



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 20th 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 brilliant week we've had at Queen's Park Primary! There's so much to share with you all, and I'm genuinely excited to tell you about some of the wonderful things that have been happening around school.

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who's been supporting our Easter Bingo.- eyes down at 3:30pm – and we're really looking forward to it. It's events like these that bring our community together, and we're grateful for all the backing we've received so far. I also want to give a special mention to our PTFA ladies, who continue to be absolutely brilliant. Their hard work and dedication really do make such a difference to what we can offer our children.

This week, our year children received a wonderful reading session at Cowley. The feedback we received from Mr Cormack, the principal there, was gorgeous. He was really impressed with the behaviour and engagement of our children – it's exactly what we want to hear, and it speaks volumes about the attitudes our Year Six are bringing to their learning and interactions with others.

Yesterday, we had a whole school OPAL play afternoon, and I have to say, it was absolutely perfect. The sun came out at just the right time, and you could see the joy on every child's face as they made the most of the outdoor space. The staff had a wonderful time too – there's something really special about seeing children and adults playing and laughing together. A massive thank you to Mr Weatherby and Mrs Thelwell for organising the afternoon so brilliantly. Their efforts meant that everyone could simply enjoy being outside and having fun.

Before we break up for Easter, I do need to remind parents about our summer uniform. After the Easter break, we'll be moving to our lighter uniform, which is much more comfortable as the weather warms up. Children will need shorts and polo shirts, and for our girls, yellow dresses are part of the summer uniform. If you have any questions about the uniform requirements, please do get in touch with the office, and they'll be happy to help.

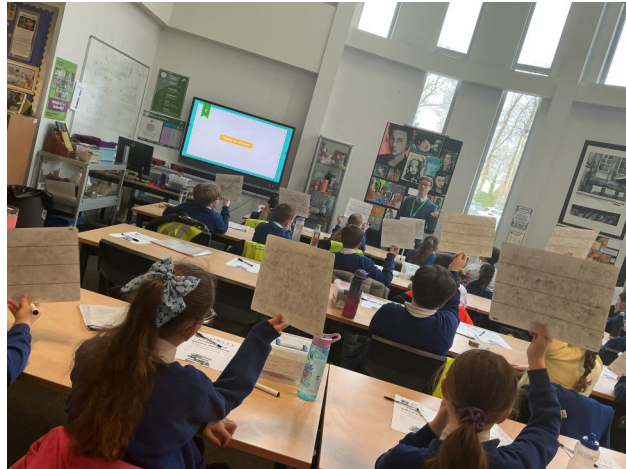
It's weeks like this that remind me why I love working in Queen's Park. The energy, the enthusiasm, and the genuine care that everyone shows – from our children to our staff and families – is really something special.

Thank you all for being part of the Queen's Park Primary community.









## Rocksteady Rockers

'Our Rocksteady bands performed their Spring Concert on Tuesday and rocked out our packed-out hall as they performed for our children and parents. Hits from Rick Astley to Backstreet Boys had the place bouncing! The children shown that they were true performers; confidently displaying their musical talents from keyboards and guitars to drums and vocals. Our bands just get better and better every time we watch them. Well done to all involved, you are musical stars







## Year 5 Football Development Day

We had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday, not only in the sun but having a friendly kick about against five other schools from around St Helens. As always, QP showed excellent values and worked amazing as a team. They were all winners 😊



## 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 learning  
Strengthen relationships between families and school

Date and Time

Thursday 16th April

Time - 1pm - 3pm

Your child will be invited for part of the lesson.

## All About Families Newsletter

Please find the link below to the Spring Issue of All About Family St Helens.

Inside, you will find useful advice on;

OFSTED News

New Children's Book Reviews

St John Ambulance advice on winter illnesses

Advice on getting your child to read more

SEND advice

NSPCC advice on AI

Adult Education Advice by St Helens College

Family events in the area

## 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>

## Apollo Active Easter HAF Camps

Apollo Active will be delivering **FREE** Easter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) camps in St Helens during the upcoming school holidays.

The sessions will provide children with the opportunity to take part in fun sports, games and engaging activities, helping them stay active and social during the Easter break.

Please find the flyer attached with full details about the camps.

Parents and carers can book a place using the sign-up link below:

Sign Up Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/260673116184355>

**APOLLO ACTIVE NORTH WEST**

**MULTI SPORTS CAMP**  
St John Vianney Catholic Primary  
School St Helens  
31st March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
9am-1pm  
**FREE**

**Open to Rec - Year 6**

**Come and experience:**

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Jagtag - American football
- Funetics - **Fun** athletics
- Tennis
- Plus much more!!

Sign up through our QR code here

[www.apolloactivenw.org.uk](http://www.apolloactivenw.org.uk) @apolloactivenw

## Martin Mere

Something exciting is hatching this spring!

From 20 March - 31 May, WWT Martin Mere is teaming up with Macmillan Children's Books to explore the wonderful world of wetlands with Gozzle, from Julia Donaldson and Sara Ogilvie's freshly hatched picture book.




## St Helens Youth Brass Band Open Day


Event details:


St Helens Youth Brass Band Open Day!


Our Brass and Percussion Open Day is a free, informal event where children can try instruments and learn more about joining the band. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to discover the benefits of music-making in a friendly, local setting.

 Date: 18th April 2026

 Time: 09:30 onwards, with multiple drop in sessions to suit

 Venue: United Reform Church, Ormskirk St, St Helens, WA10 2JZ

 Open to all Children aged 4 and over, no experience needed, instruments provided.

 [www.shybb.uk](http://www.shybb.uk) - find out more on our website or search 'St Helens Youth Brass Band' on social media.



**OPEN DAY!** **ST. HELENS YOUTH BRASS BAND** **18th April**

**Your Free Music Introduction**

Everyone Welcome  
No Experience Needed!  
Instruments Provided

Brass and Percussion  
Zero-pressure  
Ages 4-19

**Whats on**

*New to music?*

**10:30, 11:00, 11:30 and 12:00:**  
'pBuzz' sessions drop in sessions  
For those new to music and under 10

**10:30-12:30:** Drop in 'Brass Zoo'  
For anyone to come and try our instruments

**11:00:** Experience our junior rehearsal  
For those who have tried brass before

*Played before?*

**09:30:** Join in with our *Training Band*  
For those Grade 2 or above

**10:30:** Join in with our *Youth Band* rehearsal  
For those Grade 4 or above

**Where**

Ormskirk Street  
United Reform Church  
St Helens  
**WA10 2JZ**

Sign up  
and find out more here



or email: [info@shybb.uk](mailto:info@shybb.uk)

Registered Charity no: 1009301

## 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.

## Easter Bingo 2026



## OPAL Stay & Play

### 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

# 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!

**What will you do this weekend to make someone smile?**



## Family Hubs Easter Timetable



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



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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 671768  
Alternatively message us via our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/STHCCentres](http://www.facebook.com/STHCCentres)







## SEND in the Spotlight

St Helen's Council are once again running their HAF programme over the Easter holidays.

Children who are in receipt of support from St Helens Early Help, Social Care (including Looked After Children) and children who have an Education Health Care Plan are entitled to attend the HAF programme events.

We have brochures outlining the events on offer in the school office.

## Neurodevelopment Pathway drop-in sessions

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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

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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

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Use Public Transport When Possible



Trains and buses emit far less CO<sub>2</sub> per person than cars. Look into season tickets or travel cards to save money on regular routes.

# 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 24th March - Q3 at Ruskin Lodge

Thursday 26th March - P3 at Ruskin Lodge

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 Offense**  
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 Offense (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 Offense 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

309 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 - **92.99%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.01%***

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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** Skylar G

**QR** Hope G

<b>P1</b> Hallie J	<b>Q1</b> Ella C
<b>P2</b> George H	<b>Q2</b> Ava Mae W
<b>P3</b> Eva Marie BV	<b>Q3</b> Olivia T
<b>P4</b> Isla R	<b>Q4</b> Aurora M
<b>P5</b> Kate D	<b>Q5</b> Amelia Rose J
<b>P6</b> Tyvon John R	<b>Q6</b> Lindsay M

## Star Badge Winners



<b>PR</b> Ayusman K	<b>QR</b> Shakirah A
<b>P1</b> Orry C	<b>Q1</b> Eliza O
<b>P2</b> Esme G	<b>Q2</b> Ella M
<b>P3</b> Hunter R	<b>Q3</b> Raiden M
<b>P4</b> Oliver K	<b>Q4</b> Rory M
<b>P5</b> Tudor C	<b>Q5</b> Alex C
<b>P6</b> Ethan H	<b>Q6</b> Isla Grace E

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





2 - When Faith met Tommy Fleetwood for a game of golf with the FedEx and Ryder Cup winner.



3 - Freya's gained her gold award at brownies and will be moving up to guides after Easter





4 - Poppy got her certificate for the final part of the bronze lifeguard swimming class



5 - Archie won coaches player of the match for Blackbrook rugby club and c



*6 - Charlie won trainer of the week for Blackbrook rugby club*



*7 - Ava has been sewing this week and has made a giraffe*



8 - Jack got player of the match against Ashton bears on Sunday



9 - Gwendolyn at a dance show

**Have a wonderful weekend**