



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 27th February
2026

Our value this half term is **forgiveness**. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you".
Ephesians 4:32

Message from Mrs Kellett

Welcome back everyone!

Hope you've all had a wonderful half term and managed to enjoy some well-deserved time away from the routine. It's lovely to see the children back in school and full of energy – there's always something special about that fresh start after a break.

This half term is an important one, particularly for our Year Six children. They've been working incredibly hard during their mock SATs week, and it's been fantastic to see their dedication and focus. These mocks are a really valuable opportunity for them to get a feel for what the real thing will be like and it's given us some great insight into where they're at with their learning. If you're a Year Six parent, do make sure you've booked your place at parents' evening next week – it'll be a chance to have a proper chat about how your child is getting on and what we can do together to support them as they move towards their actual SATs.

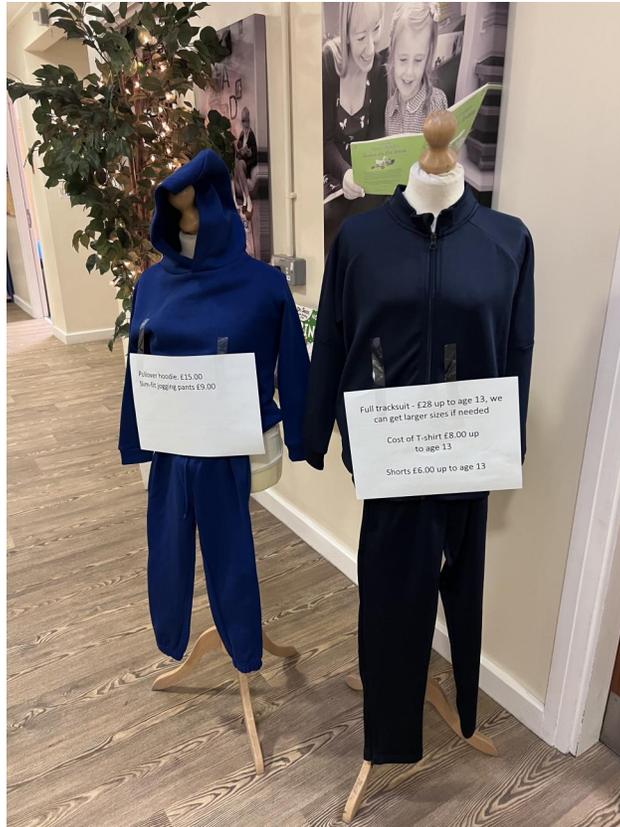
On a more exciting note, we recently held a vote for new PE kit, and the results are in! The blue tracksuit and T-shirt came out on top with 58 votes, while the hoodie and tracksuit bottoms received 25 votes. Thanks so much to everyone who took part in the voting – it's great to have your input on these decisions. I'll be getting in touch with the suppliers shortly to get the new kit ordered. We're also planning to phase this in over the next two years to help support families with the costs so you won't need to buy everything all at once.

You will have received a letter from Stuart Harrison, the Director of Education at the Liverpool Diocese, explaining all about the changes to Ofsted and their inspections. We are fully engaging with the new framework but we are very confident that what we do at Queen's Park is what is needed for our children so we will keep working hard, making decisions that meet the needs of our children and community and I am sure Ofsted will see the impact we are having.

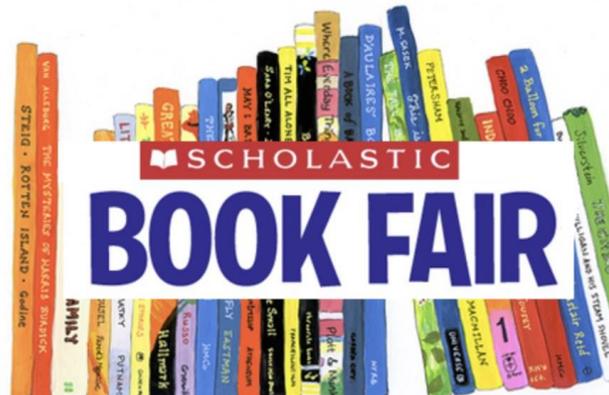
Now, I do need to mention a few uniform reminders. We've noticed quite a few children coming into school in incorrect uniform recently so I'd really appreciate your support in helping us maintain our uniform policy. It's important to us as a school, and it helps create that sense of belonging and identity. Just to recap – no earrings are permitted, and we do ask that hair is tied up, particularly as we've had an increased number of cases of head lice in school at the moment. If you do spot head lice on your child, please do treat them straight away. It's something that can spread quite quickly, so the sooner we all tackle it together, the better.

Please note the car park at the side of school is locked from 9am to 2.30pm to keep our children safe, if you have a meeting in school and are likely to be here during this time could you please find an alternative place to park.

Thanks so much for your continued support and partnership. It's this working together that really makes the difference for our children.



Book Fair- Thank you



I just wanted to pass on my thanks for your support for our Book Fair this year. We have held two and we have over £1600 to spend on books. This is fantastic and will go a long way to restocking our library.

Lieutenant Visit - British Values Focus Work

On the last day of term, we were delighted to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Carmel Stewart, who spoke to us about King Charles III and the important work he does. We learned that the King has a busy role as Head of State, which includes opening Parliament, granting Royal Assent to new laws, meeting weekly with the Prime Minister and representing the country at important national events such as Remembrance Sunday.

We also discovered how the King visits communities across the UK to learn about local life and thank people for their service. Carmel Stewart explained how the King supports many charities, particularly those helping communities and protecting the environment and how Lord-Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants help keep him informed about what is happening in places like Merseyside. The visit encouraged us to think about our own school community and how our actions, such as acts of kindness, helping others and caring for the environment, can make a positive difference.



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.

World Book Day

You will have received the exciting information about World Book Day this year. Please see the information below for ideas for this years costumes. We are really excited to have Frank Cottrell Boyce at our school. This is such an honour and an experience for our children

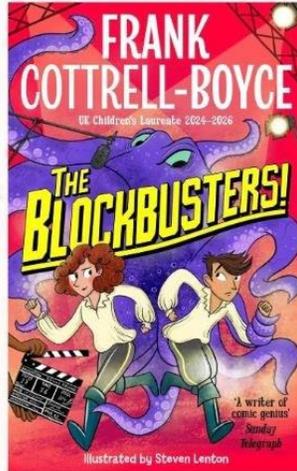
We have an exclusive opportunity to re-order Frank Cottrell-Boyce's brand new book 'The Blockbusters' on parent pay and have it signed on World Book Day.



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
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the author
on the day
of his
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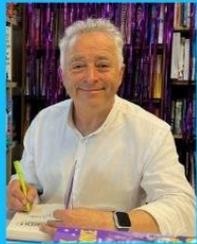


Frank Cottrell-Boyce visit

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

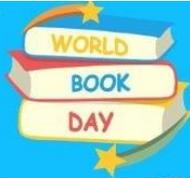
The visit will celebrate the paperback release of his new children's book, **Blockbusters** – a hilarious middle-grade adventure about a Year 6 class going to Hollywood.

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



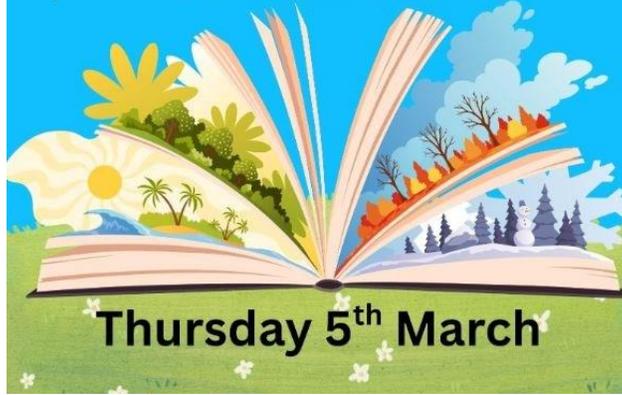
WORLD BOOK DAY

Stories for a Sustainable future*

This year, our World Book Day theme focuses on caring for our planet and understanding climate change through stories and books.

Children are invited to dress as a book character or real-life person linked to nature or environmental stories. Other ideas include endangered animals, trees, oceans, weather, climate activists or explorers.

We encourage sustainable costumes, using recycled materials, reused clothing or items you already have at home.



Thursday 5th March

Non uniform days and Easter Bingo 2026

QUEENS PARK PTFA PRESENTS

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

READY FOR OUR EASTER BINGO EVENT

**6TH
MARCH** **EASTER EGGS**
(WHOLE SCHOOL)

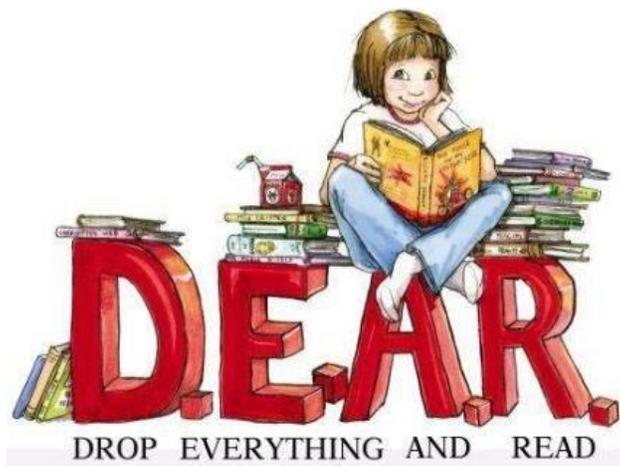
**13TH
MARCH** **CHOCOLATE**
(WHOLE SCHOOL)

**20TH
MARCH** **£1**
(WHOLE SCHOOL)

PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL!
THANK YOU!



Drop and Read



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

- Friday 6th 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!

Are our actions more important than our words?

SEND in the Spotlight

Next week is our Year 6 Parent's Evening. We have made applications for access arrangements for some of our Year 6 SEND children to support them during SATS. These are formal applications to the Department for Education who ultimately make the decision on whether the criteria have been met.

If your child is due to be supported through access arrangements, their class teacher will explain what this will involve during your Parent's Evening appointment.

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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Sort and recycle your rubbish

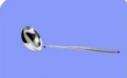


Before bagging up all of your rubbish into a black bin bag, stop and think about how it could be sorted and recycled. Follow St Helens Council's recycling guidelines to ensure materials are properly processed.

OPAL - Can you help?

**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
 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

Wednesday 6th March - Y6 Parents Evening

Thursday 5th 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

332 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 - 96.43%

Our Attendance this year so far - 94.01%

'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 Meerab F

QR Thomas C

P1 Ayva S	Q1 Abdul A
P2 Scarlett A	Q2 Ivy W
P3 Matthew B	Q3 Madison J
P4 Libby H	Q4 Rory C
P5 Amelia F	Q5 Oliver H
P6 Luke C	Q6 Jake J

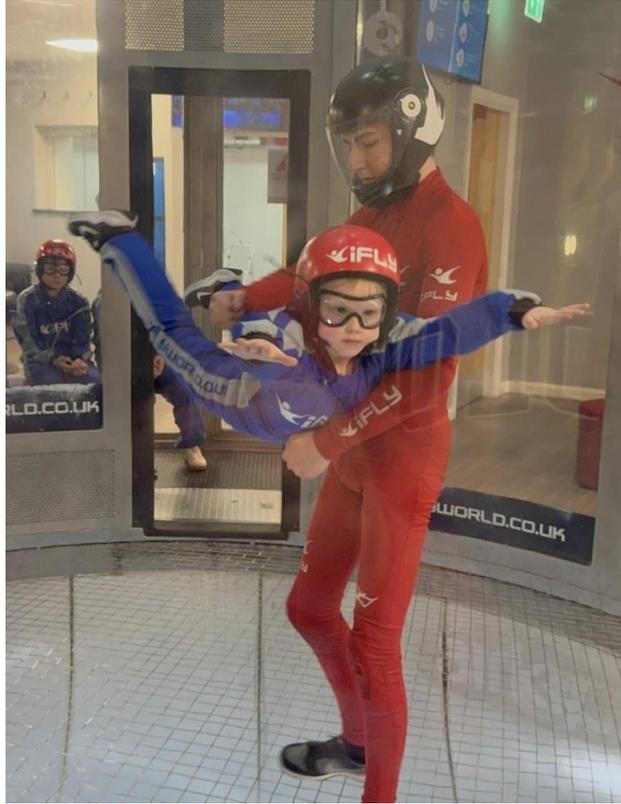
Star Badge Winners



PR Carter B	QR Hope G
P1 Elsie May B	Q1 Ella C
P2 Grayson D	Q2 Cole H
P3 Elliot R	Q3 Tia Rose F
P4 Shaneyboy D	Q4 Stefan T
P5 Zahra A	Q5 Paige F
P6 Lewis D	Q6 Craig R

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





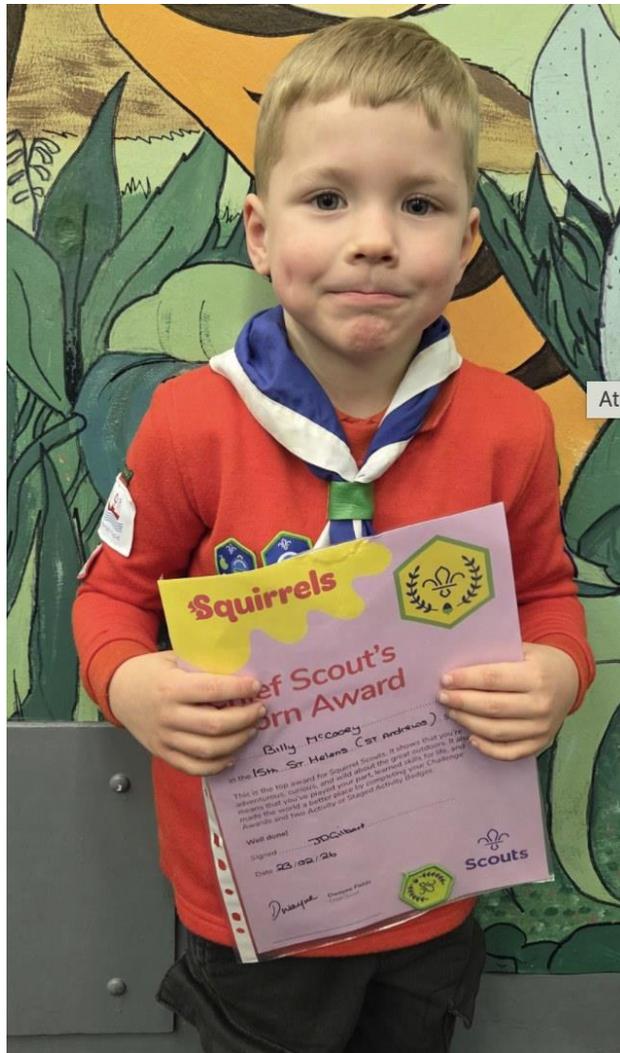
1 - Liam and Luke got to do indoor skydiving diving for Liam's birthday.



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3 - Luke and Liam went underground in Wales to go to bounce below and underground golf in the slate mines.



4 - Billy got his chief scout acorn award for Squirrels this evening. The highest award a squirrel can get. The first step on his scouting journey.



5 - Phoebe won star of the week at gymnastics 3 weeks in a row!



6 - Stephen won 'Player of the Night' for most improved at Darts. He has been trying so hard and practising lots.



7 - Tatum went to celebrate the Chinese Newyear in Liverpool. We had some lovelykorean food and enjoyed some new cultures



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10 - Curtis got player of the match at rugby . He was outstanding



11 - Nathaniel played at half time at Saints 1st home game of the season on Friday



Attachment

12 - Eveline celebrated 100years of World Thinking Day at Rainbows this week.

Have a wonderful weekend