



Queen's Park C.E./U.R.C. Primary School

Queen's Park Post Friday 17th October
2025

Our value this half-term is Trust. 'My God is my strength in whom I trust' Psalm 18:2

Message from Mrs Kellett

Busy busy as usual! I wanted to share some wonderful moments from our school this week.

Our OPAL play session was a huge success. It was magical watching all the children playing together and enjoying the opportunities on our field. A special thank you to Mrs Sawyer - one of our governors - who joined us and shared in the afternoon's fun.

I'm incredibly grateful to the parents, grandparents, and friends who have generously given their time this week to build structures for our children to enjoy. Your commitment to our school community means so much.

Our PTFA has been amazing, donating prams, dolls, and dinosaurs. Already, the children are having a brilliant time playing with these new resources. Their excitement is infectious!

Year 6 parents' evening was bustling along my corridor. It was wonderful to share each child's successes and achievements with you. These moments of connection are what make our school special.

Important notices for everyone:

Book fair starts next week and will be in the front office until Friday. Please support us - all commission goes directly back into buying more books for our library.

EYFS to Year 5 parents' evening is next Thursday in the Hall. Remember to book your slot on School Spider.

We finish for half term next Friday at the normal finishing time.

We will reopen on Tuesday 4th November

Meet our Junior Play Team

We are very proud to present our Junior Play Team. These children have been selected to support our OPAL programme. They are so proud of their new jackets provided for them by our wonderful PTFA.





A picture speaks a thousand words

We held a whole school play afternoon this week. It was just wonderful to see the children all out together playing so well. Mr Weatherby and Mrs Thelwell set every a challenge and the children (and staff) loved getting involved. Enjoy some of the pictures below.





















It is all about football!

Miss Brooks and Mrs Trainer took 10 year 4 girls to Ruskin last Friday and had a great time at the football festival. Sadly we were too late for the newsletter last week so here they are.

Yesterday 10 year 3 boys went to Ruskin to play football and they also had fun and although we did not come away with a medal or trophy, Melvyn scored a fantastic goal and he has smiled about it all afternoon. It was a pleasure to see those less confident footballers shine and prove that everything is possible when we have the right attitude and mindset.



Goodbye and Good luck

✨ We're going to miss Rev. Gareth and April so much! ✨

Over the years, Rev. Gareth has become such a special part of our school and wider community. His kindness, compassion and deep faith have touched the hearts of children, staff, and families alike. Whether leading worship, fixing the PA system, or simply lending a listening ear, Gareth has always shown what it means to serve with love and humility.

His worships were always a highlight - inclusive, joyful and inspiring -bringing God's word to life in ways that made every child feel seen and valued. But we haven't just been blessed by Gareth

- April has also played a huge part in our community. Her warmth, creativity and partnership in planning and leading school ministry events have encouraged and supported so many of our families.

Together, Gareth and April have modelled what faith in action truly looks like: generous, joyful and full of grace.

We will miss them and their wonderful boys (Samuel and Jonathan) more than words can say.

♥ Thank you for everything you've brought to our school, our church, and our hearts.

#ThankYouRevGareth #FaithInAction #CommunityWithHeart



Important Allergy/Food Information



St Helens Catering Service-School Lunch Special Dietary Request

Please remember to inform St Helens Catering Service if your child has a food allergy / intolerance / special requirement e.g. halal menu, The QR code will take you to a form to complete for the Catering Dept. If you need a paper copy, please pop into the office.

Once complete, can you check that the information has appeared on your School Grid account.

Catering Service Event - Pupil's Pick

Ask your child to place their vote for the options on the link. The options with the most votes across each school will be your menu on Friday the 15th of January. We know, Its hard to decide! One vote per pupil.

[Catering Service Event - Pupils Pick!](#)

Reading is our beating heart

Reading is fundamental to everything we do here at Queen's Park. We are really proud of the reading offered at our school and the importance we place on reading. We are lucky enough to subscribe to two online programmes to support children's reading. We had so many children using them last year but we have started off very slow this year. Please use these resources. They are so helpful in helping children progress with their reading.

Reading Eggs - year 1 and year 2. We will get EYFS on this platform when they are ready.

Reading Plus - year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you have lost your child's login, just let their class teacher know.



Book Fair

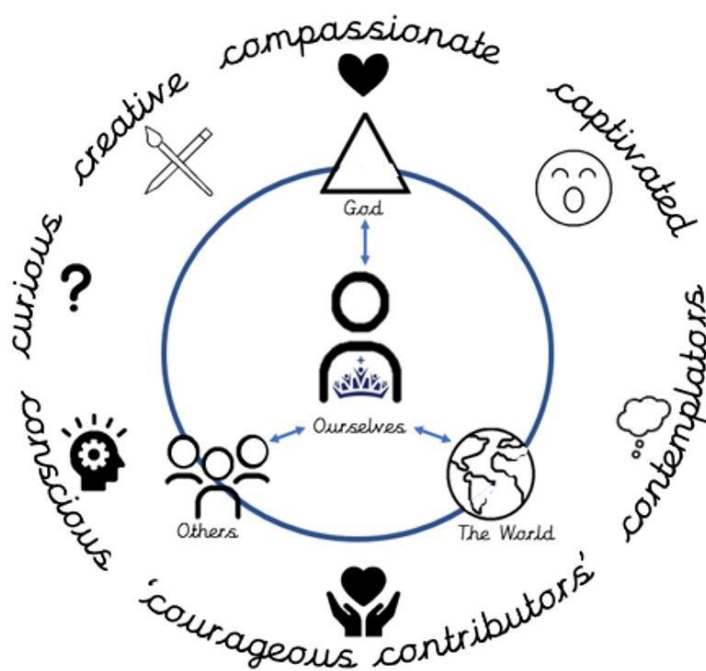


We're excited to announce that our school Book Fair will be running from **Monday 20th at 11:00am until Friday lunchtime!** It's a great opportunity to explore a wide range of books and encourage a love of reading.

Books will be available for purchase throughout the week, with **cash and card payments accepted** both **at the front office** and during **Parents' Evening**.

Don't miss out – come and find your next great read!

Welcome and Worship



Our
Spiritual
Capacities

Thank you to some of our year one and EYFS parents who came along to join in our worship session this week. It is lovely to have you in our classrooms enjoying this time with your children.

Our next sessions dates are below - **Stay and be Spiritual sessions will be as follows:**

Year One - Wednesday 5th November

EYFS - Wednesday 12th November

Year Four - Wednesday 19th November

Year Three - Wednesday 26th November

Year Two - Wednesday 3rd December

Year Five and Year Six - Wednesday 10th December

Queen's Park's Big Question



This week's big question to discuss on your way home from school, around the dinner table, washing the dishes - anywhere really!

Who in the Bible would be the most fun to hang out with and why?

SEND in the Spotlight

As you know, we have our Autumn parents' evening next Thursday. We have invited some external services to come and be available for you to ask any questions and seek support if needed. The services that have confirmed are:

- Young Carers
- Early Help
- Caring Dads

- CGL
- School Health
- The Fostering Team
- Children's Hub

Make sure you pop over and see them.

Green Tip of the Week



Half term activity

family arts day

This **FREE** session offers the opportunity for families living within our community in St Helens, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!

date:	location:	time:
Monday 27th October	Moss Bank Library, St Helens	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

sign up now:
info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223
www.digitalartsbox.org



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Metropolitan Borough Council

Dates for your Diary

Book Fair arrives - Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October

Y6 to PGL - Monday 20th October - Wednesday 22nd October

Flu Immunisations - Reception -Y5. Tuesday 21st October

Autumn Parents evening - Reception to Y5 - Thursday 23rd October

School finishes for half term - Friday 24th October

School reopens for Autumn 2 - Tuesday 4th November

Individual Class photos - Tuesday 11th November

EYFS Nativity for Parents - Thursday 4th December (9:30am)

Year 2 Nativity for Parents - Thursday 11th December (9:30am)

Christmas Celebration -Year One to St Lukes Friday 12th December

School finishes for Christmas - Friday 19th December

Attendance Matters





**ATTENDANCE
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ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Penalty Notice Fines for School are changing

These changes came into force from 19th August 2024

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1st Offence
The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance it will be: **£160 per adult, per child (paid with 28 days)** Reduced to £80 per adult per child if paid in 21 days.

2nd Offence (within three years)
The second penalty notice issued for term time leave or irregular attendance it will be: **£160 per adult per child, paid within 28 days.** There will be no reduced rate offered

Third Offence and any further offences in three years
The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case will be presented to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.
Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failing to safeguard a child's education

10 sessions (5 days) within a 10-week period
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period

318 children had perfect attendance last week! Can we beat this next week?

Attendance Update

We work really hard each and every week to make sure every class beats out school target of 97% - this will help us to succeed

*Our Attendance this week - **95.28%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.6%***

'In to Win' at Queen's Park

Launching Sept 2025

Attendance Ambassadors

Our new Attendance Ambassadors (working with Mrs Mullins) will launch our new 'In to Win' league in September.



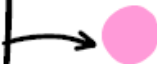
'In to Win' League

Each class are a team in our attendance league. The league table will reset after each half term. The league table will be displayed in the hall for everyone to see.



Weekly 'Matches'

Each week, two teams will compete in a match (set by the Attendance Ambassadors). Winners will be announced weekly in Star Badge assembly.



How to score points

Just like the football league, if you win your match you score 3 points, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. These points will be added to the league table..



League Winners

The two teams at the top of the table at the end of the half term will win a non-uniform day. Watch out though because the teacher of the team at the bottom of the table will face a forfeit in the half termly attendance assembly!





Dojo Winners



PR Eden O

QR Thalia K

P1 Yaiswanth J	Q1 Colby B
P2 Ethan E	Q2 Theo T
P3 Mara P	Q3 Maddison J
P4 Jessica AW	Q4 Elizabeth G
P5 Crystal U	Q5 Curtis S
P6 Tyvon-John R	Q6 Henry H

Star Badge Winners



PR Briony W	QR Gray G
P1 Lilly-Mae A	Q1 Oliver P
P2 Robyn M	Q2 Mason B
P3 Elva G	Q3 Finley C
P4 Ayham B	Q4 April H
P5 Finnley S	Q5 Jersey S
P6 Daniel P	Q6 Cory H

Some of the wonderful adventures and achievements of our children over the last week.





1 - Theo was awarded 'Player of the Match' and scored 4 tries last week in rugby.



2 - Rhys and Harry had a lovely autumn walk around Yarrow Valley.



3 - April received a certificate for being a buddy, her litter picking and imagination badges at Brownies last week.



4 - 1st place for Hallie's line at her morris dancing championships.





5 - Florence enjoying a day in Liverpool



6 - Billy and his little brother enjoying Walton gardens last weekend.



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9 - Finley got man of the match for the last game of the season in rugby

Have a Wonderful Weekend