



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 6th March 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

What a busy and exciting week we've had at Queen's Park! There's so much to share with you all.

First, I have to tell you about World Book Day. The children looked absolutely wonderful in their costumes – the creativity and effort that went into their outfits was truly brilliant. It's one of those days that really brings the school together and reminds us why fostering a love of reading is so important.

But the highlight for many of our children was the visit from renowned author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. What an experience that was! Having a real author in school, talking to the children about his work and his writing journey, is something they'll remember for years to come. A huge thank you to Miss Burke for planning such a fantastic day – her hard work really paid off. We've also been raising the profile of sustainability across the school. It's wonderful to see our children becoming more aware of how they can make a difference and look after our planet. These conversations and initiatives are so important, and I'm pleased we're embedding them into school life.

On a more bittersweet note, I want to let you know that after 23 years at Queen's Park, Miss Ellis will be leaving us. It's a wonderful opportunity for her – she's moving to a school closer to home where her daughter goes – but we will absolutely miss her. Miss Ellis has been Queen's Park through and through. She's taught so many of our children, led so many things, and been such a valued member of our team. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

Now, I do need to mention a few uniform matters that have come up this week. We've had quite a lot of uniform issues so I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of our uniform expectations. Summer uniform can now be worn, which is lovely as the weather starts to warm up. However, I'd like to clarify that black shorts and leggings are not part of our uniform. Please do check what your child is wearing – we want to make sure everyone is in the correct uniform. Also, earrings should not be worn to school. I know these things can sometimes slip our minds, but your support in helping us maintain these standards is really appreciated.

Thank you all for everything you do to support Queen's Park. It's a privilege to lead such a wonderful school community.

Mrs Kellett

Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Monday 30th March to Saturday 11th April for all eligible children, young people and families.

We aim for the HAF booklet's will be delivered to your school by Friday 13th March; but all of the information is already available on the HAF webpage prior to the activity bookings links going live on Monday 16th March at 2.00pm for families to book their Easter activities. Please note that activity places are subject to availability.

Please see below the link to the HAF webpage with all of the information about the Easter programme.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

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

Miss Burke, our wonderful English Lead, delivered a fantastic launch assembly for World Book Day yesterday. During the assembly, we explored the important topic of climate change and the actions we can all take to help protect our planet.

As always, there was plenty of fun, with Mr Weatherby and Miss Knockton bravely taking on Miss Burke's recycling challenge!

We had a whole host of activities planned throughout the day, all linked to climate action and sustainability.



Our School Ethos Council met with members of the Governing Body this evening to discuss our Sustainability Action Plan. We shared the actions our school is already taking to support sustainability and environmental responsibility, and explored further ways we can strengthen our contribution to climate action in the future.

The discussion focused on celebrating the positive work already happening across the school, while also identifying new opportunities for students and staff to play an active role in protecting our environment and promoting sustainable practices within our school community.



We were delighted to welcome Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who came to talk to us about his new book, Blockbusters.

With tales of red bow ties, fallbacks, poor nuns being kicked, and even a magic card trick, the children were completely captivated and hung on every word he said.

Many children bought a copy of his book and now have their very own special signed edition to treasure.





Quick stick Hockey Tournament

Our year 5 children had a fantastic time taking part in a quicksticks hockey tournament. They had never done hockey before but gave it their all and played brilliantly.



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)

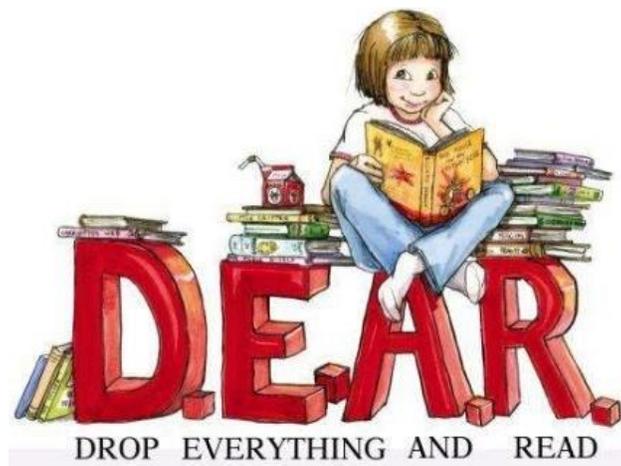
**13TH
MARCH** **CHOCOLATE**
(WHOLE SCHOOL)

**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

- 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!

What small thing could everyone do that would make a big difference??

Listen 4 Change Coffee Morning and Evening

Listen 4 Change are running two sessions this month to support Parents and Carers who have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs or Disability from 0 - 25 years.

On March 13th (10am - 12pm), a specialist Paediatric Therapist from Mersey Care NHS Trust will be speaking about how the paediatric service can support children, young people, parents and carers.

On Tuesday 24th March (6.30pm - 8.00pm), there will be a chance to chat about local services and feedback will be shared with leaders of local services



JOIN OUR COFFEE MORNING

Are you a Parent Carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) aged 0-25 in St Helens?

A Specialist Paediatric Therapist from Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust will be speaking with parent carers on how the Paediatric Therapy Service can support with sensory processing difficulties and answering any questions you may have



Friday
13th March
10-12pm

Wonderland
Community
Centre
WA10 3JQ

FREE
PARKING

CONTACT US >

Email: listen4change@outlook.com

Website: listen4change.uk



JOIN OUR COFFEE EVENING

Are you a Parent Carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) aged 0-25 in St Helens?

A relaxed and friendly evening for parent carers with time to chat, ask questions and help shape local SEND services. Your feedback is shared with senior leaders of local services

Join us-we'd love to see you



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SEND in the Spotlight

St Helens Community Network Group

Our St Helens Community Network Group runs each Tuesday afternoon in term time, 12.30pm-2.30pm at **Willowbrook -The Living Well**, Borough Rd, St Helens WA10 3RN.

We offer a weekly opportunity for informal learning and support, discussing a different topic each week and sharing experiences and the local offer in your area.

You can find details of the weekly topics in our termly What's On Guide or our **what's on** calendar.

If you cannot make it to the group, see if another group or our online offer is more suitable.

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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- 8 September at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
- 10 November at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
- 28 July at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.
- 22 September at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.
- 24 November at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.
- 11 August at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
- 13 October at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
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Green Tip of the Week

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Read Books on Nature and the Environment

Make eco-awareness part of story time. Books like Greta and the Giants or What a Waste teach important messages.

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

Attachment

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

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

Every student. Every day.



Queen's Park C.E. Primary School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. 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
- 3rd 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

330 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 - **94.71%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.05%***

'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 Thalia K

P1 Cienna S

P2 Orla E

P3 Noah M

P4 Kai Mc

P5 Amber C

P6 Billie Jo L

Q1 William S

Q2 Eliza T

Q3 Finn M

Q4 Elizabeth G

Q5 Ava K

Q6 Kian H

Star Badge Winners



PR Amber R

P1 Ava P

P2 Liam C

P3 Emelia M

P4 Caleb M

P5 Harley P

P6 Luke C

QR Kobie Rose H

Q1 Ruben J

Q2 Vanessa M

Q3 Brandon H

Q4 Ivy R

Q5 Mahrokh F

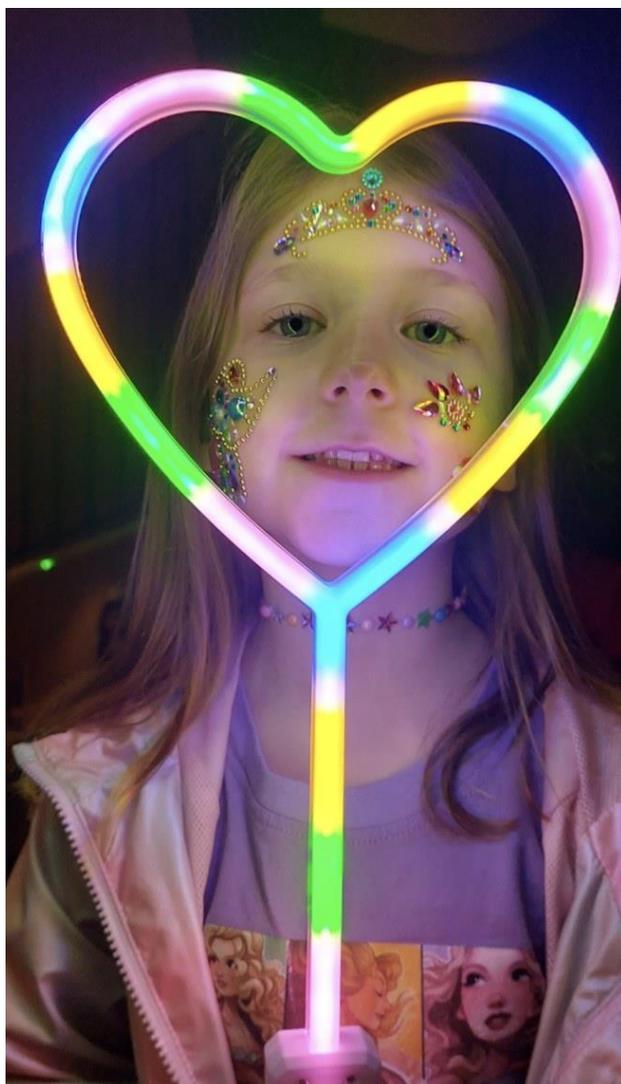
Q6 Luke G

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





1 - Poppy & Summer loved the Taylor Swift tribute show



2 - Poppy & Summer loved the Taylor Swifttribute show



3 - Evie won second place at her first gymnastics competition.



4 - Matthew won fighter of the week yesterday at karate



5 -

I wanted to share Millie's world book day creative piece! She worked so hard on it. It took her 3 hours to do and I am so proud of her!



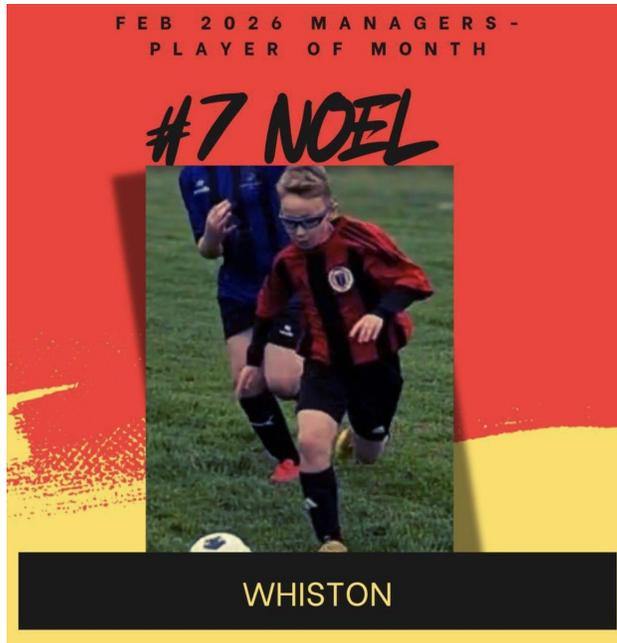
6 - Lola enjoying time with her puppy



7 - Lola enjoying time with her puppy



8 - Isla has her latest martial arts grading today



9 - Manager's player of the month of Feb for Noel



10 - Freya and Finley ran 2k on Saturday for the Steve Prescott Foundation junior run

Have a wonderful weekend