



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 3rd July 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 whirlwind transition week we've had! It's been wonderful to see our children settling into their new classrooms and getting to know their new teachers. The energy around school has been buzzing and I have to say, the whole experience has been overwhelmingly positive. Our Year Six have been absolutely brilliant – they've taken this big step in their stride and I couldn't be prouder of how they've approached it all.

The secondary schools have been sending in some really good reports about our Year Six too, which is exactly what we want to hear. It's clear that they're ready for the next chapter of their educational journey, and that's down to the resilience and maturity they've shown throughout their time with us at Queen's Park Primary.

One of the highlights this week has been our water safety workshops. These sessions have been so important in reinforcing the message about sensible behaviour around water. Keeping our children safe is absolutely paramount, and I'm grateful that we've been able to give them practical guidance and confidence in and around water. A huge thank you to Mr Weatherby for organising these workshops – his dedication to ensuring our children understand water safety has been invaluable.

I also want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has continued to support our JLT fundraising and the PTFA summer fair. The generosity of our school community really is remarkable. These funds help us to buy the extras for our children – the things that enrich their learning experiences and make their time at Queen's Park Primary even more special. Whether it's resources for the classroom, trips, or enrichment activities, your support makes such a difference.

Looking ahead, I wanted to remind you that our Welly Walk will be taking place on Wednesday 8th July. Fingers crossed it stays dry and not too hot! Can all sponsor money be sent in by Friday 17th July? Thanks again for your support.

Mrs Kellett





Arbor Parent App



We are pleased to let you know that from **September** we will be introducing the **Arbor Parent App** as our new all-in-one parent communication platform. This means that **ParentPay** will no longer be used and **ClassDojo** will be only for rewards and behaviour points, as all school communications, payments, and other important information will be managed through the Arbor Parent App.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to download the app now and sign in using the **email address currently held by the school**. If you experience any difficulties accessing your account or have any questions, please contact the school office **before Friday 17th July** so that we can resolve any issues before the new system goes live in September.

School Grid for ordering lunches will remain as a separate app.

England Match



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!

Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF)

Please click on the link below for all the information on the HAF Programme running over the school holidays.

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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.

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.

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.



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.



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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

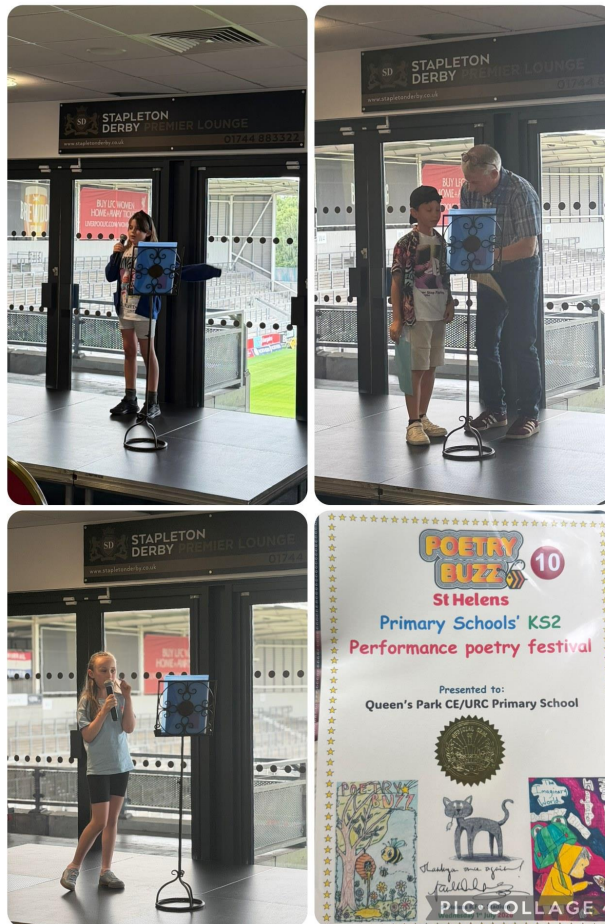
Thank you for your support today with our lolly sales. Our JLT did a great job. Thank you to Mrs Campbell and Mr Weatherby for supporting this idea and allowing our JLT to support our fund-raising efforts

KS2 Poetry Festival

A huge congratulations to Freya, Amber and Harley, who were outstanding representatives of our school at Paul Delaney's Poetry Buzz Festival, held at the Saints Stadium.

Their witty and entertaining performance poems were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, while their expression, confidence and enthusiasm on stage were exceptional.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school. Well done, Freya, Amber and Harley



OPAL - can you help?



We are looking to create a feature like this. If you can donate or know someone who can donate clean guttering or pipes, can you let a member of staff know.

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'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!

Would you rather travel to space or explore the deepest ocean?

Rounders Tournament



There was a great effort by all students and some big improvements in their rounders skills between the first and last game. Well done everyone

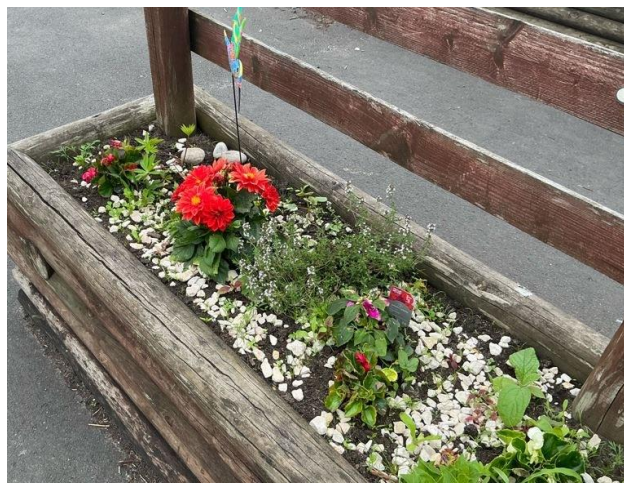
School Ground's Challenge

As you know, before we finished for Whit, we had an own clothes day in exchange for a plant, compost or a decorative ornament for the garden. Then our children set about tidying and replanting their planters on the playground. They look lovely - I hope you agree. JLT went out last week and we had the difficult job of choosing a winner.

The winner was chosen for a number of reasons but in particular the use of sensory herbs and plants to encourage wild life.







And the winner is.....P3



JLT chose this planter because they had incorporated lots of sensory plants and items to encourage wild life to the planter. P3 will receive a whole afternoon of OPAL play as their prize!

SEND in the Spotlight



Looking for a fun, supportive place for young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)?

Vibe Targeted offers an exciting, safe environment for you to enjoy activities, make friends, and have some well-deserved downtime.

When and Where?

Fortnightly Sessions:

- **St Helens Club** - Specific sessions tailored for young people in the area.

What Makes Us Unique?

🌟 **Personalized Experience** – Activities are designed around each young person's needs, incorporating EHCP (Education, Health, and Care Plan) or PBS (Positive Behavior Support) goals.

🎨 **Inclusive Fun** – A safe space for young people to engage in creative and stimulating activities.

💖 **Focus on Life Skills** – Opportunities to develop essential skills while fostering social connections.

🗨️ **Collaborative Approach** – Working closely with families and partners to adapt plans to each individual.

What to Expect:

🎨 **Creative Projects**

🎮 **Games and Interactive Fun**

🌳 **Outdoor Activities**

💡 **Skill-Building Opportunities**

Join us for a fortnightly session where young people can shine, make friends, and grow in a supportive, adaptive environment. Vibe's Saturday Club is here to help every young person thrive!

Green Tip of the Week



Dates for your Diary

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

- 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**
- 3rd 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

326 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 - **96.28%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.34%***

Beat it by Michael Jackson 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'

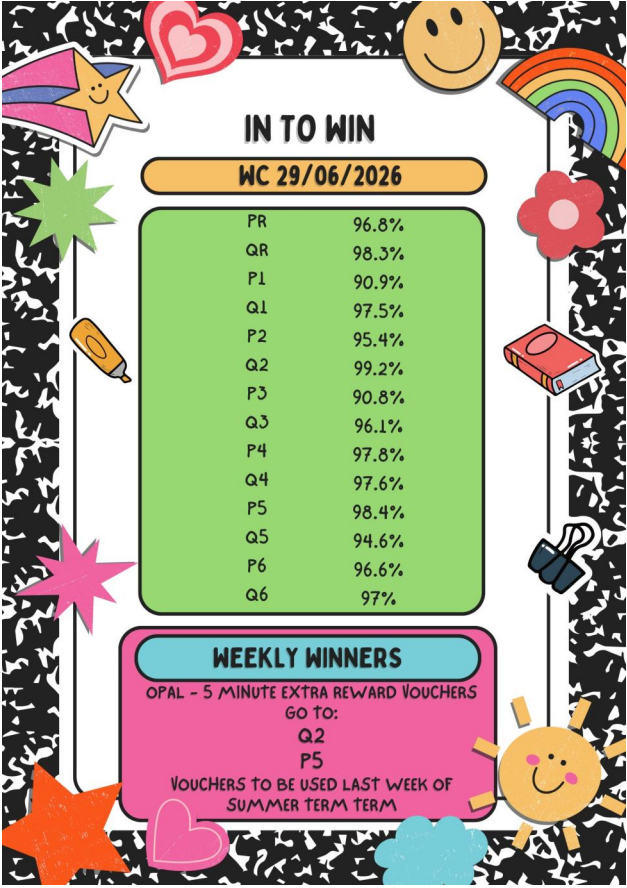
Each week, two teams will compete in a match (set by the Attendance Ambassadors). Winners will be announced weekly in Star Badge assembly.

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 29/06/2026

PR	96.8%
QR	98.3%
P1	90.9%
Q1	97.5%
P2	95.4%
Q2	99.2%
P3	90.8%
Q3	96.1%
P4	97.8%
Q4	97.6%
P5	98.4%
Q5	94.6%
P6	96.6%
Q6	97%

WEEKLY WINNERS

OPAL - 5 MINUTE EXTRA REWARD VOUCHERS
GO TO:
Q2
P5
VOUCHERS TO BE USED LAST WEEK OF
SUMMER TERM TERM



Dojo Winners



This is for new classes this week

P1 Whole Class	Q1 Whole Class
P2 Freddie H	Q2 Ayva S
P3 Fatema R	Q3 Bobby P
P4 Kayden W	Q4 Darcie M
P5 Phoebe C	Q5 Yanishaa J
P6 Aamir A	Q6 Lola T

Star Badge Winners



This is for new classes this week

P1 Whole class	Q1 Whole class
P2 Layla W	Q2 Lillie B
P3 Harry M	Q3 Finley C
P4 Finley C	Q4 Elva G
P5 Arthur F	Q5 Isla R
P6 Matti L	Q6 Florence L

Some of the wonderful achievements and adventures of our children
this week





1 - Briony achieved her purple belt this week at her next grading



2 - Thea has now passed all swimming 1-7 and all junior lifeguard bronze, silver and gold and has officially finished everything open to her age group. What a fantastic achievement!



3 - Jack won a trophy 🏆 at rugby on Sunday



4 - Ava and Mia have passed their swimming lesson course



5 - Thea went swimming after school to start building her confidence for swimming in year 4 she did amazing wel



6 - Double National Champions with her ppc team all over u9 girls teams in whole country 🏆



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Have a lovely weekend