

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
6th March 2026

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **99.5%** attendance week ending 27th February.

Our overall attendance was **97%**

Most improved attendance is St Nicholas' Class from **92.1%** to **97.4%**

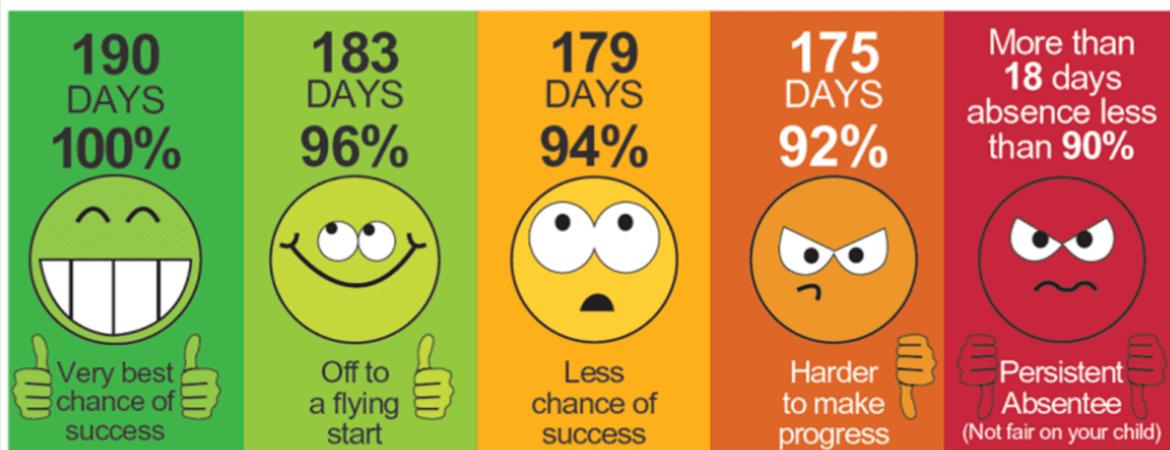
Congratulations to St Nicholas' Class who had **97.9%** attendance week ending 6th March.

Our overall attendance was **95.1%**

Most improved attendance is St Nicholas' Class from **97.4%** to **97.9%**

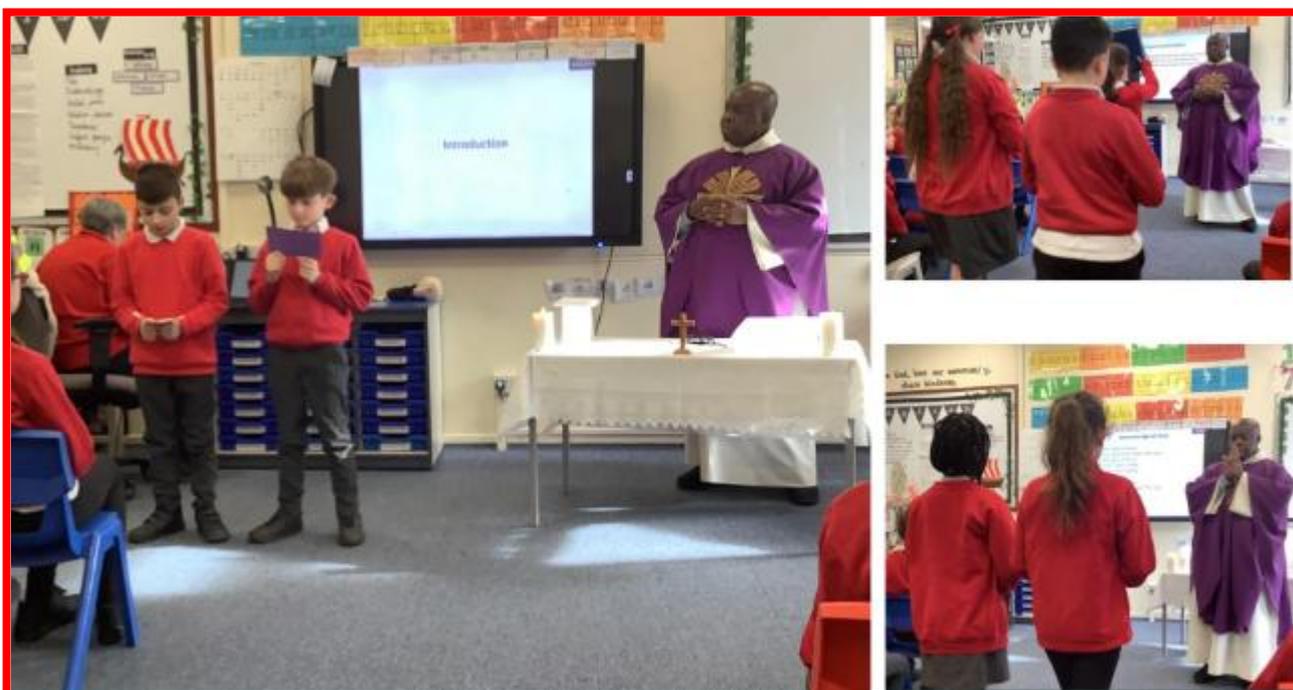
Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 27/02/26	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 06/03/26	No. of lates
St Nicholas	97.4%	2	St Nicholas	97.9%	0
St Matthew	94.4%	0	St Matthew	90%	0
St Mark	96.8%	1	St Mark	95.9%	0
St Luke	96.6%	1	St Luke	95.5%	3
St John	99.5%	0	St John	96.2%	1
Winner	St John's		Winner	St Nicholas'	

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



Class Mass

To celebrate the start of Lent, we are holding three special Masses within school. Our first Mass took place on Tuesday 24th February in St John's Class, followed by our second on Tuesday 3rd March in St Luke's Class. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Father Emmanuel for leading these beautiful class Masses, supported wonderfully by our Chaplaincy Team. We are also grateful to all the parents and carers who have joined us so far. We look forward to welcoming you to our final Lenten Mass in St Mark's Class on Tuesday 10th March.



Achievers - Week ending 27th February

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Nancy	Zain	Roman	Jana
St Matthew	Rosalia	Jackson	Maryann	Leonardo
St Mark	Hallie	Olivia	Roscoe	Max
St Luke	Nuala	Victoria	Jedd	Deacon
St John	Oliver	Scarlett	Oli	Frankie



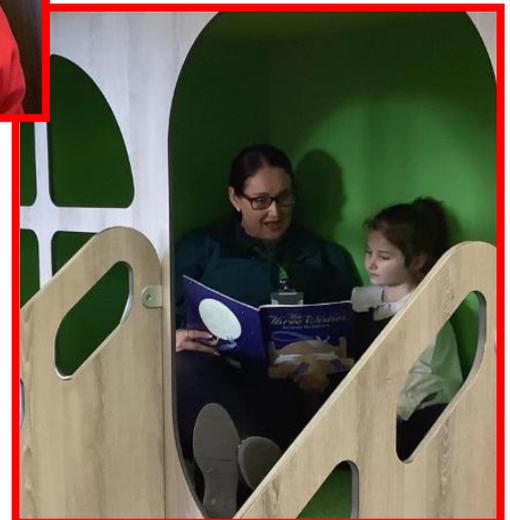
Collective Worship

On Tuesday 3rd March, we welcomed parents into school to take part in our Collective Worship. We would like to thank all the parents who joined us for this special session—it was wonderful to share this time together. We look forward to inviting you back for our final session on Tuesday 10th March. Let's continue this meaningful journey as a school community.



Family Reading Sessions

On Tuesday 24th February and Tuesday 3rd March, we continued our Family Reading Sessions with St Mark's Class and St Matthew's Class. Thank you to everyone for your continued support—it's wonderful to see the children spending quality time reading and sharing their love of books with their parents and carers. These sessions truly help to nurture a positive reading culture across our school, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by all involved. We look forward to seeing you at our next reading session.



Swimming Tournament

On Thursday 26th February, children from St Luke's and St John's Class took part in an exciting swimming festival at Dearne Valley Leisure Centre. They represented the school brilliantly, showing confidence, determination and great team spirit throughout the event. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we were thrilled to come away with several first- and second-place wins. Well done to all the children involved!



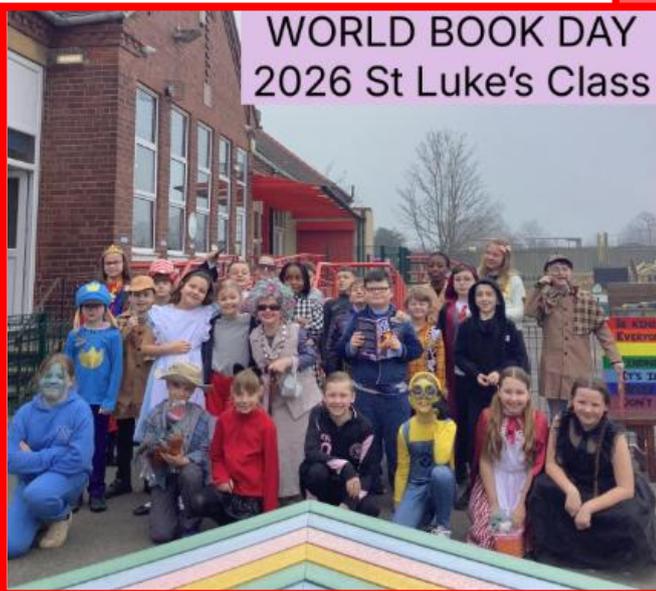
Year 5 Road Safety

On Tuesday 3rd March, Alicia from Doncaster Council came into school to deliver a road safety session to our Year 5 students. All the children were well behaved, engaged and asked lots of questions.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, children came to school dressed as a story character or an adjective. The children looked amazing in their outfits and had a special assembly, led by our Mrs Gaughan, where everyone got to show them off. Throughout the day they enjoyed lots of fun World Book Day activities.



WORLD BOOK DAY
2026 St Luke's Class



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Thursday 12th March** and **Monday 16th March**, from 3.45pm until 6.30pm. Appointment slips confirming each family's date and time will be sent home at the end of the day on Monday 9th March. Due to exceptional circumstances, St Luke's Parents' Evening has been rescheduled from Thursday 12th March to Wednesday 18th March.

During both evenings, we will also be hosting a Book Fair in school, with card payments available, and the PTA will be running a tuck shop, this can be paid for with cash or card directly to them. The PTA have kindly said that any money raised from the tuck shop will be donated to school to help towards the cost of the school cinema trip.



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
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
Foundation Stage Family Reading Session	Tuesday 10 th March - 3pm
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 Parents Evening 2 of 2	Wednesday 18 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
Foundation, St Matthew & St Mark's Lenten Assembly	Monday 23 rd March - 2.25pm
St Luke's and St John's Lenten Assembly	Tuesday 24 th March - 2.45pm
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 27 th March - 3.30pm
Return to School	Monday 13 th April
Parents invited to non-core lessons	Tuesday 14 th April - 2.15pm
Foundation Stage Stay and Play	Tuesday 14 th April - 2.15pm
Easter Egg Competition Judging	Wednesday 15 th April
Dojo Cinema Trip	Thursday 16 th April

Our Virtue to Live by:

Forgiveness

I accept God's forgiveness.

I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself.

I let go of my hurt feelings and give myself a new start.

I give others a new start.

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

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 1 st September - Training Day	Friday 2 nd 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 26 th 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 19 th July - Training Day	Tuesday 20 th July - Training Day
Wednesday 21 st July - Training Day	

All dates in red the school will be closed to students

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

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Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Monday 5 th January 2026 - Training Day	
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Monday 23 rd February 2026 - Training Day	
Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Monday 4 th May 2026 - Bank Holiday	
Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026
	Monday 20 th July 2026 - Training Day

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Bank holidays:	Training Days:
Monday 4 th May 2026	Monday 1 st September 2025 Friday 24 th October 2025 Monday 5 th January 2026 Monday 23 rd February 2026 Monday 20 th July 2026

