



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 8th 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

What a week it's been at Queen's Park! There's so much happening that I wanted to share with you all, and I'm bursting with pride about several things going on in our school right now.

First of all, I have to talk about our Year Six. These children have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs next week and I genuinely mean it when I say they're ready to smash it. The dedication they've shown, the focus, the determination – it's been brilliant to witness. They've put in the effort, they know their stuff, and the whole Queen's Park community is behind them. We believe in them and they will feel that support every single day next week.

Speaking of support, I want to give a massive shout out to our wonderful PTFA. They've organised breakfast club every single day next week for all our Year Six children. It's these kinds of gestures that really show what our community is made of – people coming together to help our children feel looked after and supported during an important time. That's the Queen's Park way.

Now, I also need to mark a really special occasion today. Today has been Mrs Kennedy's last day before she heads off on maternity leave. I want to send our very best wishes to Mrs and Mr Kennedy as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. We can't wait to hear all about the new arrival and I am first in the queue for cuddles!

On a different note, I do need to raise something with parents of children who have their own mobile phones or devices. We are dealing with weekly if not daily issues that have started online. Our curriculum is saturated with lessons on how to be safe online and what is appropriate online behaviour but we need your help! We can only do so much when this is happening at 9pm at night in your own homes. However, I have had very upset parents in school with the expectation that we will deal with it. We absolutely will also deal with any safeguarding concerns however, the difficulty is this all starts online at home! We are fully committed to ensure our children behave appropriately both in school and online but we can't do that without parents playing their part. This includes carefully monitoring and restrictions linked to age-limits and screen time.

If we can work together as a community, we can make a real difference to how our children are spending their time and ultimately, to their wellbeing.

Thank you for everything you do to support Queen's Park Primary School.

St Helens Dance Festival



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.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/OmZ2t4GdEsKSJTmW?ref=Link>

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.

OPAL Spotlight

Our allotment is thriving and harvest time can't come soon enough! Year 1 have been busy planting vegetables and herbs for all the children to enjoy exploring during OPAL lunchtimes.







Look at our amazing Junior Play team. Did you know? We have play leaders who help Mr Weatherby and Mrs Thelwell make playtimes better for everyone. They help other children, take lots of photos of play and help to gather ideas from the other children about how to improve our play times.



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

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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

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

Attachment

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!

If animals could talk, what would they say?

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.



PIC•COLLAGE

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

Wellbeing Wednesday

After lunch
Every Wednesday
at Queen's Park

Kindness
Calmness
Ready to Learn

SEND in the Spotlight



A reminder that St Helens Local Authority have a wealth of information including support and guidance for parent/carers of children with SEND on their Information Hub website page.

This can be found at <https://familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk>

Green Tip of the Week



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 - All after school clubs will be cancelled on this date.

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



1 - No after school clubs on this date

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 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

330 children had perfect attendance last week! Can we beat this next week?

Attendance Update

We work really hard each and every week to make sure every class beats out school target of 97% - this will help us to succeed

*Our Attendance this week - **95.33%***

*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 04/05/2026

PR	99.3%
QR	97.1%
P1	94.7%
Q1	96.3%
P2	99.5%
Q2	98.5%
P3	96.9%
Q3	93.5%
P4	89.4%
Q4	96.4%
P5	86.7%
Q5	91.6%
P6	96.6%
Q6	100%

WEEKLY WINNERS

OPAL - 5 MINUTE EXTRA REWARD VOUCHERS

GO TO:

- Q6
- P2
- PR

VOUCHERS TO BE USED LAST WEEK OF TERM



This week, Alfie from Y1 has chosen Soda Pop by KPOP. I hope you enjoyed the music as you came in this morning.

Dojo Winners



PR Adam M	QR Mia W
P1 Ayva S	Q1 Anderson O
P2 Lana R	Q2 Naraya S
P3 Maja L	Q3 Raiden M
P4 Yanishaa J	Q4 Stefan T
P5 Angelica L	Q5 Aamir A
P6 Tatum H	Q6 Nyah F

Star Badge Winners



PR Mia W	QR Ethan H
P1 Scarlett May A	Q1 William S
P2 Orla E	Q2 Harry C
P3 Jidenna M	Q3 Olivia T
P4 Caleb M	Q4 Arthur F
P5 Aria C	Q5 Amelia Rose J
P6 Ivy T	Q6 Macauley B

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





2 - Noël has another best friend, Nyx the tiny kitten



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Have a wonderful Weekend!