



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 26th June 2026

Our value this half term is **hope**. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Message from Mrs Kellett

What a week we've had! The heat has been absolutely relentless and I have to say, I've been genuinely impressed by how our children have handled it all. They've been sensible, stayed hydrated and even found ways to have fun – the hose pipe was definitely a highlight! A huge thank you to all of you for your support during this scorching spell. It really does make a difference when families and school are working together.

I also want to give a massive shout-out to our staff. They've absolutely battled through the heat and, despite the challenging conditions, have continued to provide a fantastic education for our children. That's no small feat and I'm genuinely grateful for their dedication and commitment.

Next week is transition week and it's an exciting time for so many of our children. Those moving into new year groups will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers, explore their new environments and get to know the new routines that will become part of their everyday school life. We've got some lovely get to know you activities planned, and my hope is that by the time September rolls around, our children will feel confident, settled and ready to start the year strong. Transitions can feel like a big deal and that's completely normal, but we're here to make sure everyone feels supported and excited about what's ahead.

I also want to mention our Year Six children, who are spending time in their secondary schools next week. I know there's a mixture of excitement and nerves about this next chapter and that's exactly as it should be. To our Year Six – you've got this. You are more than ready for what's coming. You've grown so much during your time with us and we couldn't be prouder of you.

A special thank you to St Lukes Ministry Team who came into to deliver 'Its your move' workshop for our year six children. This workshops helps prepare the children for their next step into secondary school.

On a celebratory note, we've had another visit from our wonderful friends at Btales and they did a brilliant job. Our Key Stage Two children absolutely loved it and apparently we've got the 'coolest hall' of all the schools they've visited! It's these kinds of experiences that make our school community so special.

Finally, I wanted to remind parents about the letter we sent last week regarding drop off and exits. Please do have another read if you need to. Don't worry though – we've got plenty of staff around to support everyone, so if you have any questions or concerns, just ask. We're all here to help make the school day run as smoothly as possible for everyone.







Children's University Graduation

Last Friday, we had a wonderful day at Liverpool Hope University. We took 95 children along to a ceremony that recognises their commitment to extra curricular activities. It is always a special date in our calendar and I am delighted to share that this year was just as special. Well done to all our graduates.



Sun Safety



Remember... stay Sun SAFE...

Stay Away (from the sun in the middle of the day: The sun is super strong then! Find shade to cool off in.

Always Use Suncream: Put it on before you go out to play! Remember to reapply.

Find Protective Clothing: Hats and Sunglasses are a must! Wear them to protect yourself from the sun.

Everyone Needs to be Careful: The sun can be dangerous!

IMovie in the Shade

As you know, all our children have an iPad from year two up. This is the first year of our digital strategy and it going so well. The children are so confident now and we are enhancing our curriculum in lots of different ways. I was so pleased to see year six using their iPad in the shade today to make an IMOVIE! It just shows that learning can happen anywhere









HENRY Programme

HENRY PROGRAMME - HEALTHY FAMILIES GROWING UP PROGRAMME



**Free Online Sessions for
Parents and Carers in St Helens**

Exciting new family friendly programme for parents and carers of school aged children (5 - 12 years) in St Helens

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

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!**

Book your 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](#)


Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday saw our Rocksteady children perform their summer concert for their grown-ups. For safety and comfort, they were only performing for their adults due to the hot weather, but this made for a wonderful and intimate performance. The children, as always, performed their little socks off and truly shone. A special mention to our Year 6 children for what was their last performance at Queen's Park. You rock! Well done to all involved.'






Water Safety Advice




OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK




Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...
...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.
This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.




WHAT LIES BENEATH?
The water is untreated and can make you ill.
Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.
Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause injury or trap you.




DID YOU KNOW?
Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.


Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.
If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



www.merseyfire.gov.uk



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.

JLT Fundraising for OPAL



JLT are continuing their fund-raising for new bikes on our playground. Thank you for your support with the disco - we raised over £300.

JLT are selling ice lollies and ice pops every Friday at lunchtime from the school playground. Please bring in £1 if your child wants to purchase one of these lollies. **This will start on Friday 12th June and continue until 10th July.**

Thanks

JLT

Thank you for your support today with our lolly sales. Our JLT did a great job. Thank you to Mrs Campbell and Mr Weatherby for supporting this idea and allowing our JLT to support our fund-raising efforts

Non Uniform Days & Summer Fair

Please see the attached posters for information of our upcoming non uniform days.

Summer Fair will take place on Friday 10th July from 3pm.





QUEEN'S PARK

FREE ENTRY

Summer fair

FROM 3PM

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- QUEEN'S PARK SHOP AND MORE..

AT SCHOOL MAIN ENTRANCE
(WEATHER DEPENDENT)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Table Top Sale - Newtown URC



Queen's Park's Big Question



This week's big question to discuss on your way home from school, around the dinner table, washing the dishes - anywhere really!

Do you prefer the sun or the snow?

Sharon and Hopeman - Arise School Tanzania





As you know, we sponsor two children from Arise School in Tanzania. Every year we receive a report from their school and their progress. I have attached some pictures of Sharon and Hopeman and a copy of the letter they have sent thanking us as a school. It is wonderful that our children see how they can be 'agents of change' and really impact on the life of others.

Sustainability Workshop

Some of our Year 5 children had the opportunity to visit the World of Glass to take part in the St Helens Youth Sustainability Forum 2026.

Working alongside experts, they explored a range of sustainability topics including biodiversity, food miles, clothes recycling and making homes more energy efficient. It was a great day of learning, discussion and sharing ideas about how we can all help build a more sustainable future.





SEND in the Spotlight



Online Autism Passport

Mersey Care has an Online Autism Passport to empower autistic individuals and enhance support across St Helens' services. Find out more about the passport here [Online autism passport to improve personalised support for autistic people :: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Green Tip of the Week



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 30th June - from 2:30pm - Meet the Teacher Meetings

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

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

- 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

287 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 - **92.56%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.31%***

The World Cup Song chosen by P3

'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 22/06/2026

PR	98.1%
QR	92.1%
P1	92.6%
Q1	83.1%
P2	92.1%
Q2	90.8%
P3	98.4%
Q3	95.7%
P4	93.2%
Q4	92.1%
P5	95.3%
Q5	93.1%
P6	95.4%
Q6	87%

WEEKLY WINNERS

OPAL - 5 MINUTE EXTRA REWARD VOUCHERS
GO TO:
PR
P3
VOUCHERS TO BE USED LAST WEEK OF
SUMMER TERM TERM



Dojo Winners



PR Sonny H

QR Fatima H

P1 Yaiswanth J	Q1 Francesca H
P2 Liam C	Q2 Evie T
P3 Noah M	Q3 Carter S
P4 Oliver S	Q4 Stefan T
P5 Amelia F	Q5 Cara S
P6 Ella D	Q6 Annabelle O

Star Badge Winners



PR Cierra S	QR Mia W
P1 Arabella M	Q1 Ella C
P2 Stephen P	Q2 Ava Mae W
P3 Lilith DG	Q3 Knox PP
P4 Charlie H	Q4 Harrison F
P5 Lexi G	Q5 Jersey S
P6 Daniel P	Q6 Henry H

No snap and share this week unfortunately



Have a lovely weekend