing a new behaviour initiative in order to regularly reward consistent, excellent behaviour.

The Pupil Parliament team met with Miss Briscoe and decided that they would like children to earn the chance to visit the 'shop' after achiever's assembly on Fridays.

If children show SUPER behaviour throughout the week and move to the top of the Dojo chart, they can choose an item from the shop to take home.

The Dojo chart will reset each Monday.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the shop, they will be gratefully received.



As always, thank you for your continued support.



## 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 - Spring term 1

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



After School Clubs	Year Groups
Monday - Hockey	Reception, Year 1 and 2
Tuesday - Basketball	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday - Dodgeball	Mixed age group - Reception - 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



## Jewellery, make up and nails

Please note that jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school with the exception of a small pair of plain, studded earrings and a watch. Earrings must be removed before PE - we do not permit plasters to be worn over earrings during PE.

Children are not permitted to wear make up to school unless there is an agreed non-uniform or dress up day.

Please be reminded that, in line with our health and safety requirements, students are not permitted to wear false or acrylic nails while at school. These nails can pose safety risks during practical lessons, physical activities, and everyday school routines, and may also make it difficult to maintain proper hygiene. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons, break times outside or physical activities until nails are removed. To ensure a safe learning environment for all students, we ask that nails remain natural, clean, free from nail varnish and of an appropriate length.



## PE days

Each class has 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	Foundation Stage St John's Class	St Luke' Class
Wednesday	N/A	St Matthew's Class St Mark's
Thursday	St Matthew's class St Mark's Class	St John's Class
Friday	St Luke' Class	Foundation Stage

## 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**



## Diary Dates

Event	Date
Whole school carousel day - The children will move around school and be taught by different teachers	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January - All day
Parents invited to attend their child's English lessons - Whole school including foundation	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January - 9am
St Nicholas' Family Reading Session	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January - 3pm
Care for Creation Litter Pick with Ed Miliband	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January - 9.30am
St John trip to the National Holocaust Centre	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Year 1 Road Safety Session	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
St Luke's and St John's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January - 3pm
Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Young Voices Concert	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5 Road Safety	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Key Stage 2 PTA Disco	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February - 3.30pm
Internet Safety Day	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
St Luke's' Danum Gallery Museum Trip	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Foundation and Key Stage 1 PTA Disco	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February - 3.30pm
St Marks' National Coal Mining Trip	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Special Valentines School Dinner	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Dojo Dash - theme to be confirmed	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Inset Day - <b>School Closed to Pupils</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
St John's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - 10.45am
St Mark's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - 3pm
Swimming Tournament	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - 3pm
St Luke's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - 10.45am
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March - 3pm
St Mark's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March - 10.45am
Parents Evening 1 of 2 (Book fair)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
Parents Evening 2 of 2 (Book fair)	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
St Luke's and St John's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March - 3pm
Nursery and Reception trip - Boston Park Farm	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm

Our Virtue to Live by:

**Faith**

I know that faith is a gift from God.

Faith helps me grow in friendship with Jesus.

I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

### OLPH 2025/26 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### OLPH 2026/27 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027

**One Extra Training Day to be confirmed**

Bank holidays: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027

Training Days: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027