

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
30th January 2026

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Marks' Class who had **97.4%** attendance week ending 23rd January.

Our overall attendance was **94.9%**

Most improved attendance is St Luke's Class from **94.5%** to **95.9%**

Congratulations to St Johns' Class who had **97.7%** attendance week ending 30th January.

Our overall attendance was **94.6%**

Most improved attendance is St John's Class from **94.6%** to **97.7%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 23/01/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 30/01/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	92.1%	1	St Nicholas	94.2%	3
St Matthew	93.5%	3	St Matthew	90.8%	9
St Mark	97.4%	1	St Mark	97.4%	4
St Luke	95.9%	2	St Luke	92.4%	0
St John	94.6%	0	St John	97.7%	0
Winner	St Mark's		Winner	St John's	

Litter Pick with Ed Miliband

On Friday 23rd January, our Care for Creation team had a very special visit from Ed Miliband. The children showed Mr Miliband all the amazing projects that they have been doing and invited him to join them in a little pick around their local area.

To see the press coverage on this amazing event please visit the Doncaster Free Press website.



Achievers - Week ending 23rd January

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Riley	Ciprian	Lucas	Henry
St Matthew	Lily-May	Elias	Ivy-Blue	Lunar
St Mark	Harry J	Logan	Charlotte	Dylan
St Luke	Cillian	Edward	Adaeze	Faith
St John	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Achievers - Week ending 30th January

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Parker	Adam	Bruno	Zoey
St Matthew	Denis	Deborah	Rosalia	Jackson
St Mark	Dorian	Auburn	Guy	Jakub
St Luke	Willow	Sam	Gracie-May	Elijah
St John	Oliver B	Oli	Scarlett	Irede



Whole School Carousel Day - British Values

On Monday 19th January, the whole school took part in an exciting British Values Carousel Day. Children from across all year groups were placed into mixed-age teams and rotated around the school, visiting different classrooms to explore a range of engaging activities linked to British Values. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to collaborate, learn from one another, and celebrate the values that help shape our school community.



English Lesson with Parents

On Tuesday 20th January, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to take part in their child(ren)'s English lesson. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging enthusiastically with the activities, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us. We are also incredibly grateful for all the lovely feedback you shared—it truly means a lot. We look forward to inviting you to our next whole-school event and hope to see you there!



The National Holocaust Centre

On Friday 23rd January, St John's Class visits The National Holocaust Centre to further their learning of their history topic. They explored the journey of Leo a Jewish boy who grew up in Berlin before escaping on the Kindertransport to England. They looked at different artefacts, final finishing the day in the memorial garden.



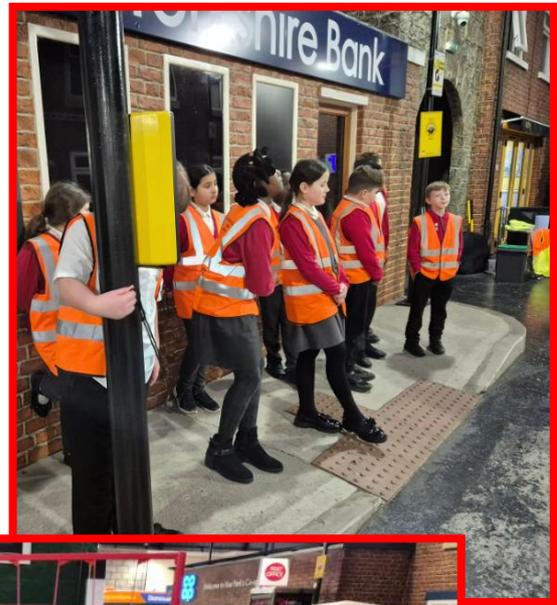
Road Safety

On Monday 26th January, St Matthew's Class had a visit from The Riot Act. They delivered a performance called 'Muffin, Don't Get Squished' through a fun interactive puppet show, during which the children learnt about road safety. All the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and enjoyed the performance



Crucial Crew

On Wednesday 28th January, St John's Class had a wonderful morning at Crucial Crew! They took part in a series of different sessions about Water Safety, Anti-social Behaviour, Fire Safety and Road Safety. The children were actively engaged, asked lots of questions and showed amazing listening skills.



Family Reading Sessions

We have continued with our family reading sessions with St Nicholas' class on Tuesday 20th January, followed by St Luke's and St John's on Tuesday 27th 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.



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

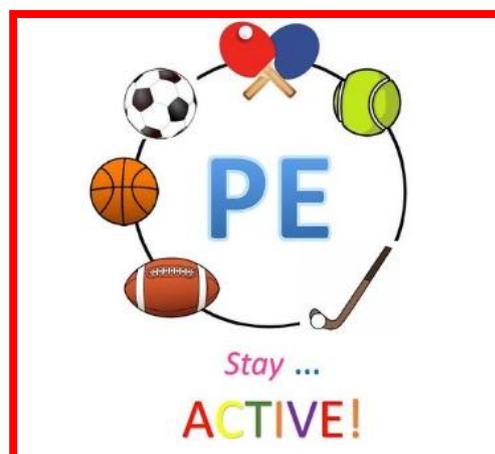
Each class has two PE sessions per week, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

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

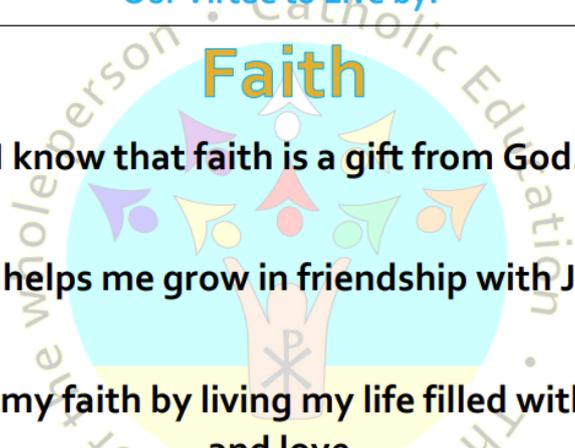
Black/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms
Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt
Plain black/navy sweatshirt/tracksuit jacket
Trainers/ pumps
No logos of any type



Diary Dates

Event	Date
Year 5 Road Safety	Tuesday 3 rd February
Key Stage 2 PTA Disco	Wednesday 4 th February - 3.30pm
Internet Safety Day	Monday 9 th February
St Luke's' Danum Gallery Museum Trip	Monday 9 th February
Foundation and Key Stage 1 PTA Disco	Tuesday 10 th February - 3.30pm
St Marks' National Coal Mining Trip	Wednesday 11 th February
Special Valentines School Dinner	Friday 13 th February
Dojo Dash - theme to be confirmed	Friday 13 th February
Spring Half Term	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February
Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils	Monday 23 rd February
St John's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 24 th February - 10.45am
St Mark's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 24 th February - 3pm
Swimming Tournament	Thursday 26 th February
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 2 nd March - 3pm
St Luke's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 3 rd March - 10.45am
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 9 th March - 3pm
St Mark's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 10 th March - 10.45am
Parents Evening 1 of 2 (Book fair)	Thursday 12 th March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
Parents Evening 2 of 2 (Book fair)	Monday 16 th March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
St Luke's and St John's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 17 th March - 3pm
Nursery and Reception trip - Boston Park Farm	Friday 20 th March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 27 th 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 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Monday 1 st June 2026	Monday 20 th July 2026

Bank holidays: Monday 4th May 2026

Training days: Monday 23rd February 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

OLPH 2026/27 Academic Year - School Holidays

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

One Extra Training Day to be confirmed

Bank holidays: Friday 26th March 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027
Friday 31st May 2027

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