

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
13th February 2026

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **98.9%** attendance week ending 6th February.

Our overall attendance was **94%**

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

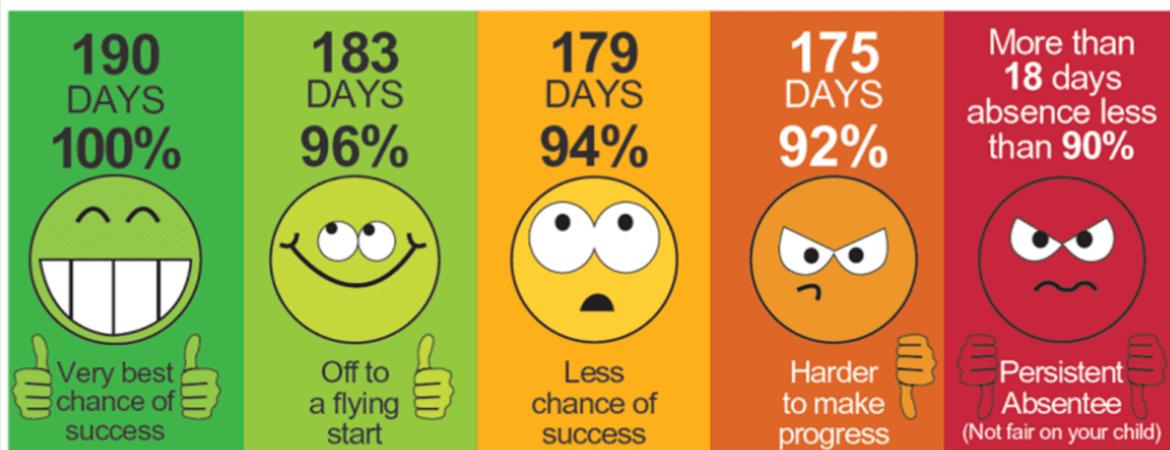
Congratulations to St Mark's Class who had **96.3%** attendance week ending 13th February.

Our overall attendance was **93.7%**

Most improved attendance is St Matthew's Class from **88.3%** to **93%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 06/02/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 13/02/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	87.4%	2	St Nicholas	92.1%	2
St Matthew	88.3%	6	St Matthew	93%	6
St Mark	98.9%	3	St Mark	96.3%	0
St Luke	94.8%	5	St Luke	92.1%	3
St John	97.7%	0	St John	94.6%	0
Winner	St Mark's		Winner	St Mark's	

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



Achievers - Week ending 6th February

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Deity	Lola	Aurora	Delvan
St Matthew	Tehillah	Goodness	Tommy-Joe	Dion
St Mark	Muna	Adefolarin	Olivia K	Kai
St Luke	Noah	Emilia	Maya	Koby
St John	Victoria K	Orlaith	James	Shekinah



The Danum Museum

On Monday 6th February, St Luke's Class enjoyed an enriching visit to The Danum Museum to deepen their understanding of Viking history. Throughout the day, the children took part in two engaging workshops: Let's Dig: The Vikings and Let's Write: The Comics.

The pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour, showed great enthusiasm, and asked thoughtful questions. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to bring their classroom learning to life and explore history in a hands-on, memorable way.



The National Coal Mining Museum

On Wednesday 11th February, St Mark's children had an amazing time at the National Coal Mining Museum, where they immersed themselves in two exciting workshops, visited the friendly pit ponies, and explored the fascinating Time Travel Tunnel. The day was filled with curiosity, learning, and plenty of smiles. Staff were especially proud of how wonderfully well-behaved and enthusiastic all the children were throughout the visit—a real credit to the school!



PTA School disco's

The PTA recently organised two fantastic school discos—one for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday 4th February and another for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 on Tuesday 10th February. The children had a wonderful time dancing with their friends and enjoying treats including hot dogs, crisps, and sweets. It was lovely to see them all having fun together, and their excellent behaviour made both events a real success. A huge thank-you to the PTA and staff members for their hard work and dedication in creating such enjoyable experiences for our pupils.



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



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.



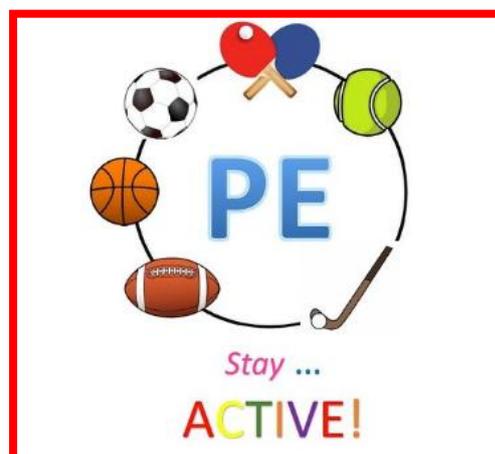
PE days

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



Diary Dates

Event	Date
Spring Half Term	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February
Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils	Monday 23 rd February
St John's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 24 th February - 10.45am
St Mark's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 24 th February - 3pm
Swimming Tournament	Thursday 26 th February
Year 5 Road Safety - Change of Date	Tuesday 3 rd March - 1pm
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 2 nd March - 3pm
St Luke's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 3 rd March - 10.45am
Parents invited to attend their child's Collective Worship	Monday 9 th March - 3pm
St Mark's Class Mass - All welcome	Tuesday 10 th March - 10.45am
Parents Evening 1 of 2 (Book fair)	Thursday 12 th March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
Parents Evening 2 of 2 (Book fair)	Monday 16 th March - 3.45pm-6.30pm
St Luke's and St John's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 17 th March - 3pm
Nursery and Reception trip - Boston Park Farm	Friday 20 th March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 27 th March - 3.30pm

Our Virtue to Live by:

Faith

I know that faith is a gift from God.

Faith helps me grow in friendship with Jesus.

I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

OLPH 2025/26 Academic Year - School Holidays

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

OLPH 2026/27 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Monday 22 nd February 2027	Friday 26 th March 2027
Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

One Extra Training Day to be confirmed

Bank holidays: Friday 26th March 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027
Friday 31st May 2027

Training Days: Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 19th July 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027