



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 18th September
2026

Our value this term is **thankfulness**. 'Always be thankful' Thessalonians 5:16

Message from Miss Bolan

How is it Friday again! Honestly, another week has absolutely flown by here at Queen's Park Primary and what a busy one it's been. There's been so much learning and fun happening across the school that I thought I'd share some of the highlights with you all.

Our Y6 children have had a brilliant start to the year with their first sporting experience – they've been down to Queen's Park playing Padel. It's wonderful to see them getting stuck into

new activities and trying something different. Meanwhile, Y4 have begun their musical lessons and I have to say, there's nothing quite like hearing music filling the corridors again now that Rocksteady lessons have started up once more. The energy is brilliant.

Next week is European Day of Languages, which means we've got lots of enrichment activities planned across the school day and curriculum. It's one of those occasions that really brings our community together and celebrates the diversity of learning we do here.

I'd like to take a moment to celebrate some wonderful things that have been happening. Our Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength – it's such a valuable provision for our families. Just a gentle reminder though that we ask children not to share food or bring sweets into the club, so please do chat to your child about that.

We've also launched a brand new reading platform called 'Reading on your Head', which replaces Reading Plus and Reading Eggs. It's exciting to see this fresh approach to supporting reading across the school. Speaking of reading, P6 were the winning class of the Summer Reading Challenge and they'll be receiving £25 to spend on new books – well done to them! We also want to give a special mention to Mason in year six, who was the overall winner of the prize draw from the reading challenge. Mason, we're so proud of you.

The Summer Welly Walk was an incredible success, raising over £2,100. I'd like to give a special thank you to Thomas and Eden in Year One, who raised over £500 between them – that's absolutely brilliant. This money will be split between Opal and our Y6 Passion Project, which is raising funds for Willowbrook.

Please remember that we will be closing our Instagram page and Dojo messaging next Friday so please follow the link below and download the Arbor app.

Before I finish, a couple of quick reminders for parents. If your child doesn't have wellies, they won't be able to access our amazing Opal provision, but don't worry – we have lots of spares at the front of school. Also, please do make sure children are bringing a coat with them. Finally, if you've had any issues with the new PE Kit, please return it to the supplier with your concerns.

Miss J. Bolan

Headteacher

Social Media

We take our safeguarding responsibilities really seriously and are always looking at how we can better safeguard our children both within school and online. As you know, our school Instagram account has been a wonderful way of sharing many exciting experiences,

achievements and activities that our children enjoy during the school day and beyond. We know how much our families enjoy seeing what our children are getting up to.

However, the world is changing and as technology develops further in particular, the rapid advance of artificial intelligence (AI) we have carefully considered the potential risks associated with sharing photographs of children on an open social media platform. Our Instagram is accessed by the wider public and we feel that as a school, we need to take a more cautious approach to how we share images of our children.

As a result, we have made the decision to close our social media accounts. We appreciate that this may be disappointing for some families who enjoy scrolling and seeing what our school community is up to but we feel the risk is too great.

Luckily, we have an alternative solution via our class dojo platform. This platform is solely linked to our school and we give permission to add parents to our account. It is 'closed' space that we can share images and updates within a safer platform.

Next step - we will close down our Instagram on Friday 25th September. All parents will be expected to download the Arbor App. This will be the app that we will use for our main communication tool. The direct messages to teachers on dojo will be switched off on Friday 25th September.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me on the door every morning at the back of school.

School Improvement Priorities

Every year, I write an improvement plan to ensure we are always moving forward as a school for our children and families. I have attached the poster outlining what we will be working on this year. Any questions, pop and see me.

School Improvement Strategic Aims 2026 – 2027

Working together for every child to thrive



Leadership and Governance

1 To develop a sustainable, high-performing leadership culture that builds capacity at every level, secures excellent governance and ensures continuous school improvement through effective professional development.

Great leaders • Strong governance • Lasting impact

Inclusion

2 To further develop an inclusive culture where all staff have a secure understanding of sensory needs and consistently deliver high-quality adaptive teaching that meets the individual needs of pupils with SEND, ensuring provision outlined in EHCPs and SEND Support Plans is implemented effectively and enables every child to thrive.

Include • Support • Enable • Thrive

Curriculum and Teaching

3 Embed a consistent, inclusive and evidence-informed approach to teaching and learning that secures strong foundations that makes effective use of digital technology and meets the needs of all pupils.

Strong foundations • Inclusive practice • Future ready

Behaviour and Attendance

4 To embed a consistent behaviour and attendance culture, underpinned by high expectations, positive relationships and a shared sense of belonging, ensuring every pupil attends regularly, behaves responsibly and flourishes within a calm, safe and purposeful learning environment.

Be kind • Be respectful • Belong

Personal Development

5 To further develop a rich, equitable programme of enrichment and develop meaningful opportunities for pupils to lead, contribute and make a positive difference within the school and wider community.

Enrich • Lead • Make a difference

Early Years
(Priority 9)

6 Further develop the quality of Early Years provision by strengthening high-quality adult-child interactions, delivering an adaptive curriculum that secures strong foundations for future learning and creating an inspiring outdoor environment that promotes curiosity, independence and sustained shared thinking.

Curiosity • Confidence • Independence



For with God, everything is possible
Matthew 19:26

Our Values

Love • Trust • Hope • Forgiveness • Respect • Honesty

Caring For Children Course

Coming soon!

NCFE Level 1 Award Caring for Children

FREE course starting Sept 2026!

- *Are you interested in working with young children ages 0-5?*
- *Do you want to know more about how you can support your child's development?*

Come along to our INFORMATION SESSION and meet the tutor!

Contact us to find out more:

Call or Text: Teresa Slee 07749709715 or call 01744 677326
Email: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk
OR
Call our Admin team: 07702 959814
Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

10 am
Thursday 17/9/26
Park Road Learning Centre.
WA9 1HE

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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Adult & Community Learning

Heritage Open Days at The Smithy Heritage Centre

The Smithy will be taking part once more in this years Heritage Open Days event.

We will be open from 12 noon - 5pm on the 19th & 20th of September.

The event will follow on from our current exhibition, "What No Sweets???" a look at a WW2 childhood.

The collection on display belongs to new Joint Curator at the Smithy, Angela Brown who will be carrying out guided tours of the exhibition on both days at 1pm & 3pm. Each item tells it owns story seen through the eyes of a child. In an era of mass consumerism it makes you pause for thought about what it would have been like to live in a time of such shortages and what you would have done to get through it.

Sunday (20th) sees the 11th Great Eccleston Bake-off which will once more be judged by WISH (the ladies of St Helens WI) with much coveted trophies being awarded for 1st and 2nd prize and a special prize for the best decorated that is selected by a peoples vote.



Arbor Parent App



We are pleased to let you know that we are now using 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 soon 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.

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

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.

Green Tip of the Week

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Batch Cook and Freeze Meals



Cooking in batches saves energy by reducing oven usage and helps avoid food waste. Freeze leftovers in reusable containers for quick meals later.

SEND in the Spotlight

What's on in St Helens

Autumn Term 2020



ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting your future success

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network
supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. **No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.**

ST HELENS Community Network Group

Tuesday afternoons during term time
Join us from **12:30pm-2:30pm**
Venue: The Living Well, Alexandra House, Borough Rd, Saint Helens WA10 3RN

No booking needed, just come along

Come along and meet our team, to learn more about neurodiversity from those who can share lived experiences and practical strategies. Our groups create a welcoming, accepting and relaxed environment for parents and carers, knowing you are not on your own.

Get Directions



Willowbrook - The Living Well



The Living Well is located on Borough Road, reachable via the 10 bus routes from St Helens town centre.

Topics this term:

Tues 8 th September	Open tession - come along, get advice and support
Tues 15 th September	Choosing a School
Tues 22 nd September	St Helens Mental Health Support Team
Tues 29 th September	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years
Tues 6 th October	Specific Learning Difficulties - Dyslexia
Tues 13 th October	NEW! Neurodiversity and Self Harm
Tues 20 th October	ADHD and Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria
Half Term Break	
Tues 3 rd November	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Tues 10 th November	TESSA - Education Advice and Support Team
Tues 17 th November	NEW! Neurodiversity and Swimming
Tues 24 th November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Tues 1 st December	Supporting Transition
Tues 8 th December	Introduction to Sensory Processing Difficulties

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If you can't make it face-to-face, join us online...

Online opportunities to learn more about neurodiversity from the comfort of your own home! With your camera and microphone off for your privacy, you can interact using the chat/Q&A feature to ask any questions you may have. Come along, learn more and get some strategies.

Monday Online Community Network Group

Mondays during term time
9:30am - 11:00am
[Click here to register](#)

Mon 7 th September	Autism, ADHD and Masking
Mon 14 th September	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Mon 21 st September	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Mon 28 th September	Open Session - come along, get advice and support
Mon 5 th October	Neurodiversity and Mental Health
Mon 12 th October	ADHD and Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD)
Mon 19 th October	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years

Half Term Break

Mon 2 nd November	Open Session - come along, get advice and support
Mon 9 th November	Tantrums V Meltdowns - knowing the difference
Mon 16 th November	NEW! Neurodiversity and Stimming
Mon 23 rd November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Mon 30 th November	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Mon 7 th December	Neurodiversity and Gender Identity

Wednesday Online Community Network Group

Wednesdays during term time
5:00pm - 6:30pm
[Click here to register](#)

Wed 9 th September	Supporting Behaviours that Challenge
Wed 16 th September	Choosing a School
Wed 23 rd September	NEW! Monotropism - Intense Focus and Interests
Wed 30 th September	NEW! Neurodiversity and Self Harm
Wed 7 th October	Neurodiversity and Mental Health
Wed 14 th October	SEND Jargon Buster
Wed 21 st October	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool

Half Term Break

Wed 4 th November	The Graduated Approach
Wed 11 th November	NEW! The Knowing Me Tool
Wed 18 th November	NEW! Preparing for the Teenage Years
Wed 25 th November	Preparing for the Christmas Break
Wed 2 nd December	Tantrums V Meltdowns - knowing the difference
Wed 9 th December	NEW! Neurodiversity and Stimming

If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges.

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd September - European Day of Languages

Monday 28th September - Y5 visit URC Ormskirk Street for Experience Harvest

Thursday 1st October - EYFS and Y6 Height and Weight Checks in school

Wednesday 7th October - Y3 Play in a Day. Parents invited at 2:30pm

Monday 5th October - Friday 16th October - Y5 Bike-ability

Friday 9th October - EYFS Welcome Service at St Lukes - EYFS Parents welcome

Monday 12th October - World Mental Health Day - All children to wear yellow

Tuesday 13th October - Jewish Visitor in school.

Thursday 22nd October - Autumn Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October - school finishes for half term

Parental Engagement Sessions - Handwriting Help

Year Four - Wednesday 23rd September - 9am

Year Three - Wednesday 30th September -9am

Year Two - Wednesday 7th October -9am

Year One/EYFS - Wednesday 14th October - 9am

Attendance Matters





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

Penalty Notice Fines for School are changing

These changes came into force from 19th August 2024

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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

305 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 - **94.31%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **95.37%***

'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'

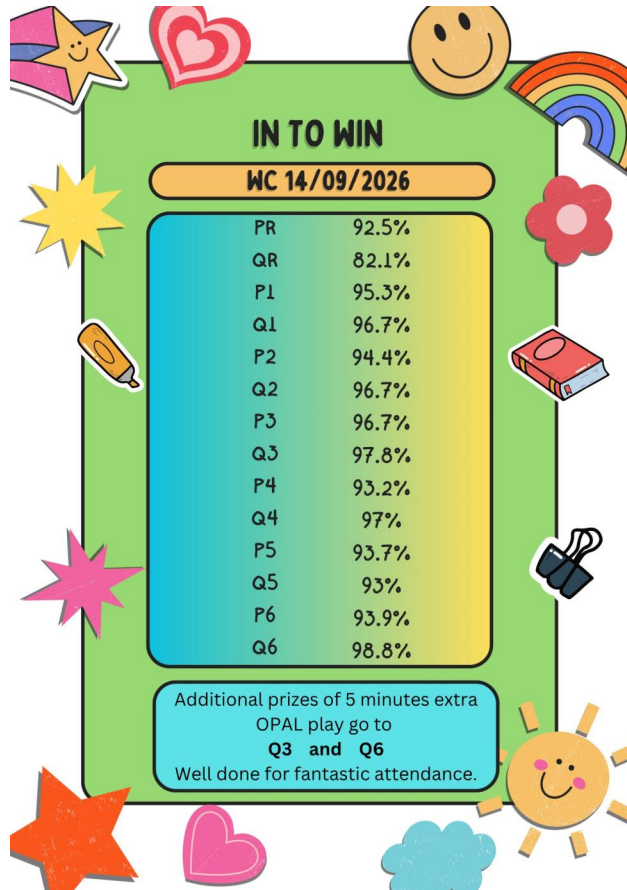
Each week, two teams will compete in a match (set by the Attendance Ambassadors). Winners will be announced weekly in Star Badge assembly.

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!





Dojo Winners



PR Hope G

QR Grace G

P1 Thalia K	Q1 Ayusman K
P2 Billy D	Q2 Leon L
P3 Fatema R	Q3 Charlotte L
P4 Thanvikah K	Q4 Eva Marie BV
P5 Elizabeth G	Q5 Jessica AW
P6 Mahrokh F	Q6 Lola T

Star Badge Winners



PR Archie DC	QR Lucie H
P1 Eden O	Q1 Kobie-Rose H
P2 Alfie K	Q2 Hallie J
P3 Jaxon L	Q3 Michael M
P4 Macy May B	Q4 Elva G
P5 Mia M	Q5 Libby H
P6 Jersey S	Q6 Harley P

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



1 - Stefan and Evie went to the signing of their Mum's new children's book. How amazing is this!



2 - Georgia completed her first dance show of the season at the weekend and got 1st for modern and 2nd for tap.



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Have a wonderful weekend!