

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
19th December 2025**

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St Nicholas' Class who had **94.4%** attendance week ending 19th December.

Our overall attendance was **90.9%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 19/12/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	94.4%	4
St Matthew	89%	4
St Mark	94.2%	1
St Luke	91.1%	3
St John	87.4%	2
Winner	St Nicholas'	

Christmas Mass Schedule

This Christmas season, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the birth of Christ at one of the many Masses taking place across the three churches within our Diocese. Please refer to the list below for the dates, times, and locations of each Mass. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones as we come together in faith and joy during this blessed time of year.

Mass	Date & Time	Church
Vigil Mass - People of the Parish	Wednesday 24th December - 6:00pm	Blessed English Martyrs, Askern
Vigil Mass - People of the Parish	Wednesday 24th December - 10:00am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley
Christmas Mass - People of the Parish	Thursday 25th December - 9:00am	St Joseph and St Teresa, Woodlands
Christmas Mass - People of the Parish	Thursday 25th December - 10:30am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley



Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket to help us raise funds for the school cinema trip.

We are delighted to share that a total of £177.00 was raised!

Congratulations to our winners: White 953 - Jana and Blue 10 - Miss Brown. Well done to both of you! Please collect your prize from the school office.

A huge thank you once again for your generosity and continued support—it truly makes a difference for our students.



Choral Society Performance

On Tuesday 16th December, the children from our Young Voices Choir were honoured to be invited to sing with the Choral Society at Our Lady's Church. A big thank you to all the children who attended - you sang beautifully and represented our school wonderfully. We also extend our gratitude to Mrs Walker and Mrs Bailey for their hard work in organising and preparing the children.



Grandparents' Party

A huge thank you to all the wonderful grandparents who joined us at our annual Grandparents' Party - your presence made the day truly special! We are so proud of our Year 6 students for their fantastic help in serving food and drinks with such care and enthusiasm. A big thank you also goes to all the children who performed so beautifully and brought smiles to everyone's faces. We are grateful to our amazing PTA for running the tombola and to everyone who participated in the tombola and raffle - your support means so much. All proceeds raised will go straight back into the school to benefit our children. Thank you for making this event such a success!



St Luke's and St John's Christmas Performance

On Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December, the children from St Luke's and St John's Classes delighted us with their wonderful Christmas performance.

A huge well done to all the children - they sang beautifully and gave an amazing signed rendition of "Do They Know It's Christmas?".

Thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who came along to support and purchased raffle tickets. Your presence and generosity helped make the event truly special.



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

On Wednesday 17th December, we celebrated Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day, and everyone looked fantastic in their festive outfits! A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to Save the Children - together we raised an amazing total of £62.00.

We would also like to thank all the staff who helped at lunchtime and joined the children in enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner. It was a wonderful day filled with festive cheer!



Santa Visit

On Thursday 18th December, the children were delighted by a surprise visit from Santa! Every child enjoyed the magical experience and received a wonderful gift - a book, a cuddly teddy and a selection box to take home. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA, James Church, and all the school staff who worked hard to make this special event possible. It truly brought festive cheer to our school community!



Talent Show

On Friday 19th December, our school hosted an incredible Talent Show! Well done to all the children who took part - you were absolutely amazing and showcased your skills brilliantly. The children used their democracy skills and voted for who they wanted to win, a special congratulations to Lily, Victoria and Amber the winners of the talent show. We are so proud of everyone who participated and made the event such a success!



Class Discos

On Friday 19th December, to finish off the last day of term, the children enjoyed a fantastic disco in the school hall! Everyone had so much fun dancing, playing with friends, and celebrating together. The delicious food that was kindly donated added to the festive atmosphere, making it a truly memorable end to the term. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event!



End of Term

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their continued support during our first term back. Your involvement has made a huge difference, and we are so grateful for all the amazing events that our fantastic PTA have helped to co-ordinate. It has been a wonderful start to the year, and we couldn't have done it without you. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved Christmas break filled with joy and relaxation. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us - we look forward to seeing you in January!



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

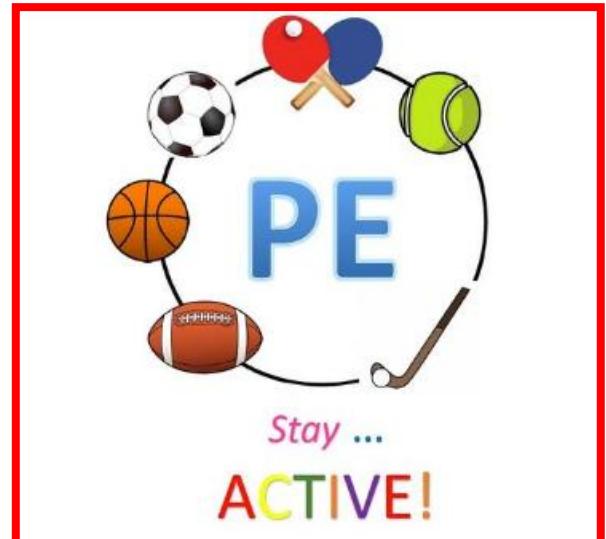
Each class has two PE sessions per week, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

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	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



Earrings and Jewellery

Only small stud earrings and a watch should be worn in school.

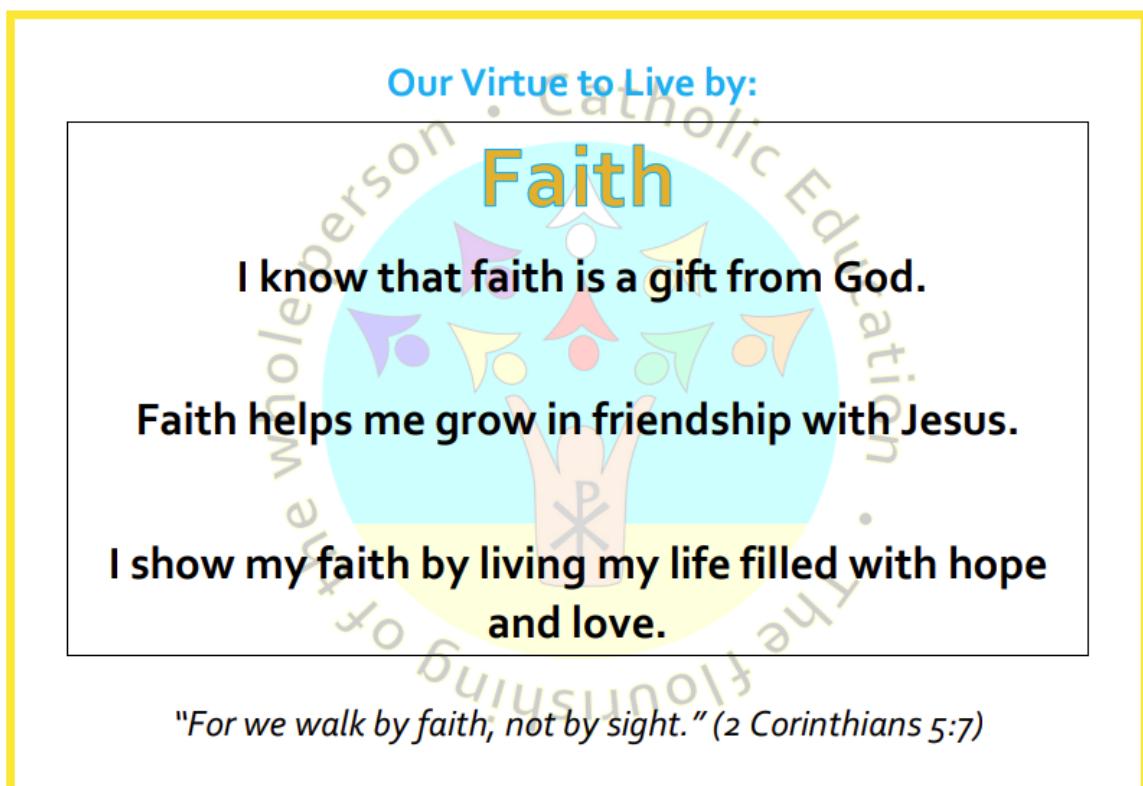


Earrings MUST BE REMOVED for PE and any after school sports clubs. If your child is considering having their ears pierced, please have them done at the start of the summer

Event	Date
Inset Day - School Closed	Monday 5 th January 2026
Epiphany Mass - Parents Welcome	Tuesday 6 th January - 10.45am
St Marks' Family Reading Session	Thursday 8 th January - 3pm
St Matthews' Family Reading Session	Tuesday 13 th January - 3pm
Build a Burger Special Dinner	Thursday 15 th January
Parents invited to attend their child's English lessons	Tuesday 20 th January - 9am
St Nicholas' Family Reading Session	Tuesday 20 th 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	Tuesday 27 th January - 3pm
Young Voices Concert	Friday 30 th January
Year 5 Road Safety	Tuesday 3 rd February
Internet Safety Day	Monday 9 th February
St Luke's' Danum Gallery Museum Trip	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

holidays.

Dairy Dates



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