

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School**  
**Newsletter**  
**20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **97.3%** attendance week ending 13<sup>th</sup> June.  
Our overall attendance was **95.2%**

Congratulations to St Nicholas's Class who had **98.2%** attendance week ending 20<sup>th</sup> June.  
Our overall attendance was **96%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 13/06/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 20/06/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas's	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Nicholas's	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>2</b>
St Matthew's	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Matthew's	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>0</b>
St Mark's	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Mark's	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>4</b>
St Luke's	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>0</b>	St Luke's	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>4</b>
St John's	<b>94%</b>	<b>0</b>	St John's	<b>94%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Nicholas's</b>	

*Goodbye!*  
& THANK YOU

It is with great sadness that we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs Collins, our Executive Headteacher, as she moves onto her well-earned retirement. Mrs Collins is an inspirational Headteacher and has touched the lives of so many children and their families from both Our Lady's and St Joseph and Teresa's. She is passionate about ensuring that all children get the very best possible education and has served both school communities with a deep sense of commitment to her role. Mrs Collins will be sorely missed by all who know her and work with her, including the staff, members of the Governing Body and of course the children.

We would like to thank Mrs Collins wholeheartedly for all that she has given to both schools but now it's time for her to enjoy retirement and to look forward to all the opportunities which that will bring.

In preparation for Mrs Collins' retirement, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Gac as the new Headteacher of Our Lady's from September 2025.

Helen Bellinger and Paul Batchelor (Joint Chairs of the Governing Body)

## Achievers - Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> June

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Homework
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Ivy-Blue	Joey	Edward	Tehillah
St Matthew	Veripi	Ben	David	Maria
St Mark	Nuala	Stevie-Rose	Olivia R	Max
St Luke	Orlaith	Amelia	Christo	Oliver S
St John	Amber F	Arya	Indie-Sienna	N/A



## Achievers - Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> June

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Homework
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Aurora H	Dion	Veronica	Rosalia
St Matthew	Muna	Jackson	Roscoe	Oscar B
St Mark	Adaeze	Cash	Willow	Harry
St Luke	Cohen S	Ola	Arlo	Paul
St John	Jakub S	Adrianna	Amber	Paige





## Road Safety

Doncaster Council came to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to deliver Road Safety training 'Stepping Across' to our Year 4 students.

The students were taken in small groups for a 45-minute session outside of school where they learnt about identifying potential dangers, understand the importance of using pedestrian crossings, and practise safe behaviours such as looking both ways before crossing. They also explored the roles of traffic signs and signals, and discussed how to stay safe whether they are walking or cycling.

It was wonderful to see them taking the topic seriously and demonstrating a clear understanding of how to stay safe near roads. Well done to all our Year 4 pupils for setting such a fantastic example!





## Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers for joining us for our Key Stage 1 Sports Day. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship, determination and resilience.

Thank you to Mr Moxon, all staff and to the members of our Sports Council who supported with this event.





## Balance Bikes

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the children from Foundation Stage and St Matthew's class participated in a balance bike session, they practised riding with control, going over ramps and steering around obstacles. All the children enjoyed their session, were really well behaved and did some amazing listening.



## Doncaster Junior Civic Mayor

Applications are now open for our next Junior Civic Mayor & Primary Ambassadors 2025-26 - **SUBMISSION DEADLINE - Thursday 31st July 2025!**

This is an exciting opportunity for Year 4 students going into year 5 to represent children across our city as our next Junior Civic Mayor or Primary Ambassadors Children's Voice group. This will see them attending exciting high-profile events and working on meaningful campaigns and projects around what children care about the most which is determined by our local Junior Make Your Mark survey!

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!!**

**Deadline July 31st 2025**

**Junior Civic Mayor**

**Primary Ambassadors**

**&**

- ✓ Are you currently in Year 4?
- ✓ Do you want to help make a difference to Children in Doncaster?
- ✓ Are you Confident, Enthusiastic, Passionate, Determined and Kind?
- ✓ Could proudly represent and be the face of children in Doncaster?
- ✓ Are you available to attend events and meetings?
- ✓ Do you have what it takes to be the next Junior Civic Mayor or Primary Ambassador?

Shortlisted candidates for the Junior Civic Mayor have the chance to be a Primary Ambassador!

Represent children across the city as our next Junior Civic Mayor or Primary Ambassador. You will have the chance to attend high profile events, work on campaigns and projects around what children care about the most! Good Luck!

Scan the QR code for everything you need to know to apply!

For more information or to register your interest contact us via email.

City of Doncaster Council

[JuniorCivicMayor@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:JuniorCivicMayor@doncaster.gov.uk)

## School Raffle

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Pupil Parliament for their dedication and enthusiasm in selling raffle tickets every morning over the past two weeks, as well as during the Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Your commitment and teamwork have made a real difference! We also want to sincerely thank all the parents and families who supported this effort by purchasing tickets. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic total of **£124** for our school. Your support helps us continue to create wonderful opportunities for our pupils—thank you!



We will be drawing the raffle on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the two winners will be asked to collect their prize from the main office.

## 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!



Please see below for the dates and times that they will be in the playground.

Date	Time
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	3.30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	3.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30pm

## Sports Day

Here is some key information regarding KS2 Sports Day this year:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Luke and St John's class 9.15-11.15am**



On the morning of your child's Sports Day, please drop your child off at their normal classroom entrance at the usual time of 8:45am. You are then welcome to make your way over to our school field and take your seat.

Children should have/wear:

- Full school PE kit (white plain t-shirt, black/navy shorts)
- Water bottle
- Sun hat
- Sun cream



## 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.



### Polite reminder

Please ensure all children are monitored in the playground and on the equipment before and after school.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Transition day

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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).

**A separate letter will be sent out shortly explaining staffing arrangements for September and which class your child will move into.**

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 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Ridgewood School	8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Outwood Academy Adwick	9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> July
The McAuley Catholic High School	9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> 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
St Luke and St John's Sports Day	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 at Cast - Storytelling Festival	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Dojo Dash Dance Workshop (Sporty Clothing)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Big Talk	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Foundation Stage Parents Assembly	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - 2.45pm in the school hall
Year 5 Gulliver's Valley Residential	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
St Mark's Class Parent Assembly	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July - 2.45pm in the school hall
Catholic Cup	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Don Valley Transition Days	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Whole School Transition Day	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Sleep over in school - <b>Please see date change</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 7pm - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10am</b>
St Matthew's Class Parents Assembly	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July - 2.45pm in the school hall
St Luke's Class Parents Assembly	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July - 2.45pm in the school hall
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July - 2pm in the school hall
Buddies Picnic - Reception and Year 6	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July - 12pm - 1pm
Last day of term - Summer Holidays	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

Our Virtue to Live by:

**Courage**

**I have courage.**

**I am willing to try new things.**

*"Courage!" Jesus said. "It is I. Do not be afraid!"*

Matthew 14:27

### **OLPH 2024/25 Academic Year - School Holidays**

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

Bank holidays: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

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

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026



