



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 9th January
2026

Our value this half term is **honesty**.

Message from Mrs Kellett

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing what 2026 brings for Queen's Park. More fun but more importantly lots of learning.

We are so glad to be back even with the snow. Thank you for your patience when dropping off and collecting. A special thank you to our warrior site manager - Mrs Drury who is up with the larks gritting to make our site as safe as possible.

Today, the Fire Service visited our school to speak to the children about the dangers of open water, especially important given the current weather conditions.

I'm incredibly proud to share some fantastic news about our young poets. We had a group of talented children from Years 4 and 5 who took part in the Young Writers poetry competition, "I Have A Dream – The Future Is Bright". The judges were so impressed that 12 of our pupils' poems have been selected for publication in a Young Writers anthology.

A huge congratulations to our brilliant poets:

- Year 5: Aamir A, Kiki A, Xiomara M, and Jersey S
- Year 4: Aanvika R, Ethan P, Ilaisia PP, Ivy R, Jessica AW, Jessica W, Poppy A, and Yanishaa J

Just a quick reminder for parents: Year 4 will be performing their "Play in a Day" next Wednesday, 14th January. Parents are invited to watch from 2:30pm.

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.

Pupil Pick - Your Results

This is your announcement for your winning menu from our pupils pick event menu competition. See below your schools votes and menu. The menu will be loaded you School Grid in due course ready for the event where needed.

Thank you for joining in with the fun!

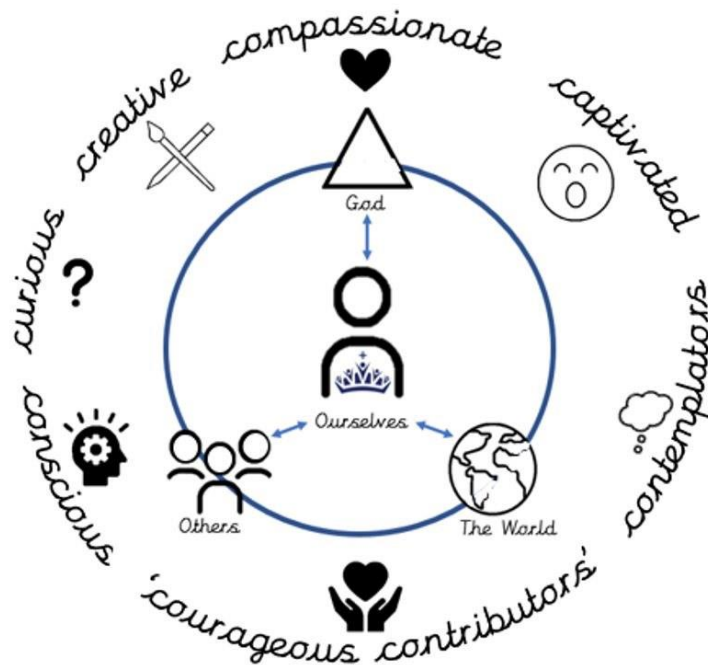
St Helens Catering Service



Your Pupils Pick Menu Thursday 15th January 2026

Option 1	Option 2	Dessert
Cheeky Chicken Kebab	Garlic Baguette Veggie Dogs	Chocolate Brownie Sundae

Valuing our Vision!



Our
Spiritual
Capacities

Spring Term Dates - Please see below the dates for the Wednesday morning sessions -**Valuing our Vision!**

Y1 - Wednesday 14th January

Y2 - Wednesday 21st January

Y3 - Wednesday 28th January

Y4 - Wednesday 4th February

Y5/Y6 - Wednesday 11th February

Queen's Park's Big Question

The Big Questions

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

If you had to be trapped in a car on a road trip with anyone in the Bible who would it be??

SEND in the Spotlight

ST HELENS Community Network Group

Tuesday afternoons during term time

Join us from **12:30pm-2:30pm**

New Venue: Willowbrook Hospice, The Living Well, Borough Rd, St Helens WA10 3RN

No booking needed, just come along

Come along and meet our team, to learn more about neurodiversity from those who can share lived experiences and practical strategies. Our groups create a welcoming, accepting and relaxed environment for parents and carers, you are not on your own.

Topics this term:

Tues 6th January	Open Session seek advice around any challenges you are facing
Tues 13th January	Sensory Processing Difficulties
Tues 20th January	Home-Start Parent Support
Tues 27th January	Improving Sleep for neurodiverse families
Tues 3rd February	Autism, ADHD and Masking
Tues 10th February	Supporting Siblings of neurodivergent children

Green Tip of the Week

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Wash Clothes at 30°C



Washing at 30°C uses less energy and is gentler on clothes. Modern washing machines and detergents are designed to clean effectively at lower temperatures, saving electricity.

OPAL - Can you help?



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th January - Y4 Play in a Day. **Y4 Parents invited in at 2:30pm**

Friday 16th January - World Religion Day

Thursday 22nd January - Y4 trip to Chester

Monday 26th January - Friday 30th January - Green Careers Week

Monday 9th February - - Friday 13th February - Book Fair at School

Tuesday 10th February - Q3 at Ruskin Lodge

Thursday 12th February - P3 at Ruskin Lodge

Thursday 12th February - EYFS - Y5 Parents' Evening

Friday 13th February - School finishes for half term

Monday 23rd February - School reopens

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February - Earth Week

Friday 27th February - A farm to visit EYFS

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March - Q3 at Ruskin Lodge

Thursday 12th March - P3 at Ruskin Lodge

Tuesday 17th March - Y2 to URC Ormskirk Street for Experience Easter

Tuesday 24th March - Y1 Easter Performance - **Parents invited at 9:15am**

Tuesday 24th March - Cowley Panto in school

Wednesday 25th March - BTales Easter Performance

Friday 27th March - Earth Hour

Friday 27th March - School finishes for Easter

Monday 13th April - School reopens

Attendance Matters



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Every student. Every day.



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ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Penalty Notice Fines for School are changing

These changes came into force from 19th August 2024

- 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

320 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 - **95.56%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **93.91%***

'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'

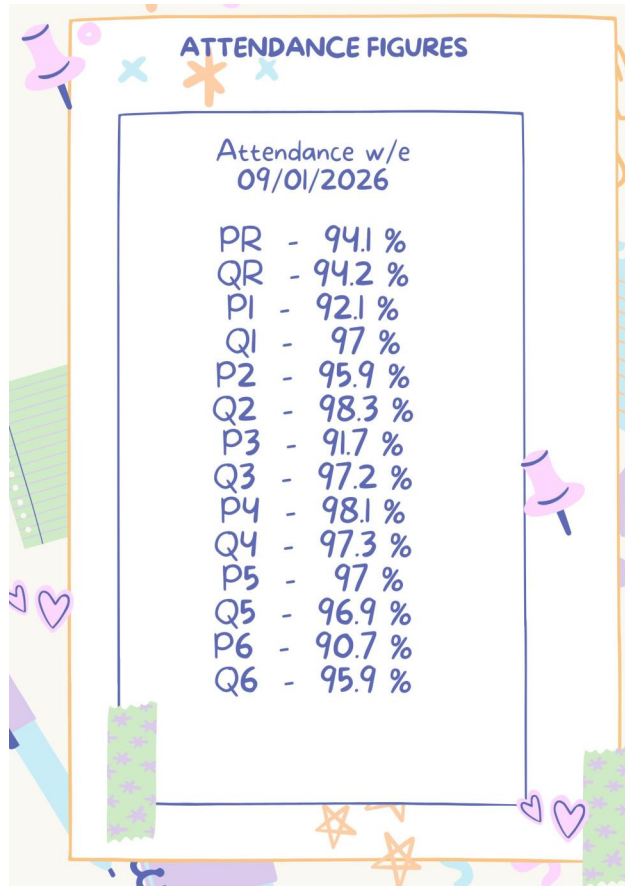
Each week, two teams will compete in a match (set by the Attendance Ambassadors). Winners will be announced weekly in Star Badge assembly.

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 Chizaram M **QR** Fatima H

P1 Miles P	Q1 Leah W
P2 Ellie Rose W	Q2 Alfie M
P3 Ismail A	Q3 Finn M
P4 Alex M	Q4 David A
P5 Amber P	Q5 Xiomara M
P6 Luke C	Q6 Joe M

Star Badge Winners



PR Cierra S	QR Astra M
P1 Lillie B	Q1 Nurain A
P2 Gwendolyn R	Q2 Charlotte R
P3 Melvyn C	Q3 Caleb G
P4 Ilaisia PP	Q4 Arthur F
P5 Rory M	Q5 Mason L
P6 Skylar CM	Q6 Annabelle O

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

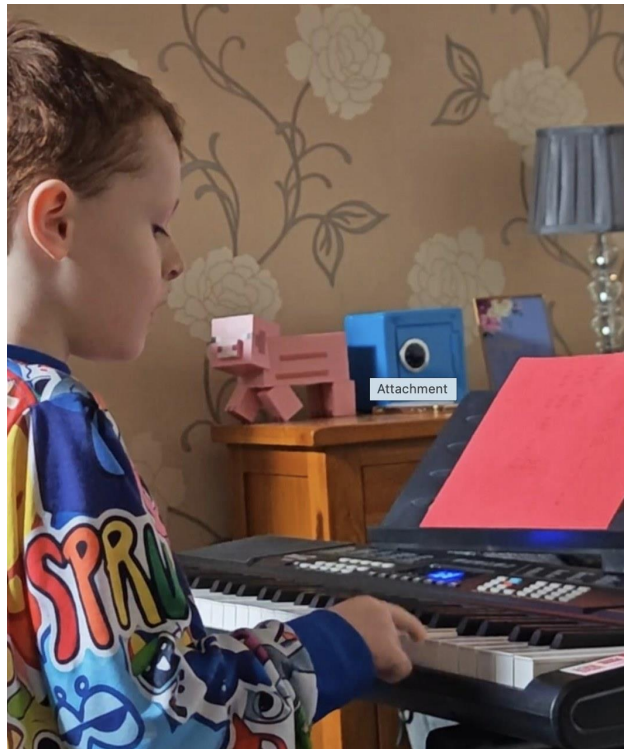




1 - Charlotte won an award from dance for most improved



2 - Lily-Rose got a certificate for Drama star of the week, for speaking more loudly and clearly



3 - Matthew got a piano for Christmas. He has already taught himself 4 songs.



4 - Florence won 'Gymnast of the year' at her presentation evening! She also found out yesterday that she has been selected for the North-West Tumbling Squad 2026.



5 - Earlier this week Summer passed her stage 4 Learn to swim



6 - Isla enjoyed watching Matilda the Musical in Liverpool the last day of the Christmas holidays.



7 - Eveline loved going to Sea Life over the Christmas holidays!

Have a wonderful weekend