



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 15th 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 an absolutely brilliant week we've had at Queen's Park Primary! I'm sitting here at my desk feeling incredibly proud of our whole school community and I wanted to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening.

First, I have to give a huge shout-out to Year 6. They've had quite the week and the way they've handled it all has been nothing short of remarkable. The maturity, resilience and dedication they've shown has been genuinely inspiring to watch. What's made me most proud, though, is seeing the entire school rally behind them. It really does take a village, doesn't it? I also want to

say a massive thank you to our PTFA, who provided an amazing breakfast for the children. It was such a brilliant way to kick-start their day and it made such a difference. And of course, our nurturing staff have been absolutely fantastic, getting everyone through with their usual care and compassion. I'm beyond proud and extremely grateful to every single person who's supported our Year 6 this week.

On a lighter note, we had a wonderful OPAL afternoon on Thursday! It was brilliant to see Year 5 and Year 6 enjoying their time playing outside with parents. These moments really showcase what our school is all about – giving children the space and freedom to play, explore and have fun.

We also had a very important visitor on Friday lunchtime. Mr David Baines, our MP, came to see our OPAL provision and, I have to say, he was absolutely blown away. He was genuinely amazed at the play-based opportunities our children have access to every day. It was a real pleasure to show him around the school and share what we do here at Queen's Park Primary.

Looking ahead to next week, we've got our sports days coming up, so do look further down in the newsletter for more detailed information about timings and what to expect.

We're also launching our Walk and Cycle to School week, which is part of our efforts to help decrease some of the congestion outside school. If you're able to walk or cycle with your child, we'd absolutely love to hear about it. Please do send me some photos – we'd love to share them and celebrate everyone who's taking part.

Don't forget it is our school disco on Thursday. We are trying to raise money for heavy duty bikes for the playground. The children love the bikes and scooters but they are not designed to be used daily by a large volume of children. All funds raised will go towards buying these bikes.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Kellett

Headteacher



Borough Wide Competition Winner

I am delighted to inform you that Jenson from Year 5 entered a competition with St Helens Library Service. He has written a well composed, informed match report and he has won! This is incredible news and we are so proud! Jenson and his class will spend a day at Everton in the Community doing some fun activities. Details to follow. Very well done Jenson!

Sports Days

Next week, we will hold our annual sports days. Times and days below

EYFS/Year One/Year Two- Monday

Year Three/Year Four - Tuesday

Year Five/Year Six - Wednesday

All sports days will start at 1:30pm. Can you please enter the field at the gate at the back of the car park? Your child will be placed in groups and you can accompany your child around the activities.

Can you please refrain from taking any photographs while on school site as we have children who we need to ensure don't appear on any social media? I would appreciate your support with this safeguarding issue.

At the end, you will be asked to leave the field and return to the exit your child usually comes out from.

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 Screening Check

A big thank you to all of the Year 1 parents/carers who attended the Phonics Screening Meetings this week.

Year 1 parents... make sure you are doing lots of reading at home, reminding your child(ren) to spot their special friends and watching the phonics links we send home.

For more information about the Phonics Screening

Check: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf

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>

Healthy Families Programme

The 0-19+ team (NHS) is delighted to launch the **HENRY Programme** - a nationally recognised initiative.

HENRY offers free, friendly support to help parents and carers feel more confident and build healthy, happy routines at home.

The programme is designed to make family life easier, covering everything from fussy eating and managing behaviour to family routines, emotional wellbeing, and getting active together.

Upcoming sessions

Eating Well for Less - Thursday 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

This session helps the whole family to eat well for less, including:

- Tips for a cheaper, healthier shopping basket
- Meal planning to make the most of the food you buy
- Recipes for tasty, simple, low-cost meals

Understanding Children's Behaviour - Thursday 18 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

This session helps parents and carers to:

- Understand the feelings and needs behind children's behaviour

- Discover the importance of listening, and how it supports children’s needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence behaviour

Looking After Ourselves - Thursday 16 July, 4.00pm - 5.00pm This session explores ways to look after yourself and stay calm, including:

- Understanding the benefits of recharging for emotional and physical health
- Sharing feelings and developing realistic expectations and coping strategies
- Overcoming feelings of guilt and failure
- Gaining practical strategies to reduce the stresses of family life

Feedback from parents and carers who have attended previous HENRY Programmes:

“This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum.”

“This was so much better than I expected. I would encourage every parent to do it.”

How to get involved

Don’t miss out - **places are free but limited!**

Parents and carers can book their place via Eventbrite:

[Eating Well for Less \(Thurs 21 May, 6.00pm - 7.00pm\) - book your place](#)

[Understanding Children’s Behaviour \(Thurs 18 June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm\) - book your place](#)

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For more information visit [HENRY Programme - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)



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

On Thursday, we opened up our OPAL provision to our year five and six parents. It was a gorgeous sunny day and it was lovely to see so many parents come along and enjoy the sunshine and our wonderful provision together with their children. Seeing year six in the sandpit did really make my heart happy! We would love to capture your feedback.

Can you please complete this very short survey below?

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xv7cpkOod06grJfnFIDOUx_0_1OlzFChU67QWWsbsxUQTFQVDBFR1ZBOEtXTUtET05TQ1NNTklOMS4u

After-school Stay and Play sessions will continue after half term, on a Wednesday, every week, until 4pm. Younger/older siblings are more than welcome to join you.











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!



Eco-Schools

Office on the web frame

The School Grounds Challenge 2025/2026

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!

If you had to live in a treehouse or a submarine, which would you choose?

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

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



Supporting Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty which can cause problems with reading, writing and spelling. It affects the ability to process written language and symbols. It's estimated that up to 1 in every 20 people in the UK has some degree of dyslexia.

Impact of dyslexia on learning:

Organisational difficulties	Slow processing speed	Reading for meaning	Difficulty in acquiring and comprehending new letters
Difficulty with reading and spelling tasks	Poor short-term memory	Difficulties in learning or retaining information	Short concentration span

Tendency to misread words; may need to reread several times

Social/vocational impact:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficulty in writing fluently - Struggle to keep up with conversation - May miss social cues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Falls to remember large amounts - Lack of confidence in social activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May slip into panic when under pressure - Reading out in class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social anxiety may develop - Avoiding social situations - May avoid reading and writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frustration - Anger - Panic - Stress - Anxiety - Feeling overwhelmed - Low self-esteem
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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 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

Thursday 18th 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

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

312 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 - **95.23%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.27%***

'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 11/05/2026

PR	94.7%
QR	97.8%
P1	90.9%
Q1	93.4%
P2	96.7%
Q2	92.7%
P3	96.6%
Q3	96.8%
P4	97.1%
Q4	98%
P5	84.1%
Q5	97.3%
P6	97.7%
Q6	99.6%

WEEKLY WINNERS

OPAL - 5 MINUTE EXTRA REWARD VOUCHERS

GO TO:

- Q6
- Q4

VOUCHERS TO BE USED LAST WEEK OF TERM



Dojo Winners



PR Layla O

QR Shakirah A

P1 Leon L	Q1 Jessica T
P2 Natalie G	Q2 Ella H
P3 Mara P	Q3 Tia Rose F
P4 Faye M	Q4 Oliver B
P5 Florence L	Q5 McKenzie T
P6 Ella D	Q6 Mason J

Star Badge Winners



PR Lilly Grace M	QR Heidi M
P1 Lillie B	Q1 Ella A
P2 Summer A	Q2 Bobby P
P3 Amirah Jo A	Q3 Kayden W
P4 Jessica AW	Q4 Noah T
P5 Zahra A	Q5 Isabella D
P6 Billie Jo L	Q6 Whole Class

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





2 - Faith came second at the Faldo series and qualified for the regional final.



3 - Fun was had at Blackpool Pleasure beach by some of our year six boys for Ethan's birthday.



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5 - Eveline was awarded her blue paw print certificate at football this week



6 - Raiden started boxing this week and is doing really well



7 - Phoebe completed 'Ollies Walk' at Knowsley Safari Park to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital, who treated her cousin Ben (pictured) through his leukemia journey



8 - Orry enjoyed trying out lots of different activities at his beavers games day at the weekend



9 - Amber made a 'positive pebble' tonight at Brownies to hide in the street to share with the community. She wrote 'everything is possible' as her message of positivity



10 - Cordell had a lovely trip to Arley Hall, holding spiders and snakes and making slime



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Have a wonderful Weekend!