

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
4th July 2025

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Luke's Class who had **93.8%** attendance week ending 27th June.
Our overall attendance was **92.7%**

Congratulations to St Luke's Class who had **94.5%** attendance week ending 4th July.
Our overall attendance was **92.7%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 27/06/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 04/07/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas's	90%	2	St Nicholas's	88.2%	4
St Matthew's	93.4%	3	St Matthew's	91.7%	4
St Mark's	91.7%	1	St Mark's	94%	3
St Luke's	93.8%	2	St Luke's	94.5%	3
St John's	93%	0	St John's	92%	0
Winner	St Luke's		Winner	St Luke's	

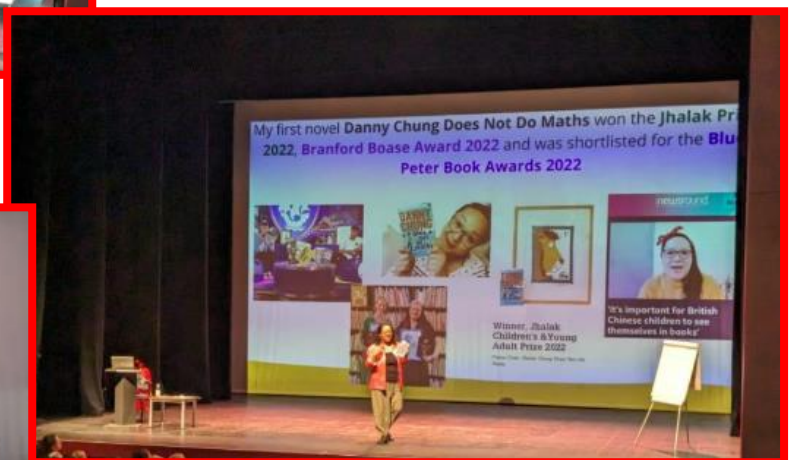
School Raffle

We're thrilled to announce the lucky winners of our recent raffle, Amelia-Rose H and Faith - huge congratulations to both of you! You've each won 4 free tickets to Gulliver's Valley. We hope you have an amazing time exploring all the rides, attractions, and magical moments the park. Well done, and enjoy your well-deserved prize!



Storytelling Festival

On Wednesday 25th June, our Year 6 students were recently invited to a fantastic storytelling festival at Cast, where they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the magic of stories. They took part in three engaging storytelling sessions led by the talented Maisie Chan, Donovan Christopher, and Kjartan Poskitt. Each session offered a unique and inspiring experience, sparking creativity and imagination. As a special treat, every student was able to choose a free book to take home, encouraging a love of reading beyond the classroom. Throughout the day, the students represented our school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and outstanding listening skills.



Dojo Dash Dance Workshop

As part of our Dojo Dash Day, the children took part in exciting street dance workshops throughout the day. Each class had the opportunity to learn new moves, express themselves through dance, and enjoy being active in a fun and creative way. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, showing great enthusiasm and energy — it was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, movement, and school spirit!



Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Key Stage 2 Sports Day on Monday 30th June. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and support truly made the day special for the children. It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering from the side lines and celebrating the achievements of every participant.



Foundation Stage Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Foundation Stage class assembly on Monday 30th July. It was a joy to see the children confidently showcasing everything they have learned over the past year. We are proud of each and every one of them.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Croke and Mrs Rogers for their dedication, creativity and tireless efforts in preparing the children and making the assembly such a success.



St Mark's Class Assembly

Thank you to everybody who joined us for St Mark's class assembly on Wednesday 2nd July. The children gave a beautiful and creative performance that was an absolute pleasure to watch. Their singing, confidence, and enthusiasm truly lit up the stage and reflected all their hard work. A special thank you to Mrs Bayliss for her commitment and enthusiasm in preparing such a memorable assembly — the children were amazing super troupers.



Gulliver's Valley Residential

Our Year 5 students went on a residential trip to Gulliver's Valley. The children took part in a variety of engaging workshops, where they challenged themselves, faced their fears, and supported one another with great enthusiasm. They had an amazing time exploring the theme park, enjoying the rides and attractions before heading home with big smiles and lasting memories. A huge thank you to Miss Briscoe and Mrs Rowe for their time, care, and dedication in making the trip such a success. Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and for making the experience so memorable for everyone involved!



Ice Lolly Sale

Some parents have kindly volunteered to sell ice lollies in the school playground at the end of the school day (see dates below). Each ice lolly will cost just 50p, and all proceeds will go towards supporting school activities. It's a great way to enjoy a refreshing treat while helping the school community — thank you for your support!



The final day the PTA will be selling ice lollies is Friday 11th July at 3.30pm.

Free School Meals

You may be aware that the Transitional Protection arrangements for those entitled to means-tested Free School Meals has come to an end.

The information states "after March 2025, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (primary or secondary) as per the published Free school meals guidance."

Newly entitled to FSM on or after 01/04/25

Any pupil who becomes newly entitled to FSM on or after 01/04/25 will only remain entitled for as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

Primary schools: Pupils on FSM at 31/03/25 keep this entitlement to the end of year 6.

Moving from Year 6 to year 7; When pupils move from year 6 to year 7, the Benefits Team will check entitlement and we will notify the Secondary schools of those children that are entitled to FSM in year 7.



Transition day

On Tuesday 8th July, the children will spend the day with their new teacher. Children should arrive at school at the usual time of 8:45am and go to their usual classes to be registered. At 9am, the children will move to their new classroom. At the end of the school day, the children will return to their usual classrooms to collect their belongings. Please collect your child from their current classroom at 3:25pm (KS1) or 3:30pm (KS2).

Parents with children joining our nursery in September:

Please bring your child to the main entrance of school at 9am and then collect your child at 11:45am.

Mrs Royle, our school's office manager, and Mrs Gac (Head of School) will lead a welcome meeting at 9:15am in the school hall; here you will be provided with the necessary information needed to make your child's transition to Our Lady's as smooth as possible.

Year 6 Transition Days

In July, our current Year 6 will have transition days at their new schools. Your child's new secondary school should have contacted you directly regarding specific arrangements. Please see the table below for the list of schools and transition dates.

Name of School	Transition Dates
Don Valley Academy	8 th & 9 th July
Ridgewood School	8 th 9 th & 10 th July
Outwood Academy Adwick	9 th & 11 th July
The McAuley Catholic High School	9 th 10 th & 11 th July



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 2

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

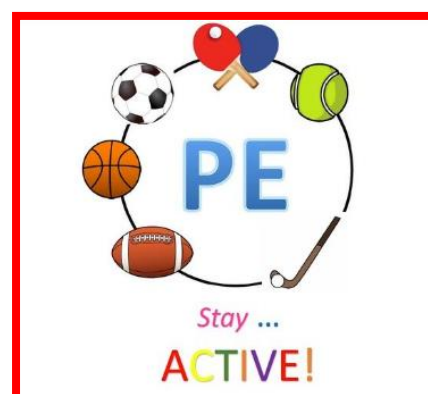
After School Clubs	Year Groups
Monday - Mixed Games	Reception, Years 1 & 2
Tuesday - Fielding and Batting	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday - Racket and Net Games	Mixed age group - Reception - Year 6



PE days

Please see below the relevant PE days for each class.

Day of the week	Class
Monday	St John's class
Tuesday	St Mark's Class
Wednesday	St Luke's Class St Matthew's class
Friday	Foundation Stage



PE Kit Required

Black/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms
Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt
Plain black/navy sweatshirt/tracksuit jacket
Trainers/ pumps



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



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 holiday



Dates for the Diary

Event	Date
Don Valley Transition Days	Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th July
Whole School Transition Day	Tuesday 8 th July
St Matthew's Class Parents Assembly	Thursday 10 th July - 2.45pm in the school hall
St Luke's Class Parents Assembly - Please see date change	Wednesday 16th July - 2.45pm in the school hall
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 17 th July - 2pm in the school hall
Leavers Mass	Friday 18 th July -
Buddies Picnic - Reception and Year 6	Friday 18 th July - 12pm - 1pm
Last day of term - Summer Holidays	Friday 18 th July

Our Virtue to Live by:

Wisdom

I take time to think about what I must do and ask God and others about it.

I help others to make the right choices.

"Be wise in the way you act; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6

OLPH 2024/25 Academic Year – School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 28 th March 2025
Monday 14 th April 2025	Thursday 22 nd May 2025
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025

Bank holidays: Friday 18th April 2025
Monday 21st April 2025
Monday 5th May 2025

Training days: Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 23rd May 2025
Monday 21st July 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Wednesday 23rd July 2025

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