



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 25th September
2026

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

Message from Miss Bolan

What a busy and exciting time we've had at school this week! We have been taking about being thankful in worship and I am truly thankful for the team of staff and our wonderful children. There's so much to share with you all and I wanted to take a moment to celebrate what's been happening in school whilst also touching on a few important matters that need our collective attention.

First, the celebrations. This week, we marked the European Day of Languages and it was wonderful to see our children engaging so enthusiastically in languages. It's such an important part of their learning and development, and their curiosity and confidence were really something special to witness.

We're also looking forward to Education Sunday on 4th October, when our three local churches come together to celebrate education. This is a brilliant opportunity for families to join us and we're particularly excited because our school council and pop shop will be involved. If you can make it, we'd absolutely love to see you there.

Now, something I'm genuinely passionate about is preparing our children for leadership. We believe it's absolutely vital that we give them opportunities to develop these skills and I'm delighted to tell you about some of the leadership roles that have recently been established. Our school council met for the first time yesterday, which was fantastic. We've also selected our breakfast buddies, appointed worship leaders and librarians, and I'll be meeting with our newly formed junior leadership team very soon. I'm thrilled to introduce our new head girl Amber and head boy McKenzie, who are supported by their deputies Freya and Georgia, and Lewis and Alex. These young people are going to do a brilliant job and I'm really looking forward to working with them.

On a more practical note, I do need to raise a few concerns that have come to our attention. We've had complaints from residents about parking and littering near the school, so I'd be grateful if we could all be mindful of this when dropping off and picking up. It's about being good neighbours and setting a positive example for our children.

As the nights are drawing in, we're also reminding families about stranger danger for those children who walk home independently. Please do have a chat with them about staying safe and aware.

We've also noticed smoking near the school building and the smoke is coming through the windows and into our classrooms. This is something we need to address together and I'd appreciate everyone's support in tackling this.

Finally, when collecting younger children at the end of the day, please keep them close and away from the steps. This helps us to see parents clearly and ensures everyone stays safe during the busy release times.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Miss J. Bolan

Squishes and Fidget Toys

We would like to remind families that squishes, fidget toys and similar items should not be brought into school, unless they have been specifically agreed as an adaptation to support an identified SEND need.

We understand that children enjoy using these items and they can be useful tools for some children when they are used appropriately as part of an agreed support strategy. However, we are currently finding that toys brought from home are becoming a significant distraction in school. They can lead to children:

- becoming distracted from their learning;
- comparing, swapping and trading toys;
- toys being lost or broken, which can cause upset;
- disagreements between children;

A considerable amount of staff time being spent managing these issues. This takes valuable staff time away from teaching, supporting children's learning and attending to pupils' wider needs. From now on, if a squish, fidget toy or similar item is brought into school without prior agreement, it will be removed from the child and kept safely until the end of the school day. The item will then be returned to the child with a reminder that it should be taken home and not brought back into school.

Where a fidget or sensory item is an agreed teaching or sensory aid linked to a child's SEND needs, this will continue to be supported and managed appropriately by school staff. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a calm, purposeful learning environment where children can focus on learning, friendships and enjoying their time at school.

Social Media

We are closing down our Instagram on today. 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 today.

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

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!

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

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

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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.

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Understanding Phonics



Understanding Phonics:
Supporting Early Reading and Writing

Are you interested in finding out how children learn to read and write?

This course will support you to:

- ✓ Understand how phonics is taught in school
- ✓ Understand key phonics terminology
- ✓ Discover ways to support children's reading and writing skills at home or in a childcare setting

FREE!

Sessions on 8th, 15th and 22nd Oct 2026

Contact us to find out more:
Call or Text: Teresa Slee 07749709715 or call 01744 677328
Email: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk
OR
Call our Admin team: 07702 959814 Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

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Special Harvest Lunch



1 - Please order via school grid as normal

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



SEND in the Spotlight

Neurodevelopment pathway drop ins

NHS Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Come along to one of our drop in sessions in St Helens.

Our team will answer questions you have about the neurodevelopment pathway process.

You don't need to be using our service, you can drop in if you have any questions to ask about this.

We look forward to meeting you.

Tuesdays at Parr Children's Centre and Central Link Family Hub
See details and times below

14 July at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.	8 September at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.	10 November at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
28 July at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.	22 September at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.	24 November at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.
11 August at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.	13 October at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.	8 December at Parr Children's Centre, 9am to 12 noon.
25 August at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.	27 October at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.	22 December at Central Link Family Hub, 1pm to 4pm.

We work with children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental difficulties, who need an assessment to gain a better understanding of their needs.

Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive, St Helens, WA9 2AP
Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street, (off Peter Street), St Helens, WA10 1QF

If you need more information you can contact us on 01744 415 608 or email: mcn-tr.sthelensneuropathway@nhs.net



Dates for your Diary

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

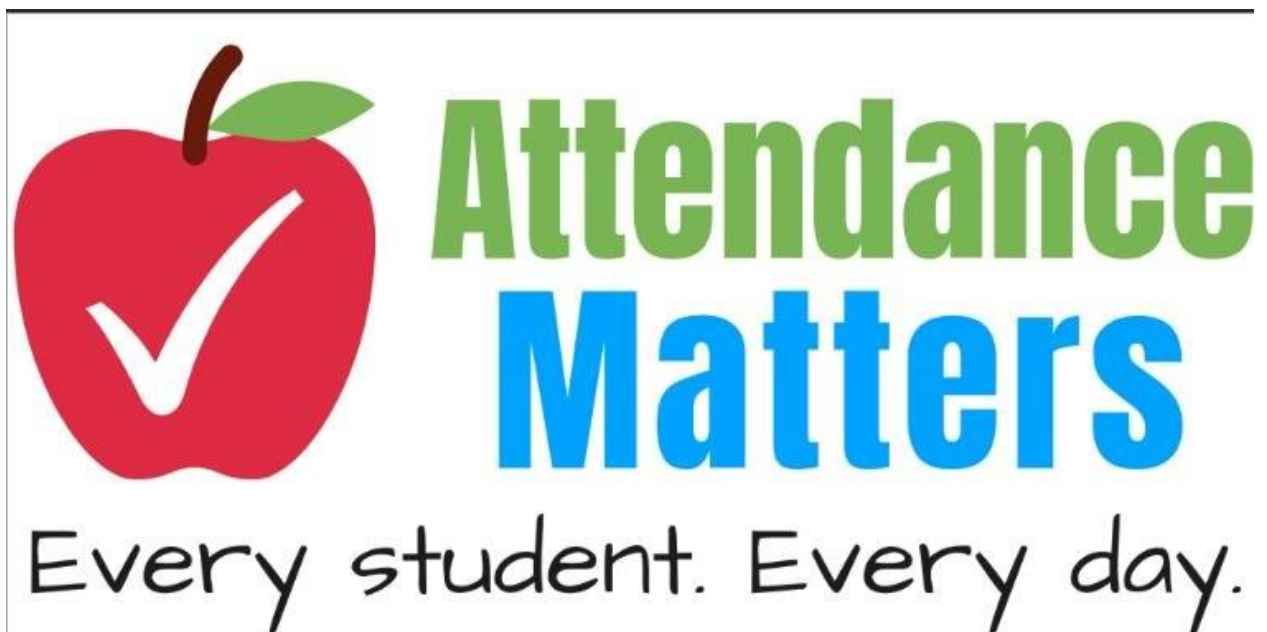
Parental Engagement Sessions - Handwriting Help

Year 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

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.

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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

315 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 - 94.61%

Our Attendance this year so far - 95.13%

Our attendance ambassadors chose 'Defying Gravity' for today's Feel Good Friday song.

'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'

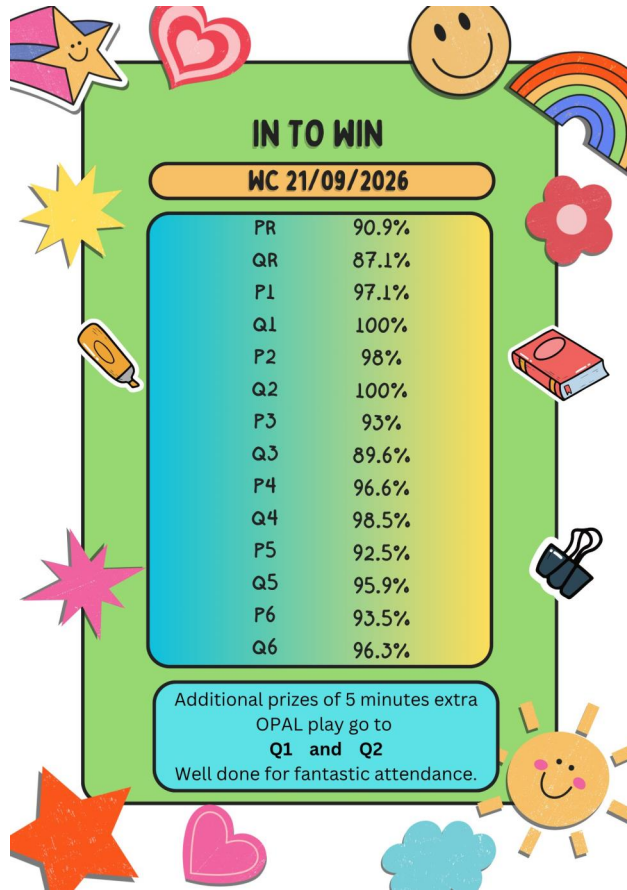
Each week, two teams will compete in a match (set by the Attendance Ambassadors). Winners will be announced weekly in Star Badge assembly.

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 Theo P

QR Asser B

P1 Alannah S	Q1 Layla H
P2 Anderson O	Q2 Arabella M
P3 Natalie G	Q3 Ava Mae W
P4 Lillian N	Q4 Emelia M
P5 Phoebe C	Q5 Jacob T
P6 Xiomara M	Q6 Paige T

Star Badge Winners



PR Isla G	QR Ronnie B
P1 Salman A	Q1 Cierra S
P2 Freddie H	Q2 Yaiswanth J
P3 George H	Q3 Alfie M
P4 Zak R	Q4 Ryan B
P5 Ivy R	Q5 Olivia C
P6 Alex C	Q6 Archie P

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





2 - Poppy got the medal at dance for trying her best



3 - Billy and Lenny enjoying a Viking day.



4 - Harry won opposition player of the match at rugby on Sunday.



5 - Layla completed a 10k walk for Christie's charity for cancer yesterday and we raised £1465 and counting as a family and got she a medal for completing the walk. What a wonderful achievement





6 - Ava enjoyed a show at the weekend and got to meet the singer!

Have a wonderful weekend!