

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **98.5%** attendance week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Our overall attendance was **96.6%**

Most improved attendance is St Nicholas' Class from **91.4%** to **98%**

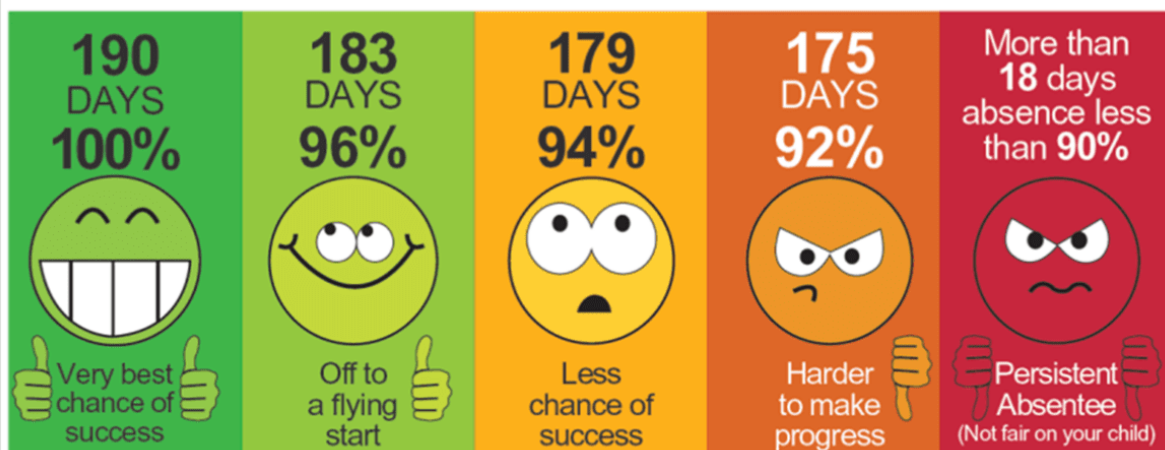
Congratulations to St Nicholas's Class who had **99%** attendance week ending 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Our overall attendance was **94.4%**

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Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 24/04/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 01/05/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	<b>98%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Nicholas	<b>99%</b>	<b>1</b>
St Matthew	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>2</b>	St Matthew	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>2</b>
St Mark	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Mark	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>4</b>
St Luke	<b>98.3%</b>	<b>1</b>	St Luke	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>2</b>
St John	<b>98.1%</b>	<b>2</b>	St John	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Mark's'</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Nicholas'</b>	

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



## Achievers - Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Jessica	Izabella	Wynter-Grace	Adam
St Matthew	Ivy-Blue	Ezra	Jackson	Maria
St Mark	Hallie	Dylan	Jakub	Olivia K
St Luke	Arlo	Jack J	Maya	Cohen
St John	Nahla	Harry	Jack P	Ire



## St Matthew's Trip - Danum Museum

On Tuesday 28th April, St Matthew's Class visited the Danum Gallery, Library and Museum to further their learning about their transport topic. The children travelled to and from the museum using public transport, enjoying the excitement of going on a bus for their trip. They were very well behaved throughout the visit and represented the school wonderfully while gaining valuable learning experiences outside the classroom.



## St Matthew's Cricket Competition

On Wednesday 22nd April, the children from St Matthew's Class took part in a cricket competition at Doncaster Cricket Club. The children enjoyed participating in a range of cricket activities and challenges throughout the day. They were extremely well behaved and represented the school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



## Care for Creation Litter Pick

On Tuesday 21st April, our Care for Creation team went into the local area to take part in a litter-picking activity. They collected a large amount of litter around Bentley Park, making a real difference to the environment. The children take great pride in helping to keep their local community clean and tidy, showing responsibility, teamwork and care for God's creation.

## Federation Football Tournament

On Wednesday 29th April, we held our first federated football tournament against our sister school, St Joseph's and St Teresa's Catholic Primary Schools. The boys played extremely well but were pipped to the post with a 4-3 loss. The girls won their tournament win an amazing 11-0 victory. The children from both schools performed extremely well, showing fantastic teamwork and amazing sportsmanship throughout the event. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children. We look forward to hosting the next tournament on Wednesday 20th May, weather permitting.



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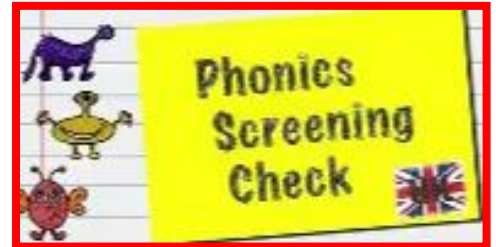
## Phonics Screening Check

As you may be aware, each year we are required to carry out a Phonics Screening Check, which assesses children's knowledge of sounds and their early reading skills.

We would like to invite all Year 1 parents, along with parents of Year 2 pupils in St Matthew's class, to join us in school on Wednesday 13th May at 3:00pm for a phonics meeting with Mrs Gaughan.

During this meeting, we will explain how the check is carried out, what it will involve for your child, and how you can best support them at home.

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 - Summer term 1

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



<b>After School Clubs</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>
Monday - Invasion Games (begins 13 <sup>th</sup> April)	Reception, Year 1 and 2
Tuesday - Football (begins 14 <sup>th</sup> April)	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday - Cricket (begins 15 <sup>th</sup> April)	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
May Bank Holiday School Closed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Home Visits 1 of 3	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Home Visits 2 of 3	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
SAT's Week: SPAG - Monday Reading - Tuesday Arithmetic and Reasoning 1 - Wednesday Reasoning 2 - Thursday	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Federation Football Tournament 2 of 2 at Our Lady's 4-5pm (Parents welcome)	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Best of British School Dinner	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Dojo Dash Day - theme tbc	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Summer Half Term - School Closed	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Home Visits 3 of 3	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 4 Road Safety	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Phonics Screening Check	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Big Talk	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Class Photos	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 5 Gulliver's Residential	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Football Fever Special Dinner	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Y4 Quad Kids Athletics Tournament (PM)	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (PM)
Year 6 PGL Dearne Valley Residential	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June - Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Foundation and Key Stage 1 Sports Day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Catholic Cup Football Tournament	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2/3 End of Year Assembly 2:45pm	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Key Stage 2 Sports Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Foundation Stage End of Year Assembly 2:45pm	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Summer Fair (3:30pm onwards)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Year 1/2 End of Year Assembly 2:45pm	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Whole School Transition Day	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Don Valley Transition for Year 6 (2 days)	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July - Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
School Reports to go out	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Sleepover	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 4/5 End of Year Assembly 2:45pm	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Ice Cream Van	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (10:15am)
Leavers Assembly 2:30pm	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Mass 10:45	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Foundation and Year 6 Buddies Picnic	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
School closes for the summer holidays	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm)

Our Virtue to Live by:

## Perseverance and Resilience

I will not give up.

I will have faith and hope even when things are difficult.

"O God, put a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 50:12

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

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 - Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Training Day</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Training Day</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Training Day</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Bank Holiday</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Training Day</b>

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Bank holidays:	Training Days:
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Monday 1st September 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Monday 23rd February 2026 Monday 20th July 2026

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Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027 - Bank Holiday	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Training Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Training Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Training Day</b>	

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