

QUEEN'S PARK INFANT ACADEMY

A happy school; learning, caring, succeeding together

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to introduce our exciting new school values that will guide our children throughout their learning journey here at Queen's Park Infants Academy!

As we embark on this adventure together, we encourage our students to **Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Successful, and Be Respectful**. These values are not only essential for their academic success but also for their personal growth and well-being.

At the first assembly of the year, we introduced our 4 value bees to the children – they have may mentioned these to you already? Each bee will take a turn in the spotlight as we focus on how they can help us. Our superstar assemblies each week will also have a bee focus. Last week was “Be Safe”, with the adults watching for children walking safely along the corridors and playing safely outside. The “Be Safe” bee also helps us with online safety so he will be back soon for that!

Please meet the bees overleaf, along with the definitions that we will continue to build upon this year. This is an exciting journey for us here at QPIA and I look forward to leading this with Mrs Edwards across the coming year.

Warm regards,

Miss Donald

Deputy Head

We have got some super new signs around



THE FOUR BEES

Be Kind



You will see us...

Saying kind words.
Using kind hands.
Taking turns and sharing.
Offering to help.
Noticing when some one is sad.
Giving each other high fives, holding hands
and giving hugs.
Caring for one another.

You will hear us say....

I like your And giving compliments.
Please and thank you.
Would you like to play?
Can I help you?
Let's do this together.
How can I make it better?

Be Respectful



You will see us...

Welcome everyone with a smile and a hello.
Being role models for others to learn from.
Looking after equipment.
Looking after our environment.
Walking quietly around the school.
Replying respectfully.
Holding doors open for each other.

You will hear us say....

Hello.
Good morning!
Please and thank you.
Sorry.
Excuse me?
Do you want to play with me?
Pardon, I did not hear you?
Have a good day!

Be Safe



You will see us...

Being safe with our hands and feet.
Walking calmly and quietly around the school.
Listening to instructions to stay safe.
Using equipment correctly.
Using the high 5.
In the right place at the right time.
Using technology safely.
Talking with trusted adults about our worries.

You will hear us say....

Can I help you?
Can you help me please?
I need time to talk.
I'm worried.
Can I go to the Rainbow room?
Stop - I don't like it.
I need some calm time.
Let's look after each other.

Be Successful



You will see us...

Looking and listening to the person talking.
Following instructions.
Starting our learning quickly.
Trying our best and giving things a go.
Practising, even when it is hard.
Being brave and challenging ourselves.
Setting goals.
Having fun and celebrating.

You will hear us say....

I can...
I'll have a go.
I can learn from my mistakes.
With more practise it will get easier.
I'll keep trying.
I'm still learning.
I've been successful.
I feel proud.

NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Year 2 Art Gallery



Well what a busy and exciting start we have had in Year 2! In Art this half term we are learning how to use clay to make pinch pots. To inspire the children we set up a gallery exhibition of clay sculptures and pots that Mrs Truesdale has made. She talked to the children about how she made them.

I liked how they made pots of different animals like snakes and owls.

said Francesca.

I liked how they made little bumps on the pots. I'm going to do the same when I make mine.

Sophie said...

I liked how they made the clay shiny.

It was good how they made the shapes on the clay.

noticed Mira.

observed Amelia.

Harvest Festival at the Church

Each Year 2 class had a chance to visit the church, where we learnt about Harvest.



Everyone listened very carefully!

Isabella enjoyed Kim's Game.

I liked the shopping bag game and trying to guess what it was made out of.

I liked guessing which food was missing.

Chinmay told us...

Ezra had a favourite!

Dylan said...

I liked the wheat because Renate said it could make lots of different things.

I liked making the wreaths.



NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Fire, Fire!

The children are absolutely loving learning about the Great Fire of London! Ben from the Treehouse Theatre came in and led a drama workshop with each class so they could be fully immersed in the History.



They made bucket chains



They imagined pulling down the houses to make a fire break.



They slept on the floor of the bakery and imagined what it would have felt like to be woken up with the smell of smoke and people screaming 'Fire!'

We had a bucket race to put the fire out. It was fun!

Pratha in Butterflies told us...

We had name tags that were popular in 1666.

Oscar in Butterflies said...



Next week we have Dorset Fire Service coming in to speak to the children about Fire Safety.

MATHS



Maths Fluency Bee

As another academic year is well and truly underway, we are excited to share some updates to our maths curriculum at QPIA! We would like to introduce parents to the Fluency Bee programme, which is designed to develop and build each child's confidence when working with number. Through quick and engaging sessions, it enables children to practise key number facts that can be recalled automatically to support their building of conceptual understanding. Fluency Bee is currently taking place between 3-5 times a week in school as staff and children begin to familiarise themselves with the scheme.

In Year 1, children have already begun to recap and consolidate their skills in subitising (recognising amounts without counting)

What do you see? How do you see it?

I see 2 pink dots and 3 blue dots.
I see 5 dots altogether.

How do you see 10?

I can see 8 and 2 I can see 5 and 5

Have a think


In Year 2, the children have been consolidating key number facts within 10 exploring the composition of each number.

In short, Fluency Bee makes learning maths simple and fun - for both the children and staff! Do ask your child about what they have been learning in Fluency Bee and see what they tell you!

Mr Spokes – Maths Lead

OUR SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

PFA NEWS

 Welcome Back to all our friends and supporters!


After a well-deserved summer break, our PFA (Parent and Friends Association) is active again.

 Meeting Update – Thu 25 Sept

Emma Wellard has stepped down as Chair. Matt Harvey is now our new Chair.

Jenny James was elected as Secretary.


Nic Hopper continues as Treasurer.


 Thank you to everyone who came — it was lovely to see new faces supporting our school!


 Next Event – Fri 24 Oct 2025

Join us for our first event of the year:

Uniform, Cake & Book Sale

 Outside the studio

 At pickup time (end of school day)

 Grab a treat before the half-term break!

 Want to Help?

We always welcome extra help — big or small!

If you'd like to get involved, please fill out this form:

[Volunteer Form](#)

SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Mrs Parker—Our Family Support Worker

Most of you will have seen or met Mrs Parker. Her job is to support you and your family while you are part of the Queen's Park Infant Academy family.



If you have any worries, or any changes in your circumstances that may affect your child, she is happy to listen and offer support. We know the smallest things, like losing a family pet or a friend moving house, can feel big to a young child, and Mrs Parker and the Rainbow Room are a safe space to work through feelings and emotions.

Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing

We think this series of online sessions looks really helpful. It is always good to learn ways we can support our children and each other. Our mental health is so important, and the more we know, the more we can be reassured and supported.

If you want to find out a bit more, [click here](#) to go to the Bounce Forward website.

There you can see what each session covers and if you want to, you can sign up for a 6 week course, starting on 6th November.



EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE

B bounce forward | **HKF** HARRY KANE FOUNDATION

Bounce Forward, in collaboration with the Harry Kane Foundation, are gifting a series of six online sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and tools to foster mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for themselves and their children.

What we'll cover

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Nurturing optimism and thinking flexibly to overcome adversity
- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

FROM THE OFFICE TEAM

The Late Book

If you arrive at school after the gates have been locked and enter through the main office please sign your child into school by completing the late book. We will take them to their classrooms

Medication

If your child needs to take a dose of prescribed medicine during the school day, (4 x a day only) please come to the main office where you will need to fill in a form with one of our first aiders. Please do not send medicine into school in book bags.

Please be aware that we are unable to administer Calpol to children unless prescribed as part of a medical plan.

Named Clothing

Please can all items of clothing including: School uniform, hats, coats, PE kit, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc be clearly named.

It makes it much easier to reunite them with the right person if they are lost.

Bikes and Scooters



The school cannot accept liability for bicycles and scooters left on the school grounds. The gates and bike sheds are locked during the day between 9am and 3pm, but at all other times they may be insecure and unattended, so please take bikes and scooter home at the end of each day.

Please remember bikes and scooters are not allowed in the playground unless being carried by an adult.

Second Hand Uniform

Our PFA have lots of good quality second hand uniform which can save you lots of money! Please email them on qpia.pfauniform@gmail.com

Parking Outside School

To keep children safe & healthy, please **turn your engines off** when parked on the road outside school.



ARBOR—Parent Portal

Please make sure that you have signed up for the Parent Portal.

Did you know on the Arbor Parent Portal you can:

- Check the contact details we have registered for your child
- Amend contact details
- Add dietary requirements
- See your child's attendance
- Pay for trips online
- Book Bee Happy After School Club

It is best, once you have registered via the Arbor website, to then download the App onto your phone with notifications activated, as you can also receive messages via the App.

If you need the register email re sent, please email the office on

gpia.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk

Important Information Regarding Absence Messages

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line.

The phone number is **01202 528805** and choose Option 1. Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence.

You can also send an SMS via Arbor to let us know.

If no explanation for absence is received, you will be sent a text via the Arbor system. You can then either respond to this text or phone the



Dates For Your Diary



Some key dates for this term...

Autumn Term 2025

13th—17th October: Parents Evenings Year 1 and Year 2
Please sign up to see your child's class teacher

Wednesday 15th October: Reception Phonics Drop In Event 2.30pm

20th—24th October: Parents Evenings Reception
**Please sign up to see your child's class teacher **

Friday 24th October: PFA Books and Uniform Event

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October: Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November: INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 4th November: Children back to school

Wednesday 12th November: Individual School Photographs

Friday 14th November: Children In Need

Thursday 27th November: School Nurse Drop-In 9am-10am

Wednesday 10th December: Flu Vaccinations

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January: Christmas Holidays

Staff Training Days 2025-2026

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026- CLP Trust Inset

Friday 22nd May 2026