

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
17th July 2026

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **98.1%** attendance week ending 3rd July.

Our overall attendance was **93.3%**

Most improved attendance is St John's Class from **94.2%** to **98.1%**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **97.3%** attendance week ending 10th July.

Our overall attendance was **94.4%**

Most improved attendance is St Matthew's Class from **90.5%** to **96.7%**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **98.8%** attendance week ending 17th July.

Our overall attendance was **95%**

Most improved attendance is St Nicholas' Class from **93.5%** to **96.3%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 03/07/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 10/07/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 17/07/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	93%	3	St Nicholas	93.5%	1	St Nicholas	96.5%	3
St Matthew	90.5%	6	St Matthew	96.7%	5	St Matthew	91%	6
St Mark	93.7%	2	St Mark	92.6%	2	St Mark	93.3%	3
St Luke	91%	3	St Luke	92.6%	2	St Luke	95.2%	6
St John	98.1%	1	St John	97.3%	0	St John	98.8%	0
Winner	St John's		Winner	St John's		Winner	St John's	



As this is the last newsletter for this academic year, on behalf of all the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their continued support over the year.

A very special thank you and goodbye to Mrs Bayliss—your warmth, wisdom, and unwavering support has touched so many lives. You will be deeply missed, and we hope your next chapter brings you as much joy as you've given to others here.

We would like to extend our heartfelt best wishes to Mr Moxon who is also leaving us—thank you for your dedication, hard work, and the positive impact you've made during your time here.

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils as they leave us to start their next chapter in their new schools. We wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Leavers Mass

Thank you to Fr Emmanuel for celebrating Mass with us on Friday 17th July. During the Mass, we celebrated our Y6 leavers and gifted each of them with a hand-held cross. We asked the children to think of Our Lady's when they pray. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend.



Achievers - Week ending 3rd July

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Homework
St Nicholas	Neveah	Alex	Alexis	Ciprian
St Matthew	Elias	Reuben	Jackson	Denis
St Mark	Auburn	Amelia	Stevie	Jakub
St Luke	Ezra	Victoria	Elijah	Willow
St John	Victoria	Harry	Orlaith	N/A



St Mark's End of Year Assembly

On Monday 29th June, St Mark's Class held the first of our end-of-year assemblies. The children delivered an outstanding performance, confidently sharing some of the many things they have learned throughout the year, including their fascinating study of Ancient Egypt. They sang beautifully, spoke clearly and confidently, and demonstrated the enthusiasm and knowledge they have gained this year. As always, Mrs Bayliss produced a truly wonderful assembly, showcasing the children's talents and achievements perfectly. She has made a lasting impact on both the children and staff at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and she will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community.



Sports Day

This year's Sports Days were held over two exciting days, with Key Stage 2 taking part on Wednesday 1st July and Reception and Key Stage 1 competing on Thursday 2nd July. We were incredibly proud of all the children, who gave their very best in every event and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. Their determination, encouragement of one another and positive attitudes made both days a wonderful celebration of sport and achievement.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and family members who came along to support the children and cheer them on.

We are also extremely grateful to the PTA for kindly providing a drinks stall during the warm weather, helping to keep everyone refreshed and hydrated throughout the events.



Foundation End of Year Assembly

On Wednesday 1st July, St Nicholas' Class delighted everyone with their end-of-year assembly. The children performed wonderfully and looked absolutely adorable in their costumes and outfits. Their confidence, enthusiasm and cheerful smiles shone throughout the performance, and their singing was especially charming.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute, and it was a fantastic way for the children to showcase all they have learned and achieved this year.

Well done to all of St Nicholas' Class on a truly memorable assembly.



The Hive Wrap Around Care

We are delighted to announce the launch of OLPH Hive, our new after-school wraparound care provision, which will open on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Key Information

- Start Date: Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Days: Monday to Friday
- Time: 3.30pm - 5.45pm
- Location: School Hall
- Collection: School Hall door
- Who can attend: Reception to Year 6 pupils
- Cost: £7.00 per child, per session



Children attending OLPH Hive will have access to a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, games, construction activities, outdoor play, sports and opportunities to relax and socialise with friends. Please see class Dojo for more information on how to book and pay for this new provision.

Summer Fair

Our PTA organised a fantastic Summer Fair after school on Wednesday 3rd July, and it was a tremendous success. The event was packed with fun activities, including axe throwing, tin can alley, a penalty shootout, tombola's, stalls and, of course, the chance to throw a wet sponge at Mrs Gac in the stocks! We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated and helped make the event so special. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the afternoon together, and we hope this will be the first of many successful Summer Fairs to come. Thanks to the generosity and support of our school community, the event raised an impressive **£626 profit**, which will help support future opportunities and resources for our children. Well done and thank you to our amazing PTA for all their hard work in organising such a memorable event.



St Matthew's End of Year Assembly

On Monday 6th July, St Matthew's Class delighted families and staff with their wonderful end-of-year assembly. The children were absolutely amazing and should be incredibly proud of themselves. They worked so hard to learn their lines, speak confidently with clear, strong voices and sing each song beautifully. Their enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork shone throughout the performance, making it a truly memorable occasion.

It was a fantastic celebration of all they have achieved this year and a lovely way to bring the school year to a close.

Well done, St Matthew's Class - we are so proud of you all!



Year 6 Sleepover

On Friday 10th July, our Year 6 students enjoyed a memorable sleepover in school to celebrate their final days together. The evening was filled with fun as they took part in a variety of games, shared laughs over a movie, and enjoyed snacks with their friends. The highlight of the morning was a special treat—a delicious McDonald's breakfast to start the day! It was a fantastic way to mark the end of their primary school journey.



St Luke's End of Year Assembly

On Tuesday 14th July, St Luke's class proudly presented their end-of-year assembly, taking the audience on an exciting journey through history. The children began with the Romans, travelled through the era of the Vikings, and finished with the fascinating story of the Titanic. The children performed brilliantly, and Mrs Gaughan was incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done, St Luke's, on a fantastic assembly and thank you to everybody who came to watch. What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year.



Dojo Dash Treat

As a special Dojo Dash treat on Wednesday 15th July, all the children were surprised with a visit from the ice cream van during their morning break. All the children were given a treat which they enjoyed outside in the sunshine with their friends.



Leavers Assembly

Thank you for everybody who attended our Leavers Assembly on Thursday 16th July and helped us to celebrate our Year 6 students as we showed how they have grown and changed over the years. It was a very emotional afternoon but all the students were amazing and the performance they did for the school was outstanding. You should all be very proud of yourselves; we wish you all the best for the future in your new schools.

A huge thank you to Miss Briscoe for an outstanding Leavers Assembly and to Mrs Gac for choreographing the dance routine, your hard work, creativity, and heartfelt touches made it a truly memorable celebration for everyone!



Buddies Picnic

On Friday 17th July, our Foundation children and their Year 6 buddies came together to enjoy a special picnic together. It was a lovely celebration and gave the children the opportunity to say goodbye to their buddies.



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.

Please note there is a cost of £2 per session to cover the cost of the ingredients and staffing. The full payment for all 6 sessions (£12) must be paid on ParentPay by Friday 4th September.



After School Clubs	Year Groups
Baking Club - Monday until 4.30pm	Mixed Years 1 - 6
Baking Club - Thursday until 4.30pm	Mixed Years 1 - 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
Tuesday	St Matthew's Class	St Mark's Class
Wednesday	N/A	St Luke's Swimming St Mark's Class St John's Class
Thursday	St John's Class	Foundation Stage St Matthew's Class
Friday	St Mark's Class	N/A

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
School closes for the summer holidays	Friday 17 th July (3:30pm)
Training Day	Tuesday 1 st September
School Reopens	Wednesday 2 nd September
St Luke's Parents Meeting	Thursday 3 rd September - 3.30pm
St John's Parents Meeting	Friday 4 th September - 3.30pm
St Mark's Parents Meeting	Monday 7 th September - 3.30pm
St Matthew's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 8 th September - 3pm
St Matthew's Parents Meeting	Tuesday 8 th September - 3.30pm
St Nicholas' Parents Meeting	Wednesday 9 th September - 3.30pm
St Mark's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 15 th September - 3pm
Year 4 Austerfield Residential	Thursday 17 th - Friday 18 th September
St Luke's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 22 nd September - 3pm
St John's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 22 nd September - 3pm
Training Day	Friday 2 nd October
Family Reading Session	Tuesday 6 th October
Flu Vaccination Session	Monday 12 th October
St Matthew's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 13 th October - 3pm
Parents Invited to Maths Lessons	Wednesday 14 th October - 9am
St Mark's Family Reading Session	Tuesday 20 th October - 3pm
Dojo Dash Day (theme to be confirmed)	Friday 23 rd October
Last day of term	Friday 23 rd October
School Reopens	Monday 2 nd November

OLPH 2026/27 Academic Year - School Holidays

School opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Tuesday 1st September - Training Day	Friday 2nd October - Training Day
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	Thursday 25 th March 2027
	Friday 26th March - Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Monday 3 rd May 2027 - Bank Holiday	
Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 16 th July 2027
Monday 19th July - Training Day	Tuesday 20th July - Training Day
Wednesday 21st July - Training Day	

All dates in red the school will be closed to students

Bank holidays:	Training Days:
Friday 26th March 2027 Monday 3rd May 2027	Tuesday 1st September 2026 Friday 2nd October 2026 Monday 19th July 2027 Tuesday 20th July 2027 Wednesday 21st July 2027

