

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
12th December 2025

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Nicholas' Class who had **99.4%** attendance week ending 5th December.

Our overall attendance was **97.3%**

Most improved attendance is St Luke's Class from **92.4%** to **94.8%**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **99.2%** attendance week ending 12th December.

Our overall attendance was **96%**

Most improved attendance is St Matthew's Class from **85.7%** to **96.7%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 05/12/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 12/12/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	99.4%	1	St Nicholas	97.8%	2
St Matthew	96.7%	2	St Matthew	94.3%	8
St Mark	95%	0	St Mark	95.4%	1
St Luke	95.6%	1	St Luke	95.3%	1
St John	99.2%	0	St John	99.2%	0
Winner	St Nichola's		Winner	St John's	

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

On Friday 5th December, we gathered for a special Blessing of the Advent Wreath liturgy to mark the beginning of Advent.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Father Emmanuel and the Chaplaincy team for leading such a meaningful service and a special thank you also to all the parents who joined us in sharing the start to the Advent season.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Tuesday 9th December, we celebrated Mass in school for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, telling the story of how Jesus was conceived.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Walker and the Chaplaincy team for leading the Mass alongside Father Emmanuel. The children did a wonderful job retelling the story with reverence and understanding.

We also extend our thanks to all the parents who joined us for this special occasion, making it a truly meaningful celebration.



Santa Dash

Mr Moxon organised a special Santa Dash on Thursday 4th December, for the school! This is in partnership with Active Fusion and the Big Give to raise money for young people facing unemployment. This means that the total amount of £91.00 raised in school will be doubled, so the grand total going to charity is £182.00.

The Challenge was for the children to run laps of an obstacle course and see how many laps they could complete in 10 minutes. Well done to St Luke's Class who managed to complete a maximum of 17 laps.

Well done to all the children who took part in our first Santa Dash. Mr Moxon is very proud of the effort everybody put into this event.



Chapel Garth

On Thursday 4th December, our school choir visited Chapel Garth to sing Christmas songs and carols for the residents. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and sang beautifully, bringing joy to the local community and spreading festive cheer. A big thank you to Chapel Garth for welcoming us so warmly and allowing the children to share the spirit of Christmas with everyone.



Doncaster Minster

On Thursday 4th December, our school choir had the wonderful opportunity to perform at Doncaster Minster as part of Bramley's annual memorial service.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported this special occasion.

A huge well done
- they sang
represented our

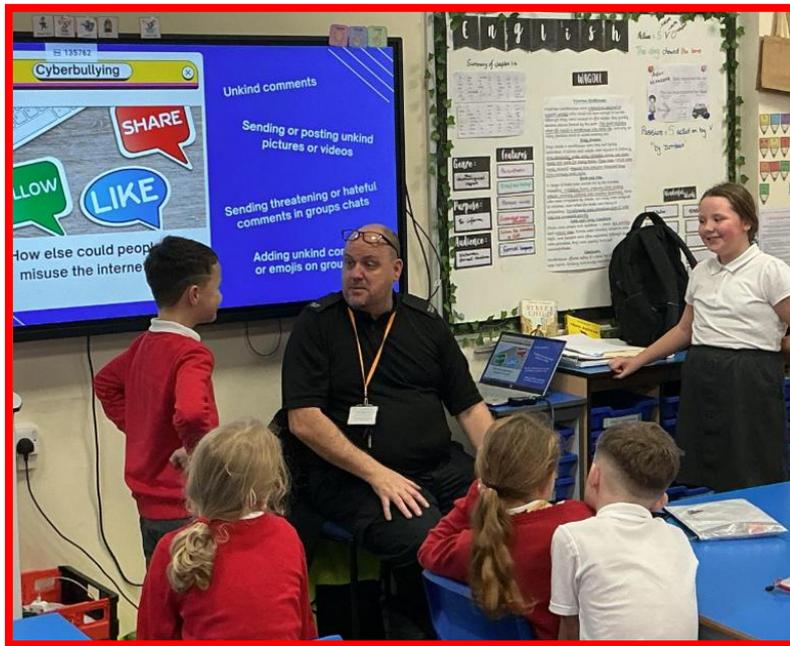


to all the children
beautifully and
school with pride.

Year 5 Internet Safety

On Monday 8th December, our Year 5 students took part in an important internet safety session delivered by South Yorkshire Police. The children listened attentively and were fully engaged throughout, learning valuable tips for staying safe online.

Well done to all the children for their participation, and a big thank you to PC Shaun for leading such an informative session.



St John's Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday 9th December, the children from St John's Class took part in an athletics tournament at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. They demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and worked brilliantly as a team throughout the event, finishing in 11th place overall. Miss Briscoe and Mr Moxon are extremely proud of all the children for their effort, determination, and positive attitude.



St Nicholas', St Matthew and St Mark's Nativity

On Tuesday 9th December, and Thursday 11th December, the children from St Nicholas', St Matthew's, and St Mark's Classes performed their wonderful school Nativity. All the children did an amazing job, performing confidently and singing beautifully. A big thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who came along to watch and support the children - your presence made these performances even more special. We would also like to thank the class teachers and staff for all their hard work in putting together such a beautiful and memorable performance.



Delivering Christmas Cards

On Wednesday 10th December, the children from St John's Class delivered Christmas cards to local residents. These cards were lovingly made by each class as part of our effort to spread Christmas cheer within our local community. It was a wonderful way for the children to share kindness and joy during this festive season.



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



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	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/tracksuit 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.

Dairy Dates



Our Virtue to Live by:

Patience

I am able to wait because some things take time. I trust in God and wait calmly and with self-control.

"Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble." Psalm 37:7-8

KS2 Christmas	
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
Inset Day - School Closed	Monday 5 th January 2026
St Marks' Family Reading Session	Thursday 8 th January - 3pm
St Matthews' Family Reading Session	Thursday 15 th January - 3pm
Parents Invited to Reading Lessons	Tuesday 20 th January - 9am
St Nicholas' Family Reading Session	Thursday 22 nd January - 3pm
Care for Creation Litter Pick with Ed Miliband	Friday 23 rd January - 1pm
St Luke's and St John's Family Reading Session	Thursday 29 th January - 3pm
Young Voices Concert	Friday 30 th January
Internet Safety Day	Monday 9 th February
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	Monday 23 rd February

OLPH 2025/26 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
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 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Monday 20th July 2026