



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 23rd May 2025

**Our value this half-term is - Generosity. 'God loves a cheerful giver'
Corinthians 9:7**

Message from Mrs Kellett

What a fantastic week we've had at Queen's Park Primary School! I'm buzzing with excitement and can't wait to share all the wonderful things that have been happening.

First off, let's talk about our amazing Week of Sports. We've just wrapped up a series of brilliant Sports Days for our EYFS, KS1, and KS2 children. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, blessing us with sunshine and warmth throughout the events. But you know what was even more heartwarming? The incredible atmosphere created by our supportive parents and carers.

Your presence and encouragement made all the difference! I was so proud to see our children giving it their all, competing with enthusiasm and showcasing some fantastic teamwork. It's moments like these that remind us of the importance of sports in developing not just physical skills, but also character and camaraderie.

Now, I've got some exciting news to share that's got me feeling like a proud headteacher (which, let's face it, I always am when it comes to our school!). Queen's Park was selected to be part of the St Helens Festival for Learning. This was a huge honour for us, and we opened our doors to various teachers and council leaders to showcase our wonderful curriculum. They were absolutely blown away! The engagement and behaviour of our children left them impressed, and the practice they saw in our classrooms, thanks to our wonderful teaching and support staff, was second to none. It's moments like these that make me realise just how special our Queen's Park community is.

Before I sign off, I've got an important date for your diaries. School reopens on **Tuesday 3rd June** with an own clothes day in exchange for a sensory plant, compost or something for the class .

We have noticed some of our younger children playing in the bushes at the front of school. They have been cut back but please supervise your children. They are climbing and the shrub is not strong enough to take their weight and they could get hurt.

Thank you all for your continued support and for being part of what makes Queen's Park such a fantastic place to learn and grow. Have a great break, stay safe, and we'll see you in June!

Uniform Expectations

I just wanted to remind you that it is an expectation that the children come in full school uniform every day. This includes PE kit. We are seeing lots of coloured leggings and extremely 'short' shorts which are not appropriate for school. I will be purchasing extra blue PE shorts and will be asking the children to change if they continue to come in wearing these shorts. I would appreciate your support with this please.

Smile Squad



I have been asked to share an upcoming event that promises to be both fun and beneficial for our children – the **Smile Squad**. This initiative is a collaborative effort between St Helens Family Hubs, the University of Liverpool School of Dentistry, and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP), aimed at promoting early years oral health care. Can you please circulate and where possible support families attendance?

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 4th June 2025
- **Time:** 10.00am to 2.00pm
- **Location:** Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street (off Peter Street), St Helens WA10 1QF




What will the Smile Squad team do? A Smile Squad team member will conduct a brief oral health check for each child. This check will not replace the usual dental check-up, but it will help identify if further assessment is needed. We can also assist families who do not currently have a dentist. Our goal is to help ease children's dental anxiety and ensure they receive the care they need.

Additional Activities:

- Tips and tricks for maintaining healthy teeth and gums, provided by the Smile Squad team and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP).
- Free samples of toothpaste and toothbrushes.
- Meet and greet with Croc-o-Smile and Captain Tuck, our friendly mascots.

Why are we doing this? Healthy teeth are essential for a child's well-being and development. Tooth decay and sore teeth are preventable, and we understand that accessing dental care can be challenging for some families. This event aims to bridge that gap and provide valuable resources and support.

Contact Information:

-  Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
-  Call: 01744 673420
-  Text: 07761 045427

JLT presents the 'School Ground's Challenge 2025

Every year, we set each class a challenge to plant up and look after their planter on the playground. This encourages the children to look after our school grounds and take pride in their surroundings. This year, JLT wanted to work on making our playground more sensory by adding colour and smell.

On **Tuesday 3rd June**, we will be having an 'own clothes day', and we are asking that you send your child in with a colourful bedding plant, a herb for our herb garden or some compost to renew the planters. I will also be giving every class £20 to support their design. JLT will pick a winner towards the end of the Summer term.

Play Club

WEEKLY STAY AND PLAY

When: STARTING AFTER EASTER, Mondays, 3-4:15pm
This is, of course, WEATHER DEPENDENT!

Where: On our school field



We are inviting you to come and explore and most importantly, play, our school field with your child(ren), every week on Mondays, after-school.

Why not come and play on our field instead of going to the park? Come and explore our amazing outdoor space and see what amazing possibilities there already for play! (And we haven't even finished developing yet!)

There will be staff there to supervise the site, and provide first aid (if needed) but **you will be responsible for your child(ren) during this time - a parent/carer must remain with the child(ren).**

Children who attend will be able to gain points towards their Children's University accreditation.

We hope to see lots of you every week!

I have attached some exciting information about a weekly 'Play Club' after school. Come and enjoy our OPAL facilities with your child.

Staff Shout Out



Today's shout out has a double purpose. Miss Latham will no longer be a 'Miss' after the holidays. Miss Latham gets married on Saturday and we all wish her a lifetime of love and laughter. For those of you who don't know, Miss Latham is our 'Chief of Fancy Dress' Miss Latham absolutely embraces every dress up day and her costumes have always been 'show-stopping' Her greetings on the door have been memorable and the children are always so excited to see what creation she comes in next. Miss Latham is also skilled in anything to do with medicines, needles or monitors. She supports our children brilliantly and we are so lucky to have her.

Learn to Ride

We have been asked to pass on information about a Learn to Ride Session at Mesne Park Ranger Centre on Wednesday 28th May. The link is below and is now live for bookings but there is limited availability.

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=liverpool&course=child-group>

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Just a reminder that we have been successful in applying to be part of the Tesco Blue Token scheme. You can vote for our Opal programme in three stores

Tesco Express - Bowness Avenue

Tesco Express - Windle Island

Tesco Extra - on the Link Way.

Please let all your family and friends know to vote for QP.

Please share this video link with your family and friends

[Tesco Stronger Starts](#)

Thank you to Ivy in Y5 for donating last time she was in the store.



Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 23rd May - school closes for Whit holiday**
- **Tuesday 3rd June - school reopens**
- **Tuesday 3rd June - Own Clothes Day - School Ground's Challenge**
- **Tuesday 3rd June - Y4 taking their Multiplication Check all week**
- **Monday 9th June - Y6 Leavers' Service at the Anglican Cathedral**
- **Monday 9th June - Phonics Screening Check week**
- **Tuesday 10th June - New EYFS Parents' meeting 5pm**
- **Friday 20th June - Children's University Graduation (am)**
- **Monday 7th July - Transition Week**
- **Friday 11th July - Vision Awards**
- **Friday 11th July - Reports to Parents**
- **Monday 14th July - Y6 Production (evening)**
- **Friday 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Service**



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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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

331 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 - **95.3%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **94.6%***

Individual Class Attendance

PR 91.4%	QR 97.2%
P1 98.1%	Q1 91.9%
P2 92.7%	Q2 96.7%
P3 96.2%	Q3 96.8%
P4 88.6%	Q4 97.1%
P5 94.3%	Q5 96.3%
P6 98%	Q6 97.4%

Dojo Winners



PR Cienna S

QR Abdulmalik A

P1 Esme G

Q1 Ella M

P2 Melvyn C

Q2 Harrison G

P3 Paige C

Q3 Charlie H

P4 Oliver B

Q4 Kiki A

P5 Georgia M

Q5 Kian H

P6 William M

Q6 Harry P

Star Badge Winners



PR Ava T

QR Colby B

P1 Grayson D

Q1 Charlie P

P2 Ismail A

Q2 Madison J

P3 Milani M

Q3 Kai M

P4 Jacob L

Q4 Jessica Rose LW

P5 Harvey O

Q5 Jak L

P6 Casey M

Q6 Laisie R

Some of the wonderful adventures and achievements of our children over the last week





1 - Harrison built his very own ladder with his dad last weekend using his tools



2 - Eric had a wonderful visit to Kenyon hall last weekend! He went on the junior farmers spring adventure and created a hover fly lagoon to help the insects in his garden at home!!



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4 - Rhys and Harry went to a zoo and had a zoo keeper day. They fed and got to meet lemurs, meerkats, hedgehogs, snakes, a skunk and a monitor lizard.



5 - Phoebe and Belle's first time horse riding



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7 - Joe was awarded 'Man of the match'



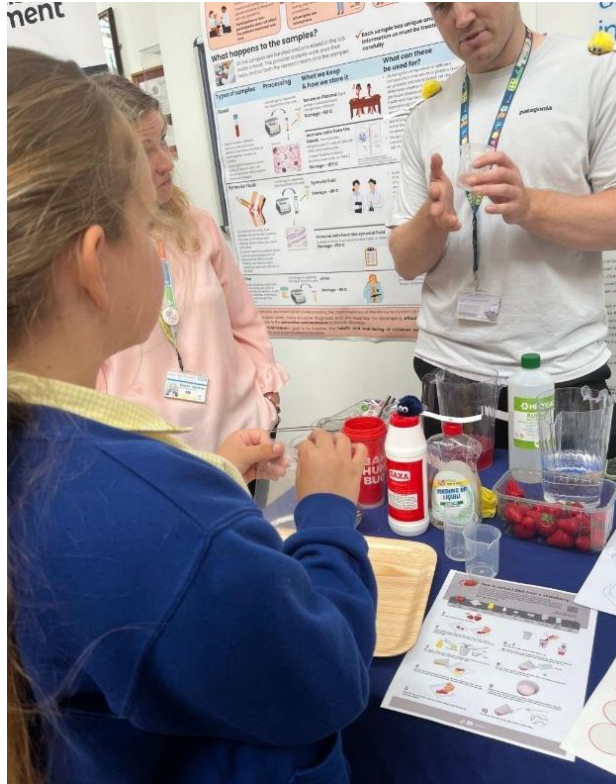
8 - Violet and Isla made their Guide promise this week.



9 - Coaches player of the match for Jenson



10 - Joseph learnt to put up his own bivy shelter ready for his first night away as a Scout.



11 - Ivy Rae was asked to learn about DNA at Alder Hey and have her pictures taken for their website

Have a wonderful half term break