



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 13th 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 Primary! There's so much happening that I wanted to share with you all.

This week, our children have been taking part in some really important sustainability workshops. It's something we're passionate about here at school – raising awareness of

environmental issues with our children and helping them understand the part they can play in looking after our planet. These workshops have been brilliant and I've loved seeing the children so engaged and thoughtful about the topics being covered.

On a practical note, we've finally got the new PE kit sorted! We have taken on board the opinions of parents, children and staff when deciding what to order and I'm pleased to say the new kit is now on order. We've gone for a blue tracksuit and blue T-shirt, which we think looks smart and will work really well for our children. Now, we know that buying new uniform can be an expense for families, so we've taken a phased approach to support you. If your child's old PE kit still fits them, they can absolutely continue wearing it – there's no rush to buy new straight away. The old PE kit will still be available at the uniform shops too so you've got options and time to make the transition work for your family.

On the staffing front, we've got some wonderful news to share. Mrs Forbes is expecting a baby – congratulations to her! It's brilliant to see our Queen's Park family growing, and we're all delighted for her.

We also have two new members of staff joining our team, and I'd like to introduce them to you. Miss Drillingcourt will be taking over from Miss Ellis in Year Three and will also be our new lower key stage phase leader. We're really looking forward to welcoming her to the team. Mr Kirkwood will be joining us when Mrs Clarke goes off to have her baby at Easter. To help Mr Kirkwood get to know the children, he'll be in school all day on Friday 20th March.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Case, dad to Freya and Finley, who came in this week and fixed five of the bikes in the shed. It's such a generous gift of his time, and the children are already enjoying using them. We really do appreciate it when members of our community get involved and help out in this way.

Best Wishes

Mrs Kellett

## Free SATs Parent Workshop

Our Adult Learning Community Service is pleased to offer **FREE SATs workshops for parents and carers**. The aim of these workshops is to help strengthen school-home partnerships and build parents' confidence in supporting their children through SATs.

### **About the Workshops**

These 2-hour sessions are designed to:

- Help parents understand SATs expectations and key content
- Provide practical strategies to support children with maths and English at home
- Boost parents' confidence in engaging with learningStrengthen relationships between families and school

Date and Time

Thursday 16th April

Time - 1pm - 3pm

Your child will be invited for part of the lesson.

## Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Y 5/6 attended a tournament to Inspire girls to play football! They displayed sportsmanship , encouraged one another throughout the games showing QP values.



Year 3 Workshop with WaterAid





This week, as part of their sustainability learning, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 met David from WaterAid and learned about how important clean water, toilets, and good hygiene are for people around the world. They discussed how we use water every day and learned about children like Mulu in Ethiopia, who has to spend a long time collecting water instead of going to school. The children also explored how organisations like WaterAid help communities by providing clean water, safe toilets, and hygiene education. After the assembly, the children took part in a workshop where they made **Tippy Taps**—simple hand-washing devices that help people wash their hands using only a small amount of water. This helped them understand how good hygiene can prevent illness and why access to clean water is so important around the world.

## Year 5 Workshop with MRWA

On Wednesday, the children in **Year 5** took part in a workshop led by visitors from **Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (MRWA)** about **waste, recycling and the circular economy**.

They learned that **waste is anything unwanted that we throw away**, such as food, plastic, paper or old items. The class discussed how too much waste ends up in landfill and why it is important to reduce it.

The children explored the difference between two types of economies:

- **Linear economy:** a system where we **take resources, make products and then throw them away** after use.
- **Circular economy:** a system where materials are **reused, repaired, shared and recycled** so they stay in use for longer.

They learned that a **circular economy is better for the planet** because it **reduces waste, saves natural resources and helps protect the environment**.

The children will now begin thinking about how they can help reduce waste in school and their community and become **Circular Economy Champions**. 🌍♻️



## Young Carers Action Day

At Queen's Park, we were proud to celebrate **Young Carers Action Day** today. This special day raises awareness of young people who help care for someone at home who may be ill, disabled, or need extra support.

To show our support, children and staff wore **odd socks** and took part in a **celebration assembly with Mrs Leadbetter**. It was a great opportunity to recognise the important role that young carers play and to remind everyone that they are valued and supported in our school community.

At Queen's Park, our **Young Carers Champions** are **Mrs Leadbetter and Mrs Hughes**, who are here to support any pupils who may have caring responsibilities at home.

If any child thinks they might be a **young carer**, they are encouraged to speak to a **trusted adult in school**, such as their teacher, Mrs Leadbetter, or Mrs Hughes. We are always here to listen and help.



## 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.

## 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)

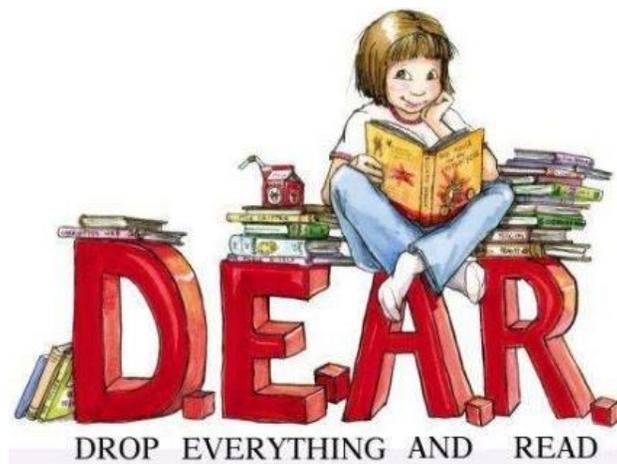
**13TH  
MARCH** **CHOCOLATE**  
(WHOLE SCHOOL)

**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**' session

- Wednesday 18th March - EYFS and Year 6

It has been lovely to read the feedback left after these sessions. It is a wonderful way for you to come in and see how we teach reading so you can support your child at home.

## **OPAL Stay and Play - next half term!**

Next half term, we will be focusing all on the importance of play. The sessions will be outside using our Opal provision with your child. Please come prepared with suitable footwear and coat.

The dates are below.

EYFS/KS1 Parents

Wednesday 15th April 2pm - 3pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Parents

Wednesday 29th April 2pm - 3pm

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Thursday 14th May 2pm - 3pm

## **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 God lived in St Helens, what would he do at weekends?**

# Family Hubs Easter Timetable



**FAMILY HUB AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
April Offer 2026**





1 - Please note the tickets for the bookable events will go live on Eventbrite on the 16th of March 2026 at 2pm.

*Spring* MORNING OFFER

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<p><b>Healthy Child Clinic</b> Drop-in 10.00am - 12.00pm Newton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Sleep Advice</b> Drop-in 10.00am - 12.00pm Newton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Egg-collect Easter</b> Imagination Station &amp; refreshments 10.30am - 11.30am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Creative Construction Crew</b> 10.00am - 11.30pm Parr Children's Centre</p>	<p><b>Healthy Child Clinic</b> Drop-in 9.30am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Sleep advice</b> Drop-in 9.30am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Mobile Food Pantry</b> 10.00am - 11.00am Sutton Family Hub</p>	<p><b>Coffee/Tea Tots</b> 9.30am - 11.30am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Healthy Child Clinic (w/fe only)</b> 9.30am - 11.30am Community Hub North</p> <p><b>Sleep Advice</b> Drop-in 9.30am - 11.30am Community Hub North</p>	<p><b>Healthy Child Clinic and Sleep Advice</b> Drop-in 9.30am - 11.30am Lower House Clinic</p> <p><b>Healthy Child Clinic and Sleep advice</b> Drop-in 10.00am - 11.00pm Community Hub South</p> <p><b>Safe Space SEND session (Please-book)</b> 9.30am - 10.00am Sutton Family Hub</p> <p><b>Egg-collect Easter</b> Imagination Station &amp; refreshments 10.00am - 11.30am Newton Family Hub</p>	<p><b>BANK HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p><b>M.A.T.C.H (18)</b> 10.00am - 12.30pm Sutton Family Hub</p> 





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# Spring MORNING OFFER

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
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## Group Descriptions

Coffee/Tea Tots – facilitated within Sutton Family Hub, where you can relax and enjoy healthy food and drinks, crafts, toys and books are available.

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

Easter Family Adventure Day – enjoy free family fun and interactive time with your children, activities and refreshments included. Book via Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/363h564s>

Egg-cellent Easter Imagination Station – an interactive arts & craft session with an Easter theme for all ages (refreshments included).

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 (Men and their Children) – a bespoke group for dads/granddads, 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.

Safe Space SEND session – a calm-friendly session for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to play, explore and relax in a supportive environment.

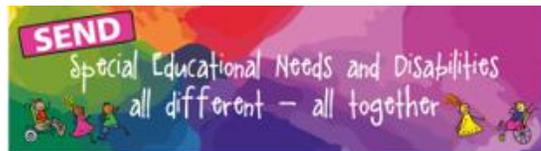
VIBE Saturday Club – an activity and friendship session for young people aged between 8-18 years who have Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and live within the St Helens Borough.



Thank you for your continued engagement with our Family Hub and Children's Centre sessions. If you need further information or to book activities please call:  
Central Link Family Hub: 01744 673445  
Parr Children's Centre: 01744 671788  
Alternatively message us via our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/STHCCentres](http://www.facebook.com/STHCCentres)



## SEND in the Spotlight



St Helens Local Offer has lots of information about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). The Local Offer helps you understand what services and support you can expect from a range of local partners.

You can find the Local Offer at [www.familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk](http://www.familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk)

# 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](mailto:mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net)



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See details and times below

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

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.

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

25 August at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

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## Green Tip of the Week

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**  
**Never Flush Wet Wipes**



Check the packaging of wet wipes and cosmetic wipes for the Fine to Flush logo. If you don't see it, bin each wipe after use rather than flushing it. Only wipes that are plastic-free and have passed tests to show they break down completely in the sewer system can display the Fine to Flush logo. Other wipes that are mistakenly flushed down the loo can cause 'fatbergs' and or end up littering beaches when sewers overflow.

# 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

Tuesday 24th March - Q3 at Ruskin Lodge

Thursday 26th 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.



### 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
- 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 - **93.99%***

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

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# '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** Salman A

**QR** Lilly Grace M

<b>P1</b> Paisley B	<b>Q1</b> Layla W
<b>P2</b> Stephen P	<b>Q2</b> Bradley Q
<b>P3</b> Bobby R	<b>Q3</b> Thanvikah K
<b>P4</b> Jacob T	<b>Q4</b> Jacob S
<b>P5</b> Harley P	<b>Q5</b> Logan K
<b>P6</b> Luke C	<b>Q6</b> Cory H

## Star Badge Winners



<b>PR</b> Sonny H	<b>QR</b> Teslim A
<b>P1</b> Kodie G	<b>Q1</b> Abdulmalik A
<b>P2</b> Freddie G	<b>Q2</b> Naraya S
<b>P3</b> Samerah A	<b>Q3</b> Miya M
<b>P4</b> Jessica W	<b>Q4</b> Thea R
<b>P5</b> Jenson C	<b>Q5</b> Savannah T
<b>P6</b> Thomas R	<b>Q6</b> Daisy M

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





*2 - Lucas-James got Player of the week on Saturday at football.*



*3 - Poppy won a medal for trying hard at her dance class*



4 - Mia went to see kpop dragon circus in Warrington on Friday night. It was amazing



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6 - Harry has started his Archery beginner course. Once he has finished the course he can join the archery team



7 -

Izzy spending international women's day doing what she wants which was help the Rangers again with habitat management at Risley Moss Nature reserve and is rightly proud of herself (as is her dad)



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9 - Curtis won an award at his first game back of the season. He scored a full length try

**Have a wonderful weekend**