

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
24th October 2025

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **99.3%** attendance week ending 17th October.
Our overall attendance was **95.2%**

Congratulations to St Matthew's Class who had **96.7%** attendance week ending 24th October.
Our overall attendance was **94.2%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 17/10/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 24/10/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	98.9%	0	St Nicholas	88.3%	1
St Matthew	98.6%	0	St Matthew	96.7%	6
St Mark	99.3%	1	St Mark	95%	0
St Luke	93.5%	3	St Luke	95%	4
St John	90.7%	0	St John	95.6%	2
Winner	St Mark's		Winner	St Matthew's	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

The course of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church will begin in January. It will take place on a Tuesday at 5.30pm to 6.15pm in the Jubilee Hall at Our Lady's RC Church, Bentley.

The course is open to all Catholic children who attend Mass at Our Lady's Church and are in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Forms are available from Mrs Cunningham after Sunday Mass or Miss Royle in school.

The date of the Holy Communion is yet to be confirmed by Our Lady's Church.



Achievers - Week ending 17th October

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Jana	Ciprian	Deity	Zoey
St Matthew	Tehillah	Elias	Lunar	Maria
St Mark	Emily B	David	Hallie	Saskia
St Luke	Victoria K	Shalom	Emilia	Cohen
St John	Shea	Ire	Wyatt	Ola



St Luke's and St John's Reading Session with Parents

On Thursday 16th October, we were pleased to welcome the parents and carers of St Luke's class and St John's class into school for a special family reading session in our school Library. It was a lovely opportunity for families to enjoy some quality time reading together and to share in their children's love of books. We would like to sincerely thank all the parents and carers who joined us for the session.



Care for Creation Litter Pick

On Thursday 16th October, our Care for Creation team did their first litter pick of the year at Bentley Park. They collected lots of rubbish! Members of the public were very impressed with their hard work, and made some lovely comments.



Harvest Festival

On Monday 20th October, St Mark's Class led our Harvest Festival celebrations with a thoughtful and joyful assembly. Their singing was absolutely lovely, and Mrs Bayliss is incredibly proud of each and every child for their wonderful performance. We are also very grateful to everyone who attended and generously donated to Doncaster Foodbank—your kindness will make a real difference to families in need. Well done, St Mark's!



PTA Light Party Disco

On Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October, our PTA arranged for our students to take part in after school discos. We'd like to say a big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the Light Party discos for our students.

The children had a fantastic time dancing, enjoying delicious food, and spending quality time with their friends. Events like these create lasting memories and bring so much joy to our school community. We're already looking forward to the next exciting event the PTA has planned!



Bonfire Party Lunch

We're excited to announce a special themed school dinner to celebrate Bonfire Night! On Thursday 5th November, our kitchen will be serving a festive menu—please see the poster for full details of the delicious food choices available. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to join in with a school dinner on this occasion, they are very welcome to do so. The cost of a dinner is £2.95 and should be paid via ParentPay.



Children in Need

In order to raise funds for Children in Need, Pupil Parliament have requested that children come to school dressed in their pyjamas on Friday 14th November. Please ensure that PJs are appropriate and remember to bring their coats to school. Slipper can be worn inside but children must bring their outdoor shoes to get changed into.

Suggested donation is £1 please; this can be paid in cash or on ParentPay.



Careers Week volunteers

We're excited to host Careers Week — a special event where our students get the chance to learn about the world of work directly from the people who know it best — YOU!

We're inviting parents and carers to come in and share their career journeys, talk about their jobs, and inspire our students to dream big about their futures.

What We're Looking For:

- Speakers from all professions — from healthcare to construction, tech to the arts, business to community work.
- This will involve short talks, Q&A sessions, or even hands-on demonstrations.

We're looking for passionate parents who want to spark curiosity and excitement in our learners!

If you're interested, please comment on the post and we will be in touch with dates and work around you!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Gaughan



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/track suit 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 holidays.



Event	Date
Autumn Half Term	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October
Reception and Year 6 Height Check	Monday 3 rd November
Parents Evening 1 of 2	Tuesday 4 th November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
Reading at Home Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 5 th November - 3pm
St Mark's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 6 th November - 3pm
Photographer in school - individual photos	Monday 10 th November
St John's Remembrance Assembly	Tuesday 11 th November - 9am
Parents Evening 2 of 2	Wednesday 12 th November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
St Matthew's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 13 th November - 3pm
Children in Need fundraiser - PJ day	Friday 14 th November
South Yorkshire Police Internet Safety Year 5	Monday 17 th November - 1.30pm
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents welcome	Thursday 20 th November - 3pm
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 27 th November - 3pm
Choir Singing at Chapel Garth	Thursday 4 th December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 1 of 2	Tuesday 9 th December - 2.40pm
Year 6 Delivering Christmas Cards to community	Wednesday 10 th December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 2 of 2	Thursday 11 th December - 9.15am
Grandparents Party (60 capacity)	Friday 12 th December - 1.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 1 of 2	Monday 15 th December - 2.40pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 2 of 2	Tuesday 16 th December - 9.15am
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 th December
Class Christmas Parties	Friday 19 th December
Talent Show	Friday 19 th December - 10am
End of Autumn Term	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January

Dates for the Diary

Our Virtue to Live by:

Thankfulness

I am grateful for all I have and
praise God for all he has given
me.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 106:1

OLPH 2025/26 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Monday 1 st September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
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 1st September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Monday 20th July 2026