

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

**Weekly Attendance Figures**

Congratulations to St Luke's Class who had **99.7%** attendance week ending 19<sup>th</sup> September.  
Our overall attendance was **97.3%**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **99.1%** attendance week ending 26<sup>th</sup> September.  
Our overall attendance was **95.5%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 19/09/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 26/09/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>1</b>	St Nicholas	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>1</b>
St Matthew	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>3</b>	St Matthew	<b>99%</b>	<b>4</b>
St Mark	<b>97%</b>	<b>1</b>	St Mark	<b>90.7%</b>	<b>0</b>
St Luke	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>2</b>	St Luke	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>0</b>
St John	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>0</b>	St John	<b>99.1%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>St Luke's</b>		<b>Winner</b>	<b>St John's</b>	

**Celebrating Our New Student Leaders**

We are delighted to announce and congratulate all the children who have been voted by their peers to represent our school in a variety of important roles this year. These include our Chaplaincy Team, Pupil Parliament, Care for Creation group, Reading Ambassadors, and Sports Council.

Being chosen for these teams is a wonderful achievement and reflects the trust, respect, and admiration these pupils have earned from their classmates. Each role plays a vital part in shaping our school's values, voice, and vision — and we are confident that these young leaders will bring dedication, creativity, and kindness to everything they do.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the voting process, and a huge well done to our new representatives. We look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make throughout the year!



### Chaplaincy Team

Rosalia, Maria, Emily B, Ola, Cillian, Oli U,  
Emilia, Victoria K, Oliver S, Dominic S,  
Dorian P



### Pupil Parliament

Lily-May, Amelia-Rose, Max, Ruben, Noah,  
Willow, Lily and Amber.

Prime Minister - Adesola



### Care for Creation

Izabella, Jana, Tehillah, Oliver B, Elias, Hallie, Saskia, Harry, Sam, Cohen, Nuala, Scarlett,  
Christo, Frankie





## Reading Ambassadors

Katie, Veripi, Saskia, Faith, Alicia-Leigh,  
Maya, Oliver B, Victoria K, Orlaith



## Sports Council

Charlotte, Dylan, Jakub, Matey, Jack P,  
Archie, Wyatt, Nahla, Jack J

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 26th September, we held a coffee morning in school to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We'd like thank all the parents who attended and supported the event. A special thank you also goes to our fantastic PTA for helping to run the coffee morning.

To continue our fundraising efforts, we will be selling buns and cakes in the playground at the end of the school day. The final total raised will be calculated and shared with you all soon.

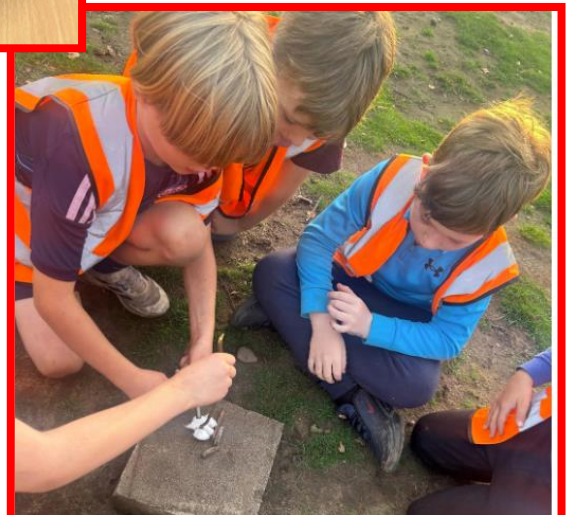
Thank you again for your generosity and support!





## Austerfield Residential

On Thursday 18th September, our Year 4 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Austerfield Study Centre. They took part in a range of exciting outdoor activities including den building, orienteering, pond dipping, and even had the chance to hold some fascinating animals. The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the campfire, where the children learned how to safely build their own fire and toasted marshmallows together. Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Gaughan, and Mrs McMahon were incredibly proud of how well the children represented the school, showing great enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank you to everyone who made this memorable trip possible!



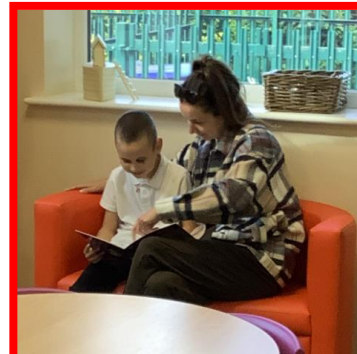
## RWI Workshop for Parents

It was great to welcome so many parents to our RWI workshop on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We discussed how we teach early reading in school and the importance of reading and talking with children at home. Children in Reception and Year 1 were sent home with their RWI flash cards, so parents can support them with learning the sounds at home as well. If you have any questions about all things reading, please see Mrs Gaughan and she will be happy to help! Thank you for your continued support.



## St Mark's Reading Session with Parents

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we were delighted to welcome the parents and carers of St Mark's class into school for a reading session held in our school Library. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to spend quality time reading together. We thank all the parents and carers who attended and made the session so enjoyable and meaningful for the children.



## Pupil Parliament

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, our Pupil Parliament held its first meeting of the academic year. The students were enthusiastic and full of ideas, and one of their first decisions was to support the local community through a Harvest Festival initiative. They agreed to organise a collection for the Trussell Trust, with all donations going to the Doncaster Food Bank. This thoughtful choice reflects their commitment to helping those in need. Further details, including the date of the collection and a list of suggested donation items, will be shared soon.

Well done to Adesola who was elected by his fellow students as Pupil Parliament Prime Minister for this year.





## PARENTS - PLEASE HELP US TO INCREASE OUR FUNDING

Please can we encourage all pupils to have a school meal on  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.**

On this day, we have to send detailed school data to the government and school meal uptake on this day will directly affect our funding for the next financial year.

Please support us to help increase our funding as we strive to give your children the best possible education.

Thank you.



### Opening Evenings

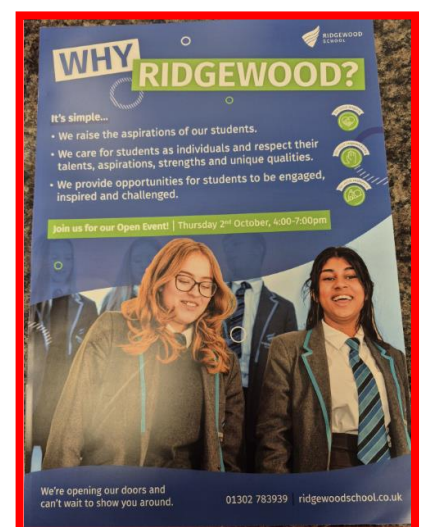
Our Year 6 pupils and their families are invited to attend the upcoming open evenings at Ridgewood School and Don Valley Academy.

These events are a fantastic opportunity to explore the schools, meet staff and students, and discover the exciting opportunities available for your child's secondary education. Come along to see the facilities, ask questions, and get a feel for the school communities.



**Don Valley Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - 4:30pm-7:00pm**

**Ridgewood School Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 4pm-7pm**



We encourage you to attend both evenings to help make an informed decision about your child's future.

## 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 - Autumn term 1

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



After School Clubs	Year Groups
Monday - Dance	Year 1 and 2
Tuesday - Gymnastics	Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday - Athletics	Mixed age group - Year 1 - 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

We have made some changes to our PE schedule. Each class will now have 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.





## Dates for the Diary

Event	Date
St Matthew's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents welcome	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 3pm
St Mark's Harvest Festival Assembly	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October - 2.45pm
Training Day - school closed to students	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Reception and Year 6 Height Check	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Parents Evening 1 of 2	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
Reading at Home Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
St Mark's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Photographer in school - individual photos	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
St John's Remembrance Assembly	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November - 9am
Parents Evening 2 of 2	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm - 6.30pm
St Matthew's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Children in Need fundraiser - theme TBC	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
South Yorkshire Police Internet Safety Year 5	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November - 1.30pm
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents welcome	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November - 3pm
Choir Singing at Chapel Garth	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 1 of 2	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.40pm
Year 6 Delivering Christmas Cards to community	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 2 of 2	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am
Grandparents Party (60 capacity)	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December - 1.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 1 of 2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.40pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 2 of 2	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Class Christmas Parties	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Talent Show	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - 10am
End of Autumn Term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January

Our Virtue to Live by:

# Respect and Courtesy

I am respectful.

I treat others as I would like to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all  
made in God's image and likeness.

*"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to  
you." Matthew 7:12*

## 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

Bank holidays: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Training days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026