



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 22nd 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 term it's been! As we head towards the final stretch of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on everything that's happened here at Queen's Park Primary School over the last few weeks. Honestly, it's been absolutely brilliant.

We've had so much to celebrate. Our Year Six children have just completed their SATs and the dedication, commitment and resilience they've shown has been truly impressive. They've worked incredibly hard, and we're incredibly proud of every single one of them. It's been wonderful to see them rise to the challenge.

One of the highlights of the term has been our Opal sessions with parents. These have been wonderful opportunities for families to get involved and see what we're doing in school. The engagement and enthusiasm have been fantastic and it really does make a difference when we can bring the school community together like this.

We were also delighted to welcome David Baines, our local MP, into school recently. He spent time looking around our provision and was genuinely overwhelmed by what he saw. He's even mentioned that he'd love to see what we're doing replicated in schools across the area. It's moments like these that remind us how special Queen's Park Primary really is.

It was lovely to see some many children at our disco last night - looking very glamorous. I will let you know how much we raised and how many bikes we can purchased for the playground. Your support is invaluable.

After spending two hours dancing with our children, I got the pleasure to go an watch some of our children dance in St Helens Dance Festival and they were incredible. I was so proud watching them perform. Thank you to Miss Emma for all the preparation and to Mrs Leyland and Miss Monsvoll for giving up their evening to support our children.

The sporting achievements this term have been incredible too. There's simply so many to list, but our children have represented the school with real pride and passion across a whole range of activities. It's been fantastic to see.

Before I finish, I wanted to say a huge thank you for the generous donations towards our school grounds challenge. The response has been overwhelming, and we can't wait to show you the completed planters in the coming weeks. It's a real testament to how much you all care about making Queen's Park Primary a special place.

We're back on Monday, June 1st for our final half term of the year. Here's to finishing the year on a high!

Mrs Kellett

Headteacher



Disco!













Sports Days

Rescheduled Dates

Monday 1st June - 10am - 11:30am - year five and year six

Monday 1st June - 1:30pm - 3pm - EYFS, year one and year two

Thursday 4th June - 10am - 11:30am - year three and year four

Let's pray for some sunshine!

Nursery Consultation

Thank you to those who completed the Nursery Consultation. It has closed today. I will send the results to the local authority and they will advise on any next steps.

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>

Learning Assistant Course Opportunity



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QR code and logos for Matrix, Liverpool City Region, and Merseyside Learning.

 L2 Certificate Supporting Teaching and Learning 1 academic year	
Who is this course for?	This course is for adults aged 16+ who want to work in a school or college setting to support pupil's learning.
What will I learn?	The course prepares learners to support the class teacher and the delivery of the curriculum within a school/college, as well as developing skills to help children and young people to develop self-esteem, independence and skills for learning. You will also develop professional and practical skills and knowledge in a work placement.
Is there a cost?	There is no cost to learners in receipt of income related benefits, or those that earn less than £31,600.40. Otherwise, the cost is £450 which can be paid in instalments throughout the year. Please contact us for more details.
What are the course entry requirements?	No previous experience is necessary, but you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be willing to complete a DBS check • Be able to arrange and complete a work placement in a local Primary, Secondary, Special School or College setting (8 hours per week) • Have a Level 1 English qualification and be willing to work towards L2 (where no certificates are available, we will ask you to complete an assessment) • Have an Entry 3 Numeracy qualification (where no certificates are available, we will ask you to complete an assessment)
How long will it take?	The course runs for 1 day per week from September to July. A weekly placement at a school/college is also required (approx. 8 hours per week)
How will I learn?	You will take part in a variety of learning activities including presentations, written work and class discussions. You will also be asked to reflect on your experiences in placement and demonstrate that you can apply new knowledge and skills in the workplace. You will be asked to complete some private study tasks outside of the classroom. You will have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) which will allow you to reflect on each session and tell us what went well and where you might need more practice. Your tutor will also give you written and verbal feedback on your progress.
What will I be able to do at the end of the course?	This course will qualify you for a range of roles including Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant, Special Education Needs Assistant, Learning Mentor. You may also wish to progress to further learning such as the Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning.



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 Spotlight

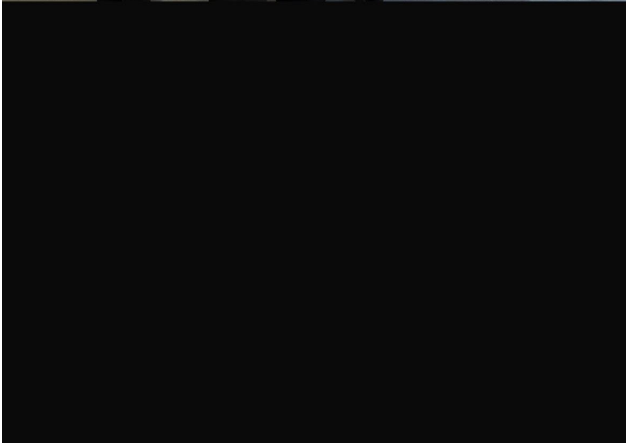
Last week, we were delighted to welcome David Baines to school to see our OPAL provision in action. He thoroughly enjoyed visiting our outdoor play areas and was incredibly impressed by what he saw.

During his visit, he commented on the positive atmosphere around school and was amazed by how busy and engaged the children were throughout playtime. It was wonderful to see children collaborating, negotiating and using their imagination so confidently.

He was particularly pleased to see the many opportunities OPAL provides for developing positive behaviour, resilience, wellbeing and important social skills. Most importantly, he loved seeing how much fun the children were having while learning through play.

We are very proud of our OPAL journey and were delighted to share the impact it is having on our children with our special visitor.

Well done to our wonderful Play Team who completed the 'Play Leader's' Training this week with Mr Weatherby.







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!

How do you show someone you care about them?

SEND in the Spotlight

Interim SENCo

A quick reminder that from after half term Miss Lunt will be covering the role of SENCO in school whilst Mrs Kennedy is on maternity leave.

Miss Lunt can be contacted on the SENCO email address: queensparksen@sthelens.org.uk should you have any questions or concerns.

Green Tip of the Week

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Shorten Your Showers



Reducing shower time to under 5 minutes can save up to 12 litres of water per minute. Consider using a timer or playing a short song to keep track.

St Helens Festival

st helens heritage festival



Saturday 30th May 2026
10am – 3pm
St Helens Town Hall

Join St Helens Council's Archive Service for a **FREE** family-friendly celebration of our borough's rich history, featuring:

- Local heritage groups and organisations
- Classic cars
- Vintage bus
- Morris dancers
- Mobile museum
- Free local history talks and much more...

No booking required.

For more information about the event, exhibition and performances visit: sthelensheritagehub.org.uk/heritage-festival

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 **St Helens Archive Service**

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ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Canoeing Taster Session



**St Helens
Canoe Club**

**Bank holiday kayak
fun taster session**

25th May - Introduction to kayaking
Session is aimed to get people on the water and have a bit of fun

- Bring warm clothes or wetsuit and a towel
- Arrive before 4pm ready to paddle
- Access near The Dam Bar & Grill - WA11 7LZ
- Practice some beginner skills and play games
- Booking via website is essential

 **PADDLE**
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Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd May - School closes for half Term

Monday 1st June - School re opens

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

Attendance Matters



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Every student. Every day.





**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Penalty Notice Fines for School are changing

These changes came into force from 19th August 2024

1

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.

2

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

3

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

313 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 - 94.46%

Our Attendance this year so far - 94.28%

Africa by Toto was Y6's choice this week!

'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 18/05/2026

PR	97.4%
QR	93.3%
P1	94.7%
Q1	95.9%
P2	93%
Q2	100%
P3	93.7%
Q3	94.9%
P4	97.8%
Q4	95.2%
P5	86.1%
Q5	93.9%
P6	93.1%
Q6	94.4%

WEEKLY WINNERS

OPAL - 5 MINUTE EXTRA REWARD VOUCHERS
GO TO:
Q2
P4

VOUCHERS TO BE USED LAST WEEK OF
SUMMER TERM TERM



Dojo Winners



PR Katelyn R

QR Ronnie B

P1 Scarlett May A	Q1 Abdulmalik A
P2 Erin J	Q2 Fares G
P3 Melvyn C	Q3 Tia Rose F
P4 Harry W	Q4 Krishna K
P5 Jenson C	Q5 Isabella D
P6 Daniel P	Q6 Noel B

Star Badge Winners



PR Alannah S	QR Amelia Rose B
P1 Lilly Mae A	Q1 Tahlia L
P2 Bradley T	Q2 Cayden S
P3 Mara P	Q3 Tara A
P4 Kai M	Q4 Mia M
P5 James P	Q5 Jessica Rose LW
P6 John Junior M	Q6 Kaiden D

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





1 - Ethan had so much fun at the circus show at the weekend



2 - Theo got Player of the Match at his rugby match, on Sunday.



3 - Isla got her silver award at Brownies.



4 - Joseph has been kayaking for a couple of years and his club are doing a taster if any children over 8 would be interested, Please see the poster above.



5 - April was presented with the Silver Award and 2 other badges at Brownies tonight.



6 - Theo got player of the week tonight at darts

Have a wonderful half term and see you back on Monday 1st June