



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 1st May 2026

Our value this half term is **respect**. "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12)

Message from Mrs Kellett

May's here already – can you believe it? We're only two and a half months away from the end of the academic year, and honestly, time flies when you're having fun. We've been absolutely buzzing with activity here at Queen's Park, and I wanted to share what's been keeping us all busy.

One of the things I'm really proud of is our **Queen's Park Way**. We've created a set of expectations for our children that really capture what we're all about. It's simple but powerful: positive greetings each morning, smart walking around school, and the use of manners – all the

time. These aren't just rules written on a poster somewhere; they're genuinely part of our daily culture.

What I love most is how it's working in practice. Every morning when I'm greeting our children at the gate, I'm met with smiles, cheerful good mornings, and genuine "how are you?" questions. It's such a lovely way to start the day, and it sets such a positive tone for everyone.

We're going to keep focusing on manners over the next few weeks, really embedding this into everything we do. It's about helping our children understand that these small gestures – saying please and thank you, being considerate to others – matter. They create a better environment for everyone.

I also want to celebrate another wonderful Stay and Play session. It's been brilliant to see our OPAL provision in action and to watch families enjoying time together in school. If you've attended, we'd absolutely love to hear your thoughts. There's a survey link below, and your feedback really does help us shape what we offer. Whether it's what worked well or ideas for next time, we genuinely value your input.

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Finally, a quick practical reminder as we head into the warmer months: please make sure your child has a sun hat and sun cream. The weather's been lovely and we want to make sure our children are protected when they're outside enjoying our fantastic outdoor spaces. A bit of sun safety goes a long way.

It's been a brilliant term so far, and we're looking forward to finishing the year strong. Thank you for your continued support – it really does make Queen's Park such a special place.



International School's Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have been re-accredited with the British Council International School's Award for 'Outstanding Development of the International Dimension to our curriculum. There was a special congratulations to our wonderful Mrs Taylor who has coordinated such an impressive range of work.



Striking and Fielding Festival

Y5 had an amazing time at the Striking and Fielding Festival. They learnt how to develop sport specific skills and motivation within their games, as well as building social connections with their team.



St Helens Dance Festival



STEP FORWARD:
**ST HELENS
DANCE FESTIVAL**

A borough-wide festival that brings together children, young people, families, and local dance groups from across the community to participate in workshops and performances

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY
MAY 16TH**

**10-4
PM**

**ST HELENS
COLLEGE**

**WATER ST, ST HELENS,
WA10 1PP**

Please visit **TicketSource** or scan the QR code to purchase tickets:
ticketsource.com/
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St Helens Cultural Education Partnership

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All Stars and Dynamos at Prescott & Odyssey CC

We have 12 free places for girls between the ages of 8 - 11 for dynamos cricket at Prescott and Odyssey club starting on Friday 1st May.

Should you be interested, please dojo Mrs Leadbetter and she will share the QR code for you to register your place.



Nursery Consultation

This week, you will have received some information regarding lowering our admission age to our school. This is to allow us to provide Nursery Education from two years old. It is really important that we capture your views as we move through this process. I have attached the link below to the consultation survey.

[Queen's Park C.E/U.R,C Primary School - Nursery Consultation April 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Phonics Links

We have created this document so that all of the phonics links we send home are in one place. You could watch one video, two videos or even 3 videos a week! It's completely up to you.

Watch, watch and watch again - each one of the links will be a fantastic chance to practise recognising sounds and reading words, both real and alien. Don't forget to comment in your child's reading record book which video they have watched, it all counts towards their weekly reads.

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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.

BBQ Party Menu



BBQ Party Meal - please see attached details of our next special event menu for 21st May 2026. You will be able to order via School Grid in the coming weeks.

New School Dinner Menu

Launching Tuesday 5th May 2026

New items including cheese and bacon loaded fries, pulled chicken sliders and veggie tacos alongside all your favourite's such as fish fingers, roast chicken dinner and spaghetti bolognese.

Please log into your School grid account for more information and to pre order your meals.

OPAL Spotlight

Our allotment on the field is bursting into life at the moment, and it's been lovely to watch everything grow. The children have been so excited spotting new leaves, shoots and buds each week, proudly checking on the vegetables they planted. The space is quickly becoming a thriving green patch, full of colour, curiosity and hands-on learning for everyone involved. 🌱





We are pleased to introduce our new litter station as part of our outdoor play and learning provision. This addition encourages children to take responsibility for their environment, promoting respect, teamwork and pride in keeping our outdoor spaces clean and enjoyable for everyone.

The litter station is already being used during outdoor sessions, where children are learning about sustainability, caring for nature and the importance of looking after shared spaces. We are proud to see such positive engagement and look forward to developing these habits further.

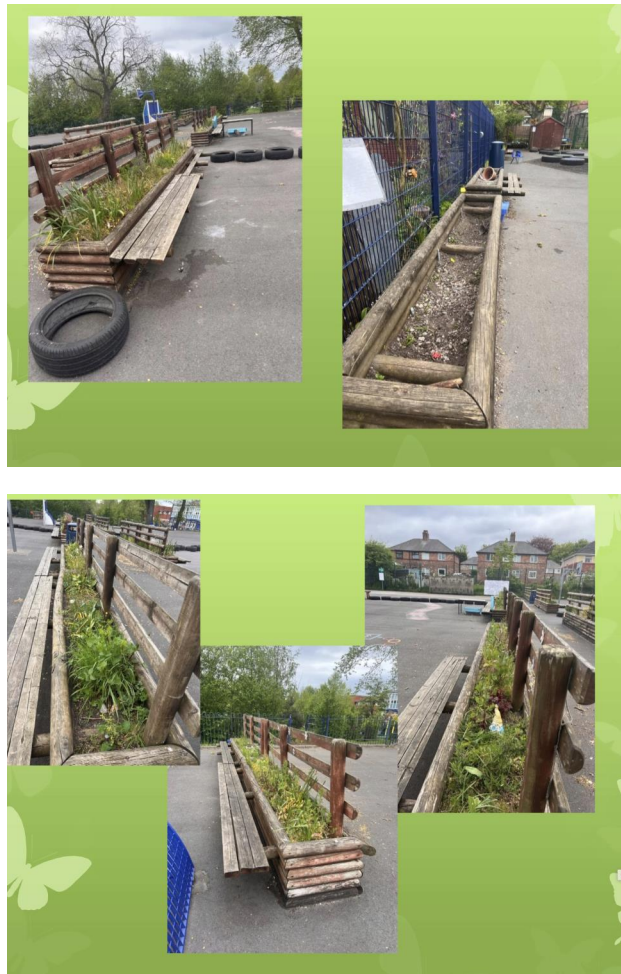


We are excited to launch our School Grounds Challenge! Our JLT recently explored the outdoor area and took photos of the planters — and they've decided they need a little love.

Each class will be allocated a planter and challenged to transform it into a beautiful, wildlife-friendly space. We're inviting children to get creative and help design and build a wonderful flower bed that will brighten our grounds and support local wildlife.

To support this, we will be holding an Own Clothes Day on Friday 22nd May. Instead of a monetary donation, we kindly ask children to bring in a plant, compost, or a garden decoration to help bring our planters to life.

We can't wait to see the amazing transformations and work together to improve our school environment!





OPAL Stay & Play

OPAL Stay and Play

This 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.

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Thursday 14th May 2pm - 3pm

See the attached pictures of this weeks stay and play. The sun was shining and there was lots of fun for everyone!







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

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 made you proud today?

Wellbeing Wednesday

We are delighted to reintroduce Wellbeing Wednesday in school. Our dedicated Wellbeing Ambassadors will be leading a range of activities designed to support children's emotional health and wellbeing.

These sessions include peer massage, as part of a structured programme that promotes relaxation, calmness, and positive connections between pupils. Wellbeing Wednesday provides a valuable opportunity for children to pause, reflect, and develop strategies to support their overall wellbeing.

We are already seeing the positive impact this is having in classrooms, helping to create a calm and supportive learning environment for all.



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Primary School

Wellbeing Wednesday

After lunch
Every Wednesday
at Queen's Park

Kindness
Calmness
Ready to Learn

SEND in the Spotlight

If you can't make it face-to-face, join us online...

Online opportunities to learn more about neurodiversity from the comfort of your own home! With your camera and microphone off for your privacy, you can interact using the chat/Q&A feature to ask any questions you may have. Come along, learn more and get some strategies.

**Monday Online
Community Network Group**

Mondays during term time
9:30am - 11:00am
Online via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

**Wednesday Online
Community Network Group**

Wednesdays during term time
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Online via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

Monday 13 th April	Open Session <small>seek advice around any problems</small>	Wednesday 15 th April	Developmental Delay Supporting Areas of Need
Monday 20 th April	Supporting Organisational Skills and Planning	Wednesday 22 nd April	Tantrums V meltdowns <small>what is the difference?</small>
Monday 27 th April	Using Music to Support Neurodiversity	Wednesday 29 th April	Using Music to Support Neurodiversity
Monday 4 th May	No Session due to BANK HOLIDAY	Wednesday 6 th May	Preparing Neurodivergent Young People for the Future
Monday 11 th May	Preparing Neurodivergent Young People for the Future	Wednesday 13 th May	Supporting Transition and managing changes
Monday 18 th May	Developing Theory of Mind in Neurodivergent Children	Wednesday 20 th May	Specific Learning Difficulties <small>(including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia)</small>


1 - Please find information above from Advanced Solutions regarding their online network group offer for this term.

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Green Tip of the Week

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Walk or Cycle to School




Swap the school run for a school stroll. It's healthier, greener, and a good bonding time. Wake up on the way to school with a lovely walk and some fresh air!

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 22nd May - Own Clothes Day - School's Ground Challenge

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.



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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

322 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 - **96.6%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.2%***

'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!



IN TO WIN

WC 27/04/2026

PR	92.1%
QR	94.4%
P1	99.2%
Q1	99.6%
P2	97.5%
Q2	98.5%
P3	97.6%
Q3	96.8%
P4	97.8%
Q4	95.2%
P5	97.5%
Q5	98.1%
P6	97.2%
Q6	95.9%

WEEKLY WINNERS

WELL DONE TO ALL YEAR GROUPS FOR AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK.



Thank you to Freddie in year one for our song choice last week - KPOP. This week, Lewis from Y1 has chosen APT by Rosie and Bruno Mars. I hope you enjoyed the music as you came in this morning.

Dojo Winners



PR Ayusman K

P1 Lily B

P2 Luke C

P3 Mara P

P4 Oliver S

P5 Lewis B

P6 Ella D

QR Layla H

Q1 Alfie K

Q2 Finley C

Q3 Brandon H

Q4 Kuba L

Q5 Isabella D

Q6 George F

Star Badge Winners



PR Chizaram M

QR Ronnie B

P1 Elsie May B

Q1 Layla W

P2 Eric L

Q2 Evie M

P3 Bobby R

Q3 Olivia Mai G

P4 Ethan P

Q4 Alexander R

P5 Oliver B

Q5 David D

P6 Philip J

Q6 Imran A

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 - Thomas earned a trophy at football last week



4 - Eveline was awarded the awesome award again this week at football.



5 - Jenson got a kitten on Friday and called her Rosie



6 - Florence competed at the British Qualifier last weekend at the International Arena in Telford. It was her first competition at the high level and it was a big stage indeed!



7 - Faith taking on the mighty Royal St Davids under the watchful eye of Harlech Castle.

Have a wonderful Weekend!