



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

## Queen's Park Post Friday 27th 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 time we've had at Queen's Park! I can't believe how quickly this half term has flown. We are so busy having fun and learning lots! There's so much to share with you all, and I'm genuinely excited to tell you about the wonderful things that have been happening across our school community.

First, I have to mention the Cowley Panto – it was absolutely lovely to see some familiar faces from Performing Arts department of their 6th Form taking to the stage on Tuesday. The talent on display was really something special, and it was a real treat for everyone. Everyone had a fantastic time watching *Shrek the Pantomime*. The children especially enjoying being part of the swamp and laughing along at all the “gassy” jokes! The singing, dancing, and set design were truly amazing. A huge thank you to the pupils and staff at Cowley for providing this wonderful opportunity. It was especially lovely to welcome back former students, Boo and Cody. Be sure to head over to Instagram to see videos from the performance!

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome our friends, The BTales, into school for an amazing Easter performance. The story followed Detective Jeff and Constable Bob as they searched for Jesus, who had gone missing from the tomb. The story cleverly worked backwards through the memories and recounts of the disciples, building suspense and curiosity throughout. The best moment came at the end, when we realised that Jesus had been there all along. It was a wonderful production that helped us to remember the true meaning of Easter.. These kinds of experiences are so valuable for our children, helping them to understand important themes and stories in a way that really resonates with them. It's been heartwarming to see how engaged the children have been with the message and the performances.

We held our Living Values worship on Monday that recognised those children who have shown the Christian value of forgiveness. We love celebrating all of our children who truly live out these values each day. Each half term, the children vote for their peers, making this a really special and joyful occasion for everyone involved. At the end of worship, Kai from Year 4 shared a beautiful reflection, thanking God for his award and explaining that he is able to forgive because God forgives him. Such thoughtful and wise words. I have to give a special mention to our Year One class, who put on an absolutely confident and impressive worship. Watching them remember their lines, perfect their dances and sing their hearts out – I was incredibly proud. That level of confidence and commitment at such a young age is truly something to celebrate, and it speaks volumes about the support and encouragement they're receiving.

On a more practical note, I'm delighted to tell you that our Easter Bingo raised a whopping £1,257. That's an outstanding amount, and it simply wouldn't have been possible without all your support and generosity. Thank you so much – it's very much appreciated and will make a real difference to our school. A special thank you to our wonderful PTFA ladies who go above and beyond to help raise funds for our school so we can buy the ‘extras’ for our children.

As we move forward, we do have some changes to share with you. On Friday, we say goodbye to Mrs Clarke as she heads off on maternity leave. We're absolutely thrilled for her and can't wait to hear all about her new arrival when the time comes. She'll be greatly missed, but we're

delighted to be able to support her during this exciting time. I know you will make Mr Kirkwood welcome and he will soon feel part of our school community.

I also need to let you know that we're saying goodbye to Miss Ellis after an incredible 23 years at Queen's Park. That's a remarkable length of service, and Miss Ellis has been such a valued member of our school family. We wish her all the very best of luck in her new role – she's going to do brilliantly, and we'll be cheering her on from here. Miss Drillingcourt has already been in a number of times and is really looking forward to starting our school and taking over the reins from Miss Ellis.

We finish today for the Easter break. Don't forget that the children can come summer uniform on our return. I want to wish you all a restful holiday and thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April













## Worship Warriors

Some of our Worship Warriors from Year 5 led a special worship linked to the events of Holy Week. They guided the whole school through the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection using a mixture of song, storytelling and scripture.

It was a deeply reflective and meaningful service, reminding us why, as Christians, we celebrate Easter and give thanks for the sacrifice that Jesus made.



## Year Two connecting with Arise School in Tanzania





Our year two classes loved connecting with our partner school in Tanzania - the wonders of modern technology. They loved meeting Sharon and Hopeman, sharing songs and showing off their geographical knowledge.

## Living Values Winners

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## Staff Orienteering

This week, our Enrich Learning session focused on staff training in orienteering. On Tuesday after school, teachers took part in a series of challenges which involved navigating their way around a very muddy school field in the pouring rain—great fun and a real team effort!

We now have new orienteering markers set up across the school and are excited to make full use of these, along with our wonderful outdoor space, after Easter.

A big thank you to Mrs Leyland for organising this fantastic opportunity.



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## 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.

## Y3/4 Football

Our Y3/4 pupils had a great time on Monday taking part in some football skills development followed by a few games against some other schools. They were all fantastic team players and made us very proud. Well done everyone.



## Steve's Football Academy

**FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS COURSE**  
Boys and girls - Reception-Year 2

6-WEEK COURSE MONDAYS 5-5:45PM

**STEVE'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

Steve's Football Academy course is a great way to learn new skills while having fun and making new friends

13, 20, 27 April and 11, 18, 25 May

- Week 1 - Ball Control
- Week 2 - Dribbling & running with the ball
- Week 3 - Turns & Skills
- Week 4 - Passing
- Week 5 - Defending
- Week 6 - Shooting

*(Shin pads and water essential)*

Steve Pagendam - over 35 years coaching experience, full cfa and fully-qualified FA coach

07492 09399  
facebook.com/steven.pagendam.9

Walmsley Road Football Field,  
Eccleston, WA10 5JR



## Love your bike - keep it safe

### Love your Bike? Keep It Safe? Free Bike Safety Events during the Spring Break Holiday

Families are invited to attend free bike safety events taking place during the Easter holiday in St Helens.

Delivered by St Helens Community Safety, Road Safety and Merseyside Police, the events offer free bike security marking, safety checks and basic repairs.

These will take place at Taylor Park and Queens Park during the first week of the holidays:

🚲 Monday 30 March – Taylor Park (10am–2pm)

🚲 Wednesday 1 April – Queens Park (10am–2pm)

No booking required – just bring a bike along

## Wildcats Girls Football



## 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.

## 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!

**Was Jesus ever scared?**



## 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)







## Adult and Community Learning March Newsletter

### Spring into Learning

Welcome to a preview of our free adult learning opportunities – all available this spring! These free workshops and courses are designed to help individuals develop new skills, boost their wellbeing, build their confidence and change their futures.

## **Some of our courses and workshops now recruiting:**

### **Ways to Wellbeing workshops**

#### **Wednesday 15th April and Tuesday 21st April 1–3pm**

These 2-hour workshop introduce the Five Ways to Wellbeing and practical actions that support mental health. We'll also highlight ACL courses that can help people build these into everyday life. It's an ideal first step for anyone interested in our Photography and Wellbeing or Journalling courses, other wellbeing courses, or those looking to take time for themselves and connect with others.

### **Entry Level 3 Award in Caring for Children**

Starts Wednesday 23rd April, designed to support adults interested in childcare (early years) or family learning pathways.

### **Working with Children half day workshop**

Taking place on Monday 18th May (9:30am–12pm) at Park Road Learning Centre, this interactive workshop helps adults explore childcare and education roles, including volunteering pathways. Learners will gain insight into sector expectations, required qualifications, and their own skills and strengths.

### **Getting Started with Digital**

If you're working with someone who's unsure about using a phone, tablet or laptop, or is looking to improve their skills with Microsoft packages, our beginner-friendly digital courses are a great place to start! Last few places available – get in touch for details.

### **April also sees the start of our FREE short wellbeing courses:**

- Journalling – Tuesday afternoons
- Photography & Wellbeing – Wednesday afternoons

# Adult Learning Course Guide



- ↓ Contact us to find out more:
- ☎ 01744 676671, 01744 677328, or 07702 959814
- @ [adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk)
- 🌐 [www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning)
- f StHelensACL

Lifelong learning for all!



## Welcome to St Helens Adult and Community Learning (ACL)

We're pleased to share our latest course guide with you! Whether you're looking to boost your confidence, learn new skills, meet new people or take steps toward a new career, there's something here for everyone.

Our courses are designed to be inclusive, supportive and accessible to learners of all backgrounds and skill levels. Whether you're returning to work, recently retired or simply curious to try something new, we're here to help you find the right path.

Take your time browsing the booklet and see what inspires you. If you'd like more information, just give us a call. We'll always be happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our classes soon!

**Helping adults (aged 19+) reach their goals by offering free, fun and flexible learning opportunities. We're here to support everyone; lifelong learning for all!**

### Why choose ACL?



## Wellbeing

### **Boost your confidence and enhance wellbeing**

**Ways to Wellbeing** (workshop) Learn about the five ways to wellbeing, simple things we can all do to help support mental health. We'll also introduce you to some of our ACL courses that can help you build these into your life. Whether you're looking to connect with others, try something new or take time for yourself, this workshop is a great place to start.

**Photography & Wellbeing** (5-week course) Explore the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and how photography can support them. Learn to use your phone or tablet to take better photos using app settings. Discover different photography styles and how to use composition and light for impact.

**Journaling** (3-week course) Learn what journaling is and how it can help you relax and unwind. Build a personalised journal by exploring different journaling types and techniques that support wellbeing and daily life.

**Crafts for Wellbeing** (workshops & 3-week courses) Relax, unwind, and improve your wellbeing through crafts. Topics change throughout the year and are ideal for adults wanting to develop craft skills and take time for themselves.

**Mental Health Awareness** (workshop) Gain an understanding of mental health, how stigma affects it and ways to support your wellbeing. Includes information on local and national support resources.

**Coming soon** Words for Wellbeing, Calming Clay and Time for Me!

*"I came away feeling empowered and ready to take on what life throws at me".*



## Digital

**Boost your confidence and skills with our courses for beginners!**

**iPads, Tablets & Smartphones** (5-week course) Get to grips with your device! Learn how to use touchscreens, browse the web, stay secure and install helpful apps.

**Laptops for Beginners** (4-week course) New to computers? This course covers the basics - from using a mouse and keyboard to creating simple documents.

**Internet & Email Made Easy** (4-week course) Learn how to safely explore the internet, find useful information and send emails with confidence.

**Microsoft Office Essentials** (3-week courses) Already comfortable with a computer? Take the next step with these practical courses:

**Microsoft Word Essentials:** Create and format documents, add pictures and shapes.

**Everyday Excel:** Build spreadsheets, format data and use simple formulas.

**PowerPoint for Beginners:** Make engaging slideshows with text, images and animations.



## Community training

### Volunteering or part of a local charity or community group?

Join our FREE training to build skills and confidence in your role.

**Emergency First Aid Training** Learn how to respond to everyday emergencies, recognise when someone needs help and give first aid safely. We offer First Aid Awareness (workshop) and Emergency First Aid (1-day qualification).

**Mental Health Awareness** (workshop) Gain an understanding of mental health, how stigma affects it and ways to support your wellbeing. Includes information on local and national support resources.

**Supporting Children & Young People's Groups** (workshops) Free workshops to help you lead creative, safe and engaging activities for children. Perfect for current or aspiring volunteers.

#### Workshops include:

Planning and Preparing Creative Activities

Creative Ideas on a Budget

Practical Health and Safety for Activities

**Getting Started with Volunteering** (workshop) Explore the benefits of volunteering, different ways to get involved and how to take your first steps.

*"I enjoyed learning how to plan creative activities for children and young people"*



## Childcare and Education

### **Award in Caring for a Child/Children (Entry 3/Level 1)**

Ideal for those wanting to build parenting skills, learn how to care for babies and young children or as a first step towards a career in childcare. This course runs twice weekly, and Entry 3 learners cover topics such as confidence through play, routines for children aged 0-5 and promoting a safe, healthy lifestyle. Level 1 learners will learn about sharing learning experiences, designing craft activities and supporting child development through play. Learners completing the Level 1 Award have the option to progress to a Level 1 Certificate.

### **Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children**

Learners who have completed the L1 Award can go on to study a further 6 units to achieve the L1 Certificate. Additional units include: respecting and communicating with young children, developing musical, science and digital activities to support learning and next steps towards a career in childcare.

### **Level 1 Introduction to Early Years Settings**

Perfect for those interested in working or volunteering in Early Years settings like nurseries or pre-schools. Topics include: the value of play in an EY setting, management and organisation of EY settings, and understanding roles and responsibilities in EY settings.

*"The tutors have been very informative and approachable. I have enjoyed the course and have learnt a lot!"*



## Childcare and Education

### Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

For those aiming to support children and young people (aged 5–19) in schools or colleges. This term-time course runs one day a week (Mondays) from September until June. It also includes a weekly work placement (approx. 6 hours). Units include child development, behaviour support and safeguarding.

### Not ready to commit to a qualification?

We offer a variety of short childcare-related courses and workshops throughout the year. These include our short 6-week course, 'Little Children, Big Feelings' designed for parents/ carers who want to help their children develop confidence and skills to deal with challenges and setbacks.

We also offer Working with Children Workshops for those who want to explore a range of different career options in childcare. Learners will explore a range of roles in the childcare and education sector and identify the qualifications and skills required.



Follow our Facebook page for updates!

## SEND in the Spotlight

After the Easter holidays, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Lunt will be contacting secondary schools to begin the transition arrangements for September. If you have any specific concerns regarding your child transitioning to secondary, please speak directly to Miss Lunt or Mrs Kennedy.

Mrs Cadamy, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Lunt will also be starting to meet with our local nurseries to learn all about our children joining us in EYFS next year! If your child is due to transition and you have any worries, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Cadamy.

## Green Tip of the Week

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**  
Donate Instead of Dumping



Regularly sort through clothes, books, and toys to donate to local charities, baby banks, or even post to places like Facebook Marketplace. Give a new life to something you no longer want or need.

## 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 Attachment
 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 27th March - School finishes for Easter**

**Monday 13th April - School reopens**

**Wednesday 15th April - class photographs**

**Wednesday 15th April 2pm - 3pm - EYFS/KS1 Parents Opal Stay and Plan**

**Tuesday 21st April - Y5 Play in a Day Performance - Y5 Parents invited 2:30pm**

**Wednesday 22nd April - Y5 Poetry Workshop with Paul Delaney**

**Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Year Six SATs Tests**

**Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May - Walk or Cycle to School Week**

**Monday 18th May - KS1/EYFS Sports Day (pm)**

**Monday 18th May - Meeting for parents of children going to Cowley 5pm**

**Tuesday 19th May - Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day (pm)**

**Tuesday 19th May - Y4 going to Newtown URC for Experience Pentecost**

**Wednesday 20th May - Year 5 and Year Six Sports Day (pm)**

**Thursday 21st May - Summer Disco**

**Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check**

**Monday 8th June - Great Big Green Week in school**

**Monday 8th June - Year One Phonics Screening Check**

**Wednesday 10th June - Year Three trip to Liverpool**

**Thursday 11th June - International Day of Play in school**

**Friday 12th June - Year Five to Formby Beach**

**Monday 15th June - Y6 Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral Liverpool**

**Wednesday 17th June - Y2 trip to Knowsley Safari Park**

**Friday 19th June - Children's University Graduation**

**Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July - Transition Week**

**Friday 10th July - Vision Awards**

**Monday 13th July - Y6 Production 5pm**

**Friday 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Service 9:15am**

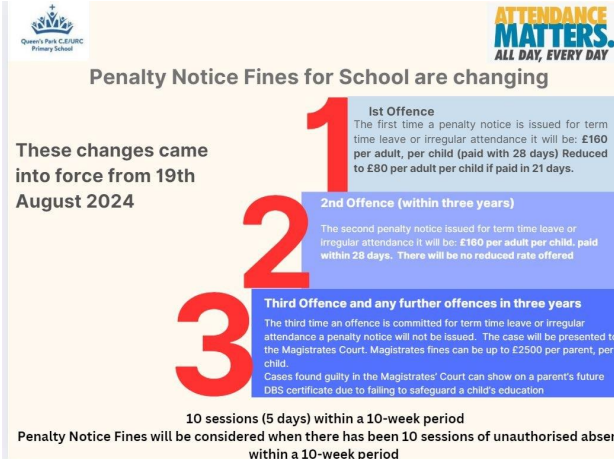
Friday 17th July - school finishes for Summer

## Attendance Matters



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Every student. Every day.



Queen's Park C.E. RC 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

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**333 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 - **95.83%**

Our Attendance this year so far - **94.06%**

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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** Chizaram M

**QR** Noah FC

<b>P1</b> Ava T	<b>Q1</b> William S
<b>P2</b> Jaxon L	<b>Q2</b> Cayden S
<b>P3</b> Eva Marie BV	<b>Q3</b> Madison J
<b>P4</b> Thoriq A	<b>Q4</b> Kuba L
<b>P5</b> James P	<b>Q5</b> McKenzie T
<b>P6</b> Alfie P	<b>Q6</b> Annabelle O

## Star Badge Winners



<b>PR</b> Carter J	<b>QR</b> Lyla S
<b>P1</b> Miles P	<b>Q1</b> Billy D
<b>P2</b> Natalie G	<b>Q2</b> Bradley Q
<b>P3</b> Jaxon B	<b>Q3</b> Miya M
<b>P4</b> Esme D	<b>Q4</b> April H
<b>P5</b> Amelia F	<b>Q5</b> Ava K
<b>P6</b> Joseph M	<b>Q6</b> Ollie C

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





*2 - Briony had her first grading in Martial Arts last night where she gained her commitment belt.*



3 - Georgia did a group competition at the weekend, coming 1st with her team.



4 - Eveline received an Awesome Award this week at football



5 - Thea helped in the community. She visited my work place (Stock Hall care home ) and asked to walk the residents dog Millie we had a lovely walk around Queen's Park and she want to do this regularly



6 - Florence was invited to train in Birmingham last weekend, ahead of the national qualifiers in April

**Have a wonderful Easter break!**