



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 2nd October
2026

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

Message from Miss Bolan

Another busy week at QP. There's so much happening that I wanted to take a moment to share some wonderful news, celebrate some brilliant achievements and remind everyone about a few important things.

First, a warm welcome back to Mrs Warwick, who's returning from maternity leave. It's lovely to have you back with us and we're delighted to have you rejoin the team.

This week, we joined a live assembly held by Picture News focused on allergy awareness and I was really impressed by how engaged all our children were. It's such an important message and I'm pleased to say that every single child in school now understands why allergies matter and how we can all help keep each other safe. It's these kinds of whole-school conversations that really make a difference.

I want to celebrate some fantastic experiences our children have had recently. Our Year 5 children enjoyed a lovely session at URC Ormskirk Street, which was a wonderful learning opportunity for them. We're also thrilled to have had Mr Warner back in school delivering Bikeability to our Year 5 children. It was genuinely lovely to see him here and the children really enjoy the sessions. Bikeability is such a great life skill and it's perfect preparation as they think about moving to secondary school. These kinds of practical, real-world experiences are exactly what we want for our children.

Now, a few reminders for parents and carers. We've noticed that earrings are becoming more common but I do need to remind everyone that they're not part of our uniform and do pose a health and safety risk in school. Please could you remove earrings or cover them with plasters before your child comes in? We appreciate your support with this.

We've also had quite a few very large water bottles coming into school. Of course, we want all our children to stay hydrated throughout the day but the larger bottles are becoming difficult to manage in classrooms and around school. A reasonably sized water bottle would be really helpful and children can always refill during the day if needed. Similarly, just a gentle reminder that squishes aren't for school – we've had a few appearing recently.

Looking ahead, parents' evening is coming up on Thursday 15th October for Y6 and Thursday, 22nd October for EYFS to Y5. Booking will open via School Spider from Monday, 5th October, so do keep an eye out for that. We're also looking forward to Education Sunday on Sunday, 4th October at 10am – we hope to see you there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Our new Junior Leadership Team



Congratulations to our newly formed Junior Leadership Team. It was such a difficult decision to make this year. We had so many worthy applications. Very well done to Amber - our new head girl, McKensie - our new head boy. They are very well supported by our deputy head girls - Freya and Georgia and deputy head boys Lewis and Alex. They will be joined by Poppy and Ethan, our pupil governors. I can't wait to get them started. We have a busy year planned.

Cycle to School Week 2026



We are excited to be taking part in **Cycle to School Week 2026**, running from **Monday 5th to Friday 9th October!**

We are encouraging families to consider cycling or scooting to school where possible. It's a great way to promote **healthy, active travel**, support children's independence and help us to reduce car journeys and our impact on the environment.

Year 5 trip to URC Ormskirk Street

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Ormskirk Street URC for providing such a wonderful Harvest session for our Year 5 children. The children had a truly special experience learning about the important values of **generosity, humility, joy, peace and faithfulness**. It was lovely to see them engaged, thoughtful and excited as they explored what these values mean and how they can put them into practice in their everyday lives





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.

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>

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



Piano Lessons



**QUEENS PARK
PIANO LESSONS**

FUN IN-SCHOOL PIANO LESSONS
RECEPTION - YEAR 6
EXAMS OPTIONAL

**LIMITED
SPACE**

Contact Steph for more information and to reserve your child's place
steph@minimozartsmusic.com
www.minimozartsmusic.com

1 - Please contact Steph for more information steph@minimozartsmusic.com

Special Harvest Lunch



2 - Please order via school grid as normal

Pupil Pick

CALLING ALL PUPILS & PARENTS!

Now is the time to cast your votes and decide on your school menu. You're in control!

[Catering Service Event - Pupils Pick! 2026/2027](#)

On the 14th of January, We will be serving food that has been voted and chosen by pupils as the St Helens Catering Service's pupils pick day returns. It's a great opportunity to get involved, try new food and celebrate with us. The occasion is aimed to be pupil focused giving every child a real voice.

Votes must be placed by the close of play - **Friday 23rd October**

VOTING IS NOW OPEN!

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

Learning Programmes

Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

This programme equips parents and carers with a greater understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs and provides practical strategies that support the difficulties that may present:

- **Neurodevelopmental Conditions** – including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.
- **Managing everyday challenges and behaviours** – including sleep, toileting and eating difficulties.
- **Your Local Offer**, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and Education Health Care Plans.

No referral or diagnosis is needed.

Face-to-Face Programme in WA10, St Helens
Wednesdays during the school day
From **9:30am – 2:45pm**
Venue: Peter Street Community Centre,
Peter Street, St Helens WA10 2EQ

[Click here for directions](#)

Contact us to register

Session 1 & 2	Session 3 & 4	Session 5 & 6
Wednesday 4 th November	Wednesday 11 th November	Wednesday 18 th November

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th October - Flu vaccination - Whole 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 15th October - Autumn Parents' Evening Y6

Thursday 22nd October - Autumn Parents' Evening EYFS to Y5

Friday 23rd October - school finishes for half term

Parental Engagement Sessions - Handwriting Help

Year Two - Wednesday 7th October -9am

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

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.
- 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

319 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 - **95.69%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **95.28%***

Beat it by Michael Jackson was today's Feel Good Friday song.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Ring the school office before 9am to report your child's absence.

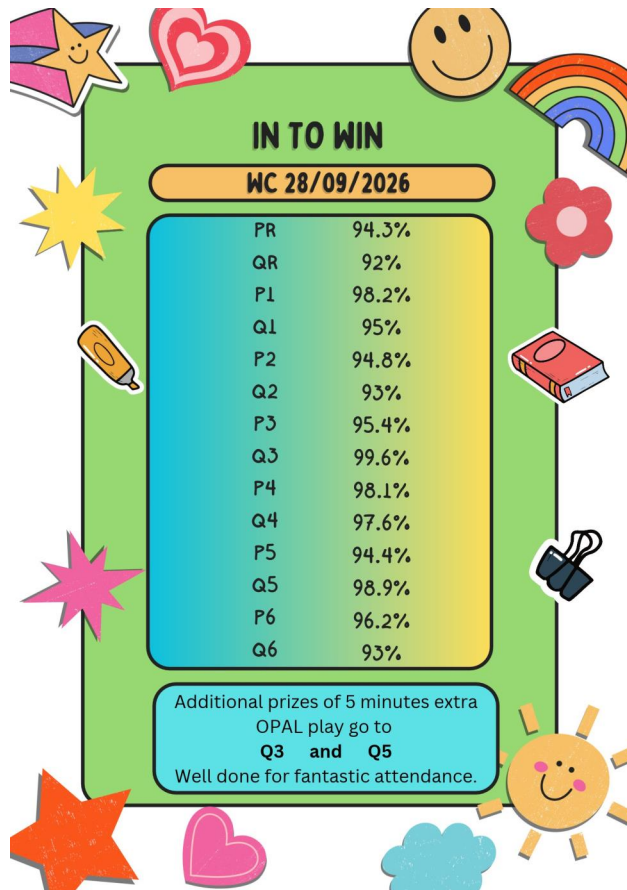
If you are unable to call the office then please leave a message on Arbor. Click on attendance and then log absence.

Be on time. Remember, the school gates open at 8.40am and close at 9am.

Provide evidence for any medical appointments if you are unable to arrange them outside of school hours.

Speak to a member of the attendance team if you need support or have any concerns about your child's attendance. We are here to help.

Medication can be left in school at the main office. A form will need to be completed, and the medication must be labelled with your child's name.





Dojo Winners



PR Harry H

QR Ziggi M

P1 Gray G	Q1 Ethan H
P2 Abdul A	Q2 Leon L
P3 Ethan E	Q3 Mason B
P4 Macy May B	Q4 Scarlet ML
P5 Rory M	Q5 Kai M
P6 Amelia J	Q6 Crystal U

Star Badge Winners



PR Archie DC	QR Joseph M
P1 Layla O	Q1 Noah C
P2 Ruben J	Q2 Isaac G
P3 Freddie G	Q3 Scarlett TC
P4 Thanvikah K	Q4 Nettie W
P5 Harry C	Q5 Jessica AW
P6 Matty L	Q6 Oliver B

The Queens Park Way Award

PR Ava Mai G	QR Ruby S
P1 Ayesha R	Q1 Fatima H
P2 Nurain A	Q2 Lillie B
P3 Scarlett A	Q3 Ava Mae W

P4 Eliza H

Q4 Elliot R

P5 Thea R

Q5 Harry W

P6 Nacho PP

Q6 Megan P

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





3 - Bradley got man of the match for rugby



4 - Matthew has enjoyed making, writing producing, recording, starring in and of course walking the red carpet to attend his film premiere. Very proud!



5 - Phoebe and Belle got their yellow stripe belt and kickboxing this morning



6 - Noah receiving his brown belt in kickboxing

Have a wonderful weekend!