

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

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

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Our overall attendance was **94.9%**

Most improved attendance is St Matthew's Class from **95.2%** to **97.1%**

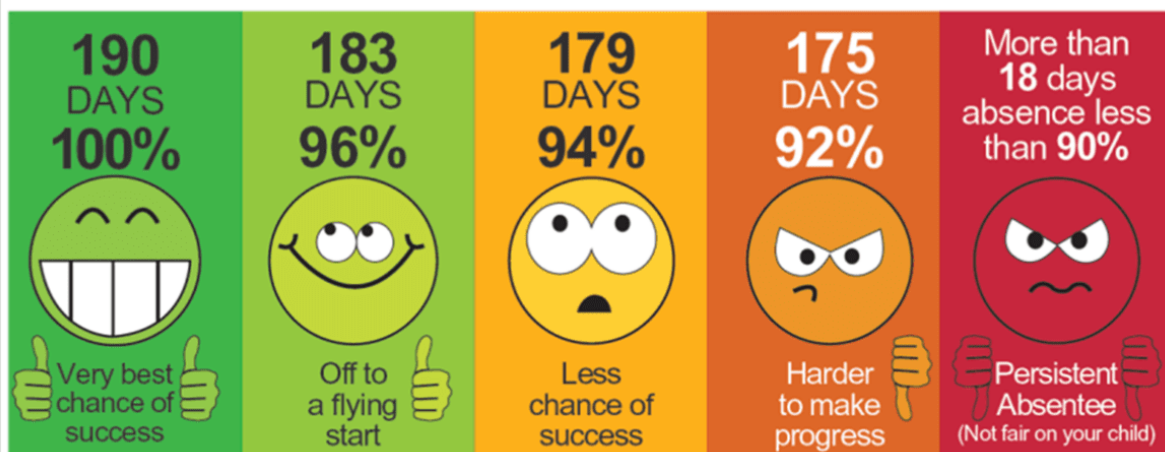
Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **97.4%** attendance week ending 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Our overall attendance was **95%**

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Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 27/03/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 17/04/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	<b>97.4%</b>	1	St Nicholas	<b>91.4%</b>	1
St Matthew	<b>97.1%</b>	2	St Matthew	<b>95.2%</b>	4
St Mark	<b>95.6%</b>	1	St Mark	<b>97.4%</b>	2
St Luke	<b>93.4%</b>	2	St Luke	<b>95.9%</b>	3
St John	<b>92.3%</b>	0	St John	<b>94.2%</b>	1
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Nicholas'</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	

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



## Key Stage 1 Lenten Assembly

On Monday 23rd March, the children from St Matthew's Class and St Mark's Class led their Lenten Assembly, where they shared the story of Palm Sunday and the Crucifixion of Jesus. All of the children did a brilliant job, speaking clearly and confidently as they retold these important events. Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch and support the children — your presence was greatly appreciated.



## Key Stage 2 Lenten Assembly

On Tuesday 24th, the children from St Luke's and St John's Classes led a meaningful Lenten Assembly, where they shared the Stations of the Cross. All of the children did extremely well in retelling the story of how Jesus was Crucified, showing great confidence and understanding throughout the performance. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support the children — it was lovely to have you join us for this special occasion.



## Colouring Competition Winners

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Bramleys Funeral Directors came to school to present our colouring competition winners with their prizes. Well done to our competition winners, Ire, Emilia, Hallie, Deborah and Fabian.

Each child has been gifted with a stationery set filled with pencils, glitter pens and colouring pencil by Bramleys. All of the other children have been gifted with sweets for participating.



## Foundation Stay and Play

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, we were delighted to welcome parents from St Nicholas' Class into school for a Stay and Play session. Thank you to all the parents who attended — it was lovely to see so many of you in school supporting the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and playing alongside their parents.



## Parents Invited to Non-Core Lessons

On Tuesday 14th April, we invited parents into school to take part in their children's non-core lessons, including History, Computing and Design Technology. It was wonderful to see parents learning alongside the children and engaging so enthusiastically in the different activities throughout the school. Thank you to all the parents who came along — it was lovely to see you interacting with the children and supporting their learning, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing these experiences with you.



## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

On Friday 17th April, our Year 6 students were delighted to receive their leavers' hoodies. The excitement and smiles said it all, and the children were absolutely thrilled with this special keepsake as they begin to look ahead to their final chapter at our school. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the PTA, who very kindly funded the hoodies. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by both the school and our Year 6 children.

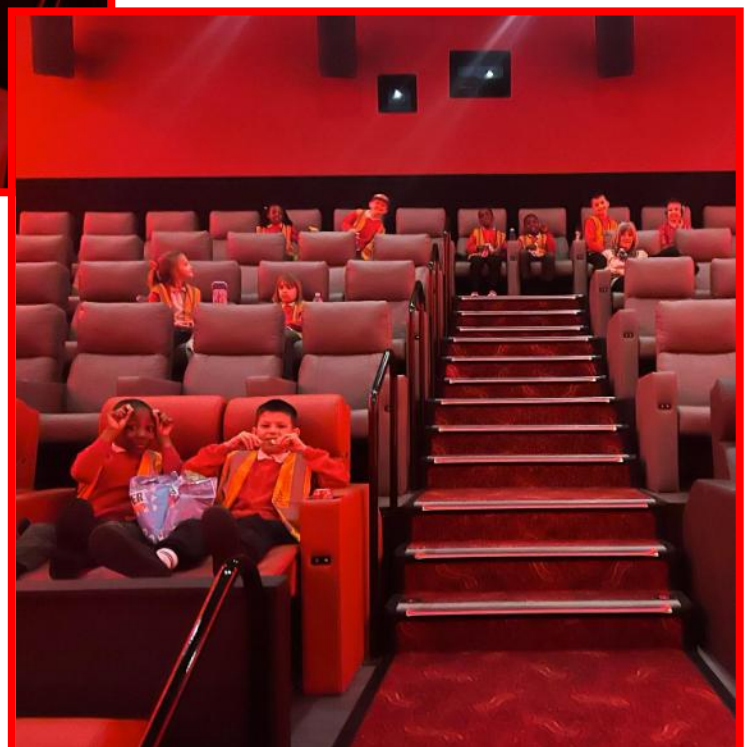


## Dojo Dash Cinema Trip

On Thursday 16th April, children from Reception through to Year 6 enjoyed a special visit to the Savoy Cinema as their Dojo Dash treat. The children voted to watch 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' and 'The Magic Faraway Tree', and they had a wonderful time. The children from nursery class watched a movie in school.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the school by taking part in the Christmas and Easter raffles, as well as our PTA for their fantastic fundraising efforts, which helped make this trip possible.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour throughout the visit.



## Bentley Cricket Club

Bentley Cricket Club are looking for new players to join their cricket team.

Training takes place every Thursday evening.

If your child is interested in taking part in on of the sessions, please contact the Cricket Club directly on the number provided.



Your Local Cricket Club Bentley [CCC](#), would like you and your child join us.

Junior Club Training and ECB programmes are held on [Thursdays](#) evenings.

All-Stars starts 17:30pm 18:30pm 5-8 years old

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/bentleycolliery/Course/4acd9abd-4e44-4f6f-956b-992207ca0565>

Dynamo's 18:30pm – 19:30pm 9-11 years old

Sign up on ECB website

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/bentleycolliery/Course/f4215c92-2d15-4b72-8dff-12d957fa59ba>

Training is also run at the same time & it's All Free to join & play.

Our coaches are ECB trained.

We have a number of Free places, Message our club on Facebook for a code to sign up, OR contact Rupert Wilcock Club Secretary [07505705273](tel:07505705273), for any further information.

## Easter competition

We invited the children at Our Lady's to participate in our Easter competition. We asked the children to make a model using decorated boiled eggs to mark the start of the season of Easter.

This was set as their homework on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for them to complete over the Easter break. The models the children made were very creative.

Well done to our winners Lily-May, Reuben, Amelia-Rose, Max, Noah, Willow, Amber, Ade and Lily. The children will receive their prizes next week.



## 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.



After School Clubs	Year Groups
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**



### **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>

***All dates in red the school will be closed to students***

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

## Diary Dates

Event	Date
Care for Creation Litter Pick	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
St Matthew's Cricket Competition	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Oral Health Survey for 5-year Old's	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
St Matthew's Trip - Danum Museum	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Federation Football Tournament 1 of 2 at Our Lady's 4-5pm (parents welcome)	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Y3 Cricket Trip at Bentley Cricket Club (full day)	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
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
Best of British School Dinner	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Federation Football Tournament 2 of 2 at Our Lady's 4-5pm (Parents welcome)	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</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
Y4 Quad Kids Athletics Tournament (PM)	Y4 Quad Kids Athletics Tournament (PM)
Football Fever Special Dinner	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
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

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

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