

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
14th November 2025

Weekly Attendance Figures

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **99.5%** attendance week ending 7th November.
Our overall attendance was **95.5%**

Congratulations to St John's Class who had **96.5%** attendance week ending 14th November.
Our overall attendance was **93.2%**

Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 07/11/25	No. of lates	Class	Class Attendance For the week ending: 14/11/25	No. of lates
St Nicholas	92.4%	2	St Nicholas	82.8%	3
St Matthew	89.9%	3	St Matthew	92.9%	6
OSt Mark	96%	1	St Mark	96.3%	0
St Luke	97.6%	4	St Luke	94.3%	3
St John	99.5%	0	St John	96.5%	3
Winner	St John's		Winner	St John's	

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Amber for generously giving up her free time each morning to sell poppies before school. Your dedication and effort have truly made a difference.

We also want to thank all our parents and carers for their generous contributions towards this important cause.

Together, we raised an incredible **£125.73** in support of the Poppy Appeal. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!



Achievers - Week ending 7th November

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Izabella	Delvan	Parker	Romy-Rose
St Matthew	Ivy-Blue	Khloe	Denis	Oliver B
St Mark	Isabelle	Charlotte	Dylan	Amelia-Rose
St Luke	Shalom	Mikey	Edward	Elijah
St John	Oliver B	Shea	Oliver S	Christo



Achievers - Week ending 14th November

	Following in the footprints of Christ award	Dojo Star	Reader	Headteacher award
St Nicholas (Foundation Stage)	Aria	Lucas	Bruno	Jana
St Matthew	Rosalia	Leonardo	Dion	Tehillah
St Mark	Kai	Dominic S	Max	Oskar
St Luke	Ezra O	Faith	Adaeze	Cody
St John	Victoria K	Wyatt	Allissia	Amber



St Mark's and St Matthew's Reading Session with Parents

On Thursday 6th November, 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, followed by St Matthew's class on Thursday 13th November. 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 sessions so enjoyable and meaningful for the children.



St John's Remembrance Assembly

On Tuesday 11th November, we marked Remembrance Day with an assembly led by St John's class. They did an amazing job; respectfully telling the story of why we remember and helping us all to think about all those who have fought, or are still fighting, for peace. We are also very grateful to Miss Briscoe for putting together such a thoughtful and moving performance.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to watch the assembly and share in this important act of remembrance together.



Parents Invited to Maths Lessons

On Wednesday 12th November, we welcomed parents and carers into school to join their child's maths lesson. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with learning and sharing in the excitement of maths together. Thank you to everyone who attended - your support makes a real difference, and it was lovely to see the children enjoying the experience alongside you.



Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we held a fun pyjama Day to raise money for Children in Need. A huge thank you to all our students, parents, and staff for your generous donations and fantastic support. Everyone looked brilliant in their colourful and cosy pyjamas, and together we have raised an amazing total of **£81.00** so far!



Crazy Hair Day - Bring a Bottle

On Friday, 28th November, we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day! Instead of bringing a cash donation, we are asking for a bottle to donate as a tombola prize. These can be bottles of water, shower gel, bubble bath, alcohol, or similar items. The tombola will be drawn during our Grandparents' Party. Thank you in advance for your support - we can't wait to see all the amazing hairstyles!



Christmas Nativities and Performances

Arrangements for St Nicholas', St Matthew's and St Mark's joint Nativity and St Luke's and St John's Christmas performance.

This year, the children will be performing twice to allow as many people to see the performances as possible.

Nursery pupils who only attend school on Mondays - Wednesday morning will only be in the first Nativity performance. Nursery pupils who attend on Wednesday pm - Friday will only attend the second Nativity performance.

The first Nativity for St Nicholas', St Matthew's and St Mark's will take place at 2:40pm on Tuesday 9th December and the second Nativity performance will take place at 9:15am on Thursday 11th December. There will be 124 tickets available for each performance.

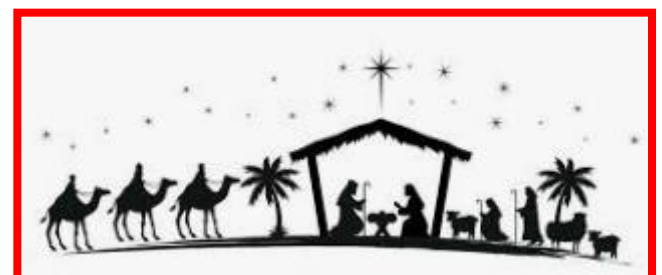
The first Christmas Performance for St Luke's and St John's will take place at 2:40pm on Monday 15th December and the second Christmas Performance will take place at 9:15am on Tuesday 16th December. There will be 124 tickets available for each performance.

Families are entitled to 4 tickets in total. Families can choose whether they would like all 4 tickets for one performance, OR 2 tickets for each performance. Tickets will be given out on a first come- first serve basis for each performance.

Please note that tickets are FREE of charge and will be available **until 12pm** the day before each performance.

If you would like 1 extra ticket, we can add your name to a waiting list and if there are any spare tickets available, these will be allocated after 12pm the day before the performance. Please note, there will be no guarantee of spare tickets. Again, the waiting list will be on a first come- first serve basis.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



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

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	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
South Yorkshire Police Internet Safety Year 5	NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED
St Nicholas' Stay and Play Session - New Date	Monday 1st December - 9am
St Nicholas's Reading session in the library (Foundation Stage) - Parents welcome	Thursday 20 th November - 3pm
St Luke's and St John's Reading session in the library - Parents welcome	Thursday 27 th November - 3pm
Choir Singing at Chapel Garth	Thursday 4 th December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 1 of 2	Tuesday 9 th December - 2.40pm
Year 6 Delivering Christmas Cards to community	Wednesday 10 th December
Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativity - 2 of 2	Thursday 11 th December - 9.15am
Grandparents Party (60 capacity)	Friday 12 th December - 1.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 1 of 2	Monday 15 th December - 2.40pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - 2 of 2	Tuesday 16 th December - 9.15am
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 th December
Class Christmas Parties	Friday 19 th December
Talent Show	Friday 19 th December - 10am
End of Autumn Term	Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd 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 st September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
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 1st September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Monday 20th July 2026