



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 13th February 2026

Our value this half term is **honesty**. *'May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.'* – Psalm 25:21

Message from Mrs Kellett

What a busy end to Spring 1 we've had! I wanted to share some highlights and important notices with you.

First off, a big thank you to everyone who completed our OPAL questionnaire. Your feedback helps us continually improve our provision for the children.

Speaking of improvements, did you see our bustling hall during Parents' Evening? It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with your child's learning. We have worked on our interim reports to ensure you get the right information. I hope you find these useful and informative.

Year 2 have been absolute stars this week. They've been true 'Courageous Contributors', passionately raising awareness about community issues - who knew 'poo' could be such an important topic? Their enthusiasm is infectious!

We're excited about our Young Voices event tonight. Our Pop Shop group is ready to have a *poptastic* time, and we can't wait to hear all about it.

Children's Mental Health Week was particularly meaningful for us. As a therapeutic school, we take mental wellbeing seriously. Our daily check-ins, the comprehensive pastoral support programme led by Mrs Hughes and Mrs Leadbetter, and the incredible work of our play therapist Mrs Bain, all demonstrate our commitment to supporting our children's emotional health.

The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) showcased our new PE kit last night . Thank you to those parents who came over and spoke to the children and gave them your feedback.

Finally, we finish today for half term. School will re-open for Spring 2 on Monday, 23rd February. I hope everyone gets a chance to rest and recharge. Fingers crossed the weather improves for our break! Wishing you all a peaceful half term.



Living Value - Honesty

Our Living Value for this half term has been **Honesty**. While honesty is a Christian value, it is also a universal one that helps to make the world a better place. Throughout the half term, our worship sessions have explored the value of honesty through Bible stories, key verses, and everyday scenarios that the children can relate to.

On Monday, Mrs Clarke led our half-termly Living Values Assembly, where children received awards for demonstrating the value of honesty. These children were nominated by their classmates, and we use a democratic process across the school to decide each class's winners.

We have also been joined by our three churches throughout the half term. The video shows what worship sounds like at Queen's Park, and I am sure you will agree that it is a truly special part of our day.



Green Careers Month

We are having a focused month in school looking at careers that encourage sustainability and climate change. Y2 had a wonderful visit from Biffa and this week, Gabrielle, the Manager of Biodiversity and Climate for St Helens' Council, came to speak to Year 5 about climate change and how the council is making changes to reduce energy use across the borough. We explored our own energy use and pledged to change two things to make our lifestyles more environmentally friendly.

If your job supports these areas, get in touch because we would love to hear all about it!



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.

Family Hub and Childrens Centre - February 2026

I have attached a link with all the activities available during half term in the family hubs.

[Half Term Offer February 2026](#)



MORNING OFFER

Monday 16 th February	Tuesday 17 th February	Wednesday 18 th February	Thursday 19 th February	Friday 20 th February	Saturday 21 st February
Healthy Child Clinic Drop-in 9:00am – 12:00pm Newton Family Hub Sleep Advice Drop-in 9:00am – 12:00pm Newton Family Hub Lunar New Year Arts, Crafts and fun including the Jinxie Squad and refreshments 9:00am – 12:30pm Sutton Family Hub	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Sutton Family Hub Sleep Advice Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Sutton Family Hub Middle Field Family 9:00am – 12:00pm Sutton Family Hub "Year of the Fire Horse" Festival 10:00am – 10:00am Parr Children's Centre	Coffee/Tea Tots 9:30am – 12:00pm Sutton Family Hub Healthy Child Clinic (Appointment only) 9:00am – 12:00pm Community Hub North Sleep Advice Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Community Hub North Family Fun Day 10:00am – 10:00am Community Hub North	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Lowe House Clinic Sleep Advice Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Lowe House Clinic Healthy Child Clinic Drop-in 9:00am – 12:00pm Community Hub South Sleep Advice Drop-in 10:00am – 12:00pm Community Hub South	Healthy Child Clinic Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Parr Children's Centre Sleep Advice Drop-in 9:30am – 12:30pm Parr Children's Centre Messy Play 9:00am – 12:30pm Sutton Family Hub	M.A.T. CH 9:00am – 12:30pm Sutton Family Hub 

AFTERNOON OFFER

Monday 16 th February	Tuesday 17 th February	Wednesday 18 th February	Thursday 19 th February	Friday 20 th February
SEND Family Matinee 2:00pm – 4:00pm Parr Children's Centre 	Construction Club 1:00pm – 2:30pm Newton Family Hub	SEND Family Matinee 2:00pm – 4:00pm Central Link Family Hub Crafty Cooks 3:00pm – 4:30pm Central Link Family Hub	Lunar New Year Arts, Crafts and fun including refreshments 12:30pm – 2:30pm Central Link Family Hub	SEND Family Matinee 2:00pm – 4:00pm Sutton Family Hub 

Group Descriptions

Coffee/Tea Tots – facilitated within our family friendly café where you can relax and enjoy healthy food and drinks, toys and books are available for little ones.

Construction Club – join us for a family session of Lego builds and construction fun and become a family of Master Builders!

Messy Play – a fun messy and creative arts and crafts play session which lets you and your child/children explore and develop their hidden talents. Come along and create a masterpiece. 0 – 11 years.

SEND Family Matinee – enjoy a free film morning/afternoon at either Parr Children's Centre or Central Link Family Hub.

Crafty Cooks - a fun and interactive cookery session, a fun way to develop your child's fine and gross motor skills, increase their muscle strength, confidence and extend their vocabulary. Mini Chef's will enable your child (and you) to explore food and interact with their peers!

Lunar New Year Arts - a free fun day, celebrating Chinese New Year with arts & Crafts, fun and games - with free refreshments included.


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Food Pantry – Pantries operate as a member-led neighbourhood and are just like a shop, in that you choose the food from the shelves. Members pay a small subscription each week they visit, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year on shopping bills.

Healthy Child Clinic - for parents/carers of 0-5-year-olds. Advice and support around weaning and diet, weight checks, sleep and behavioural concerns, signposting and referrals to other services and Healthy Start vouchers.

M.A.T.C.H – a bespoke for dads/grandads, uncles, male carers and their children to communicate and enjoy quality time together to strengthen their bond. Various indoor and outdoor activities are organised with free food and refreshments provided.

Sleep Advice – our free Sleep advice drop-ins aim to support you in understanding why your child may be struggling to sleep, possible causes of sleeping issues and importantly, what you can do to help your child and family to get better sleep. For children 1 years and above.

Thank you for your continued engagement with our Family Hub and Children's Centre sessions.
If you need further information please call:
Central Link Family Hub: 01744 673445
Parr Children's Centre: 01744 671788
Alternatively message us via our Facebook page: STFamilyHubs



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ST HELENS WELLBEING

Breathe Buddies Lunar New Year Workshops



Breathe Buddies are joining forces
with St Helens Family Hubs, for spectacular Lunar New Year crafts!
2026 is 'Year of the Fire Horse.'
Join Breathe Buddies to make your very own fire horse complete with
sparkly, fiery tail!

Tuesday 17th February- 11am-1pm-
"Year of the Fire Horse" Funday- Parr Children's Centre
Wednesday 18th February- 11am-1pm-
Family Funday- Community Hub North
Thursday 19th February- 12:30pm-2:30pm-
Lunar New Year Art & Crafts-
Central Link Family Hub

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 Family Hub



Family Arts Day



The poster for Family Arts Day features a green title at the top. Below it, a blue banner contains the text: "This FREE session offers the opportunity for families living within our community in St Helens, from any background, to come together, socialise and create!". The event details are listed in three columns: "date: Tuesday 17th February", "location: Moss Bank Children's Centre, WA11 7PQ", and "time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm". A "sign up now:" section includes the email "info@digitalartsbox.org", the phone number "0151 433 2223", the website "www.digitalartsbox.org", and a QR code. A photograph of the Moss Bank Children's Centre is shown in a hexagonal frame. Below this, a collage of six hexagonal images shows children and adults engaged in various art activities. At the bottom, logos for Digital Arts Box and St Helens Council are displayed.

This February half term, we're running a free art session where families from St Helens can come together for a fun, creative morning.

Event Details: 📅 Date: Tuesday 17th February

🕒 Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

📍 Location: Moss Bank Children's Centre, WA11 7PQ

✂️ Activities include LEGO, 3D pens, digital art, crafts and more. Free refreshments will also be provided! 📧 Families can sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-family-arts-day-st-helens-tickets-1980366838524?aff=Schools>

Reading really is the beating heart of Queen's Park

Firsly, thank you all so very much for your support with our book fair. All the money raised goes straight back into our school library. Our children have a regular library slot and they love going up to the library and choosing their own books. You will have received the exciting

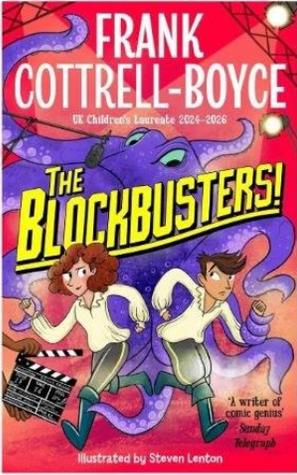
information about World Book Day this year. We are really excited to have Frank Cottrell Boyce at our school. This is such an honour and an experience for our children

We have an exclusive opportunity to re-order Frank Cottrell-Boyce's brand new book 'The Blockbusters' on parent pay and have it signed on World Book Day.



Pre-order now!
Frank Cottrell-Boyce's new book

Pre-order a copy of Blockbusters for £7.99 via Parent Pay.



Books ordered in advance can be signed by the author on the day of his visit.

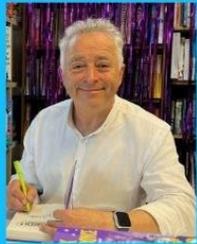


Frank Cottrell-Boyce visit

We are delighted to have secured an exclusive visit from the internationally acclaimed, award-winning author and Children's Laureate, **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**.

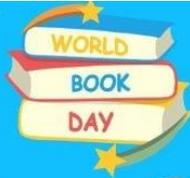
The visit will celebrate the paperback release of his new children's book, **Blockbusters** – a hilarious middle-grade adventure about a Year 6 class going to Hollywood.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce is a much-loved author, known for his wit and imaginative storytelling in books such as *The Unforgotten Coat* and *Millions*.



Book Pre-Order

You can pre-order a copy of *Blockbusters* for **£7.99** via **Parent Pay**. Books ordered in advance can be **signed by the author** on the day of his visit.



Costume Ideas

- The Lorax
- The Boy from The Giving Tree
- Poppy from Poppy and the Blooms
- The Gardener from The Tin Forest
- The Tiny Seed from Eric Carle
- Stanley from Somebody Swallowed Stanley

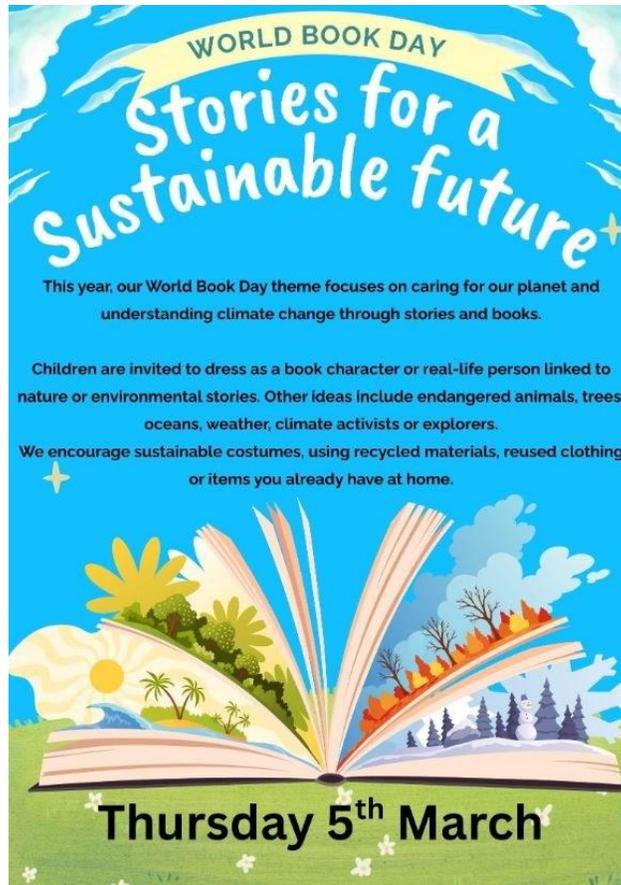


- Michael Recycle
- Paddington Bear
- David Attenborough
- Greta Thunberg
- Bear Grylls
- Charles Darwin
- Steve Irwin
- Jane Goodall

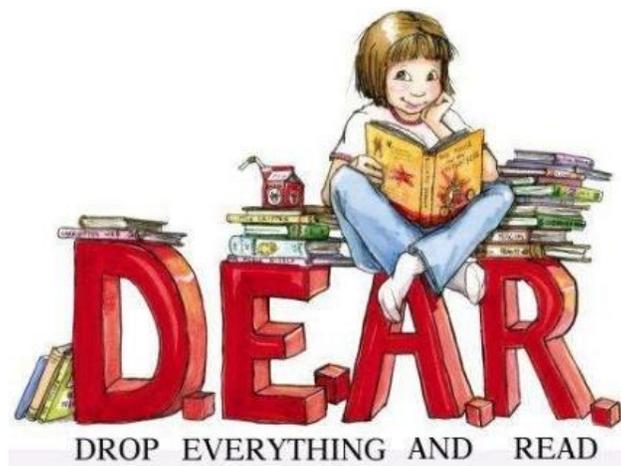


- Recycling Hero - Recycling symbols on reused clothing
- Upcycling Robot - Cardboard boxes, reused plastic etc.
- Plastic Free Hero
- DIY your own WBD costume
- Reuse a previous WBD costume





Drop and Read



Dates for Spring 2 with a reading focus. Come to our **'Drop Everything and Read'** sessions

- Wednesday 25th February - Year 5 and Year 4
- Wednesday 4th March - Year 2

- Wednesday 11th March - Year 1 and Year 3
- Wednesday 18th March - EYFS and Year 6

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!

If Jesus met King Charles, what do you think they would talk about?

SEND in the Spotlight

As you are aware, Mrs Kennedy, our Deputy Headteacher and SENCO, is expecting a baby in June. Mrs Kennedy will be in school until she starts her maternity leave in May when Miss Lunt (our current Year 6 teacher and UKS2 Leader) will then cover Mrs Kennedy as SENCo in her absence.

Over the next few months, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Lunt will be working very closely to ensure a smooth transition when Mrs Kennedy goes to have her baby. You may notice that both Miss Lunt and Mrs Kennedy are present in any upcoming meetings you have to give you the opportunity to meet Miss Lunt (if you don't already know her!)

Neurodevelopment Pathway drop-in sessions

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins



Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

13 January at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

10 March at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

12 May at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

27 January at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

24 March at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

26 May at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

10 February at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

14 April at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

9 June at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.

24 February at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

28 April at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

23 June at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP

Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net



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Green Tip of the Week

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Use pre-loved School Uniform



Visit our school pre-loved uniform shop. Children grow fast—second-hand makes sense. If you would rather buy new, donate old uniform to school so it can be reused by someone else.

OPAL - Can you help and Parental Survey

Please see below a link to a survey to collect your views on the impact OPAL has had on your child.

[OPAL – Fill out form](#)



**Bring-it-in
BINCO**

We need your help! We are looking for donations.
Can we get them all?
Please send them in with your child.

As we develop our outside area, we are in need of the following items...

 Frying pans	 Large Spoons	 Cake Tins
 Saucepans (no lids)	 Baking Trays/Racks	 Whisks <small>Attachment</small>
 Cutlery (no sharp knives)	 Spatulas	 Metal Bowls

MUD KITCHEN





Dear Parents,

JLT need your help! We have noticed that the playground and the field can sometimes look untidy due to litter. We want to improve our environment but need your help. Can you use a power-drill?

Do you own a saw?

Do you have any spare time to help with our project?

We will provide all the essential materials such as pallets, pipes etc. We just need you and your skills.

If you can help, can you please message us via Mrs Kellett on school dojo and we will be in touch? We have provided a photograph to help you understand our vision. We will need two of these stations complete

Dates for your Diary

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.





**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Penalty Notice Fines for School are changing

These changes came into force from 19th August 2024

1

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.

2

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

3

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

295 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 - **92.46%***

*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

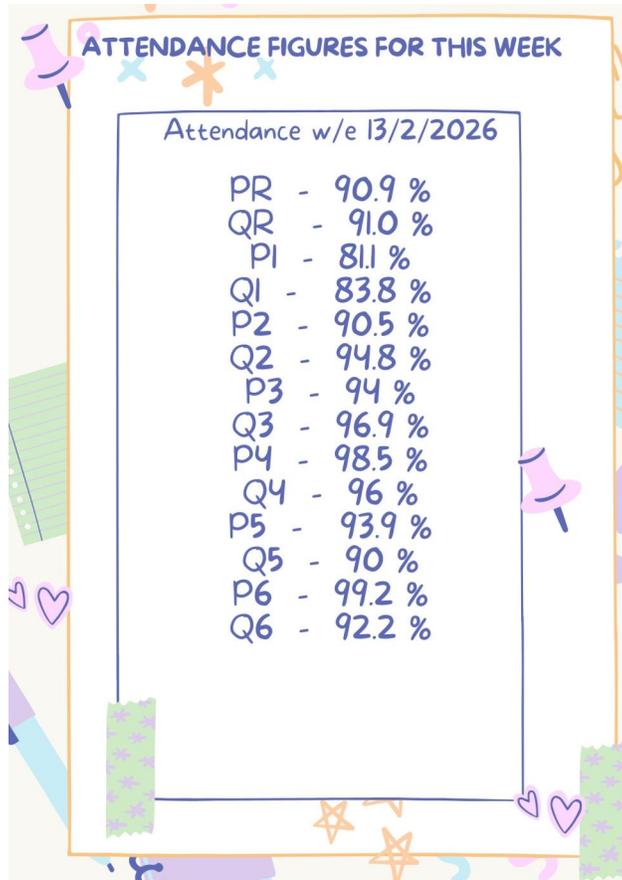
Just like the football league, if you win your match you score 3 points, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. These points will be added to the league table..



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 Roman R

QR Kobie Rose H

P1 Arabella M	Q1 Eliza O
P2 Esme G	Q2 Lucas-James L
P3 Matthew B	Q3 Macy May B
P4 Harry W	Q4 Arthur F
P5 Portia W	Q5 McKenzie T
P6 Tatum H	Q6 Lindsay M

Star Badge Winners



PR Amber R	QR Milana D
P1 Lewis W	Q1 Athena H
P2 Lana R	Q2 Jack H
P3 Jaxon B	Q3 Kayden W
P4 Joel M	Q4 Oliver B
P5 Lola T	Q5 Tianna BB
P6 Henry R	Q6 Joe M

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





1 - Eveline was awarded star of the week at football this week, and she also earned her pink paw certificate.



2 - Amber from year 5 stepped into a new elite level with her cheer team Dynamite, they didn't only win, they got grand champions and an invitation to the cheerleading world championships.

Have a wonderful break and see you on 23rd February