

BOYS' PREP SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM 2024 SPORT NEWSLETTER



Barney
Sports Ambassador

Across the School, the new academic year has started with a bang. Year 3 made an impressive debut playing their first-ever football matches against other schools. Each Key Stage 2 year group has participated in tournaments, including the Hampton Tournament for Years 5 and 6. The Year 6 A-team set a record by reaching the semi-finals of the Surrey Prep Schools Cup and will face Milbourne Lodge School on 25 November.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us by coming to watch the matches. It means a lot to the boys and adds to the vibrant atmosphere on match days.

Beyond football, the boys have excelled in other sports. At the Epsom College Cross Country event, boys from Years 5 and 6 achieved some fantastic times. Additionally, before the term began, some Year 6 boys participated in the 1000th Park Run at Bushy Park, a remarkable milestone.

Reception pupils have been enthusiastically diving into their first PE and Games lessons, especially enjoying the sessions when their Year 6 buddies join in. Meanwhile, co-curricular clubs before and after school continue to be hugely popular, offering opportunities for rugby, football, hockey, and more—a great way to unwind after a day in the classroom.

Swimming has been another highlight, with Year 1 pupils enjoying weekly lessons to build water confidence and older boys engaging in water polo. Running Club remains a firm favourite, with Year 3 boys pushing the older boys to quicken their pace along the river.

A special mention goes to Year 4, who had an unforgettable time on their first sports tour to St George's Park, playing on iconic grounds and soaking in the atmosphere. Many didn't want the weekend to end!

As we look forward to next term and the start of the rugby season, we reflect on a fantastic start to the year. Wishing everyone a merry and restful Christmas!

Barney & Freddie



Freddie
Sports Ambassador

A Message from your Sports Ambassadors

This term has been action packed with plenty of exciting sports events and accomplishments. The 2024/2025 Year 6 football squad has been particularly strong, with many enjoyable games and tournaments. Football has been a highlight, with supportive teammates making it a positive experience—even when mistakes happen, like accidentally catching the ball mid-play! Training sessions have been engaging, and the coaches have been fantastic. While I have only participated in one tournament, the Surbiton U11 Football Festival, it was a memorable event organised brilliantly by Mr Gallop. All the boys enjoyed playing against some excellent teams.

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Team of the Season

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Year 4 Sports Tour

The Year 4 Sports Tour was an action-packed adventure filled with memorable experiences. The team played fixtures against Fairfield Prep, demonstrating their skills and teamwork. They trained with FA coaches at St George's Park, enhancing their abilities and gaining valuable insights. The group stayed at the Hilton Hotel, ensuring they were well-prepared for the exciting days ahead. They also enjoyed a fun-filled session of Laser Quest, with some teachers hilariously jumping on the VR machine to the boys' amusement. A thrilling Championship match between Derby County and QPR at Pride Park added to the excitement, and to round off the tour, the team had a fantastic training session with Stoke City Academy, further sharpening their football talents.



Year 1 Swimming

This term's Year 1 swimming programme has focused on building foundational skills in stroke development and enhancing water confidence. The boys have made fantastic strides, becoming more comfortable in the water and starting to grasp the basics of various strokes. It's been rewarding to see their confidence grow with each session. We are looking forward to observing how these skills progress and build upon this strong foundation after Christmas.

Swimming/Water Polo Update

The Swimming and Water Polo Club has had a fantastic term, focusing on skill development and enjoyment. Swimmers have made strides in technique and confidence, mastering elements such as streamlined glides and improved breathing. Water polo sessions introduced ball handling, positioning, and teamwork, which everyone embraced with enthusiasm. The progress and camaraderie have been inspiring, and it will be exciting to see how these foundational skills develop further next term.



Sport Talks 2025

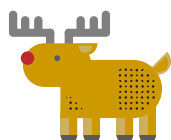
'The Concussion Journey' with Barney Davies, Thursday 9 January 2025.

This event will take place in the Surbiton Assembly Rooms Small Hall, with doors opening at 6.45pm and the talk beginning promptly at 7.00pm.

Part of Mr Joshua Trigwell's 'Virtual Series'

'The Importance of Anatomy', Tuesday 21 January, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

'How Elite Athletes Optimise Self Talk and Visualisation', Wednesday 5 March, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.



U11 Surbiton Football Tournament

This term, we proudly hosted the Surbiton Football Festivals, showcasing fantastic talent and a strong sense of community on the pitch. The term kicked off with the traditional U11A event at the start of September, setting a high standard with a tournament of outstanding quality, skilful play, and thrilling drama. Teams competed fiercely but respectfully, with each match adding to the intensity and excitement of the day. The U11A teams displayed impressive skill and determination, making for a memorable event and a true celebration of football.

A new addition this year was the U11 Developmental Festival, which gave our U11 developmental squads their first experience of representing the School in weekend sport. This addition was a resounding success, with players stepping up brilliantly and competing with enthusiasm and dedication. The matches were played in fantastic spirit, emphasising sportsmanship and teamwork, and creating an inclusive environment that allowed every participant to enjoy the game and improve their skills.

Both events highlighted the commitment and passion our young players have for football, and it was rewarding to see them perform with such maturity and respect for the sport. A huge thanks to everyone involved in organising these festivals and to the players, coaches, and supporters who made the events so successful. We look forward to building on this positive experience at future festivals.

U9 Caterham Football



The U9 Caterham Tournament was a thrilling experience for our team, who showed outstanding skill and teamwork throughout the morning. They played fantastic football in the group stage, earning their place in the plate competition. The semi-final saw the team truly click, delivering an impressive 5-0 victory. In a tense final, they held their nerve and emerged victorious on penalties, showcasing their resilience and composure. It was a superb performance from start to finish, and a memorable day for all involved. Well done to the players and coaches for their hard work and determination.

U10 Twickenham Prep Football

The U10 Twickenham Prep Tournament was a fantastic showcase of skill and teamwork, with two Year 5 teams representing the School brilliantly. The B-team delivered strong performances, narrowly missing out on the top spot to finish in a commendable second place, a testament to their hard work and determination. Meanwhile, the A-team was outstanding, going undefeated to claim victory in the tournament. Their consistent, powerful displays throughout were impressive, and both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and pride in representing the School. Congratulations to all players and coaches for their fantastic efforts and well-deserved success.



Year 2 Football Festival

The Year 2 Football Festival, hosted at Hinchley Wood, was a fantastic event that brought together 12 local state schools in a friendly, participation-focused tournament. Designed to give both boys and girls valuable football match experience, the festival was a wonderful opportunity for players to develop their skills and enjoy the game in a supportive atmosphere. Our Year 2 boys had their first taste of school fixtures and performed impressively, showing enthusiasm and skill throughout the morning. A big thank you goes to Mr White for organising and hosting such a successful and enjoyable event.



U8 KCS Tournament

The U8 KCS Tournament was a tremendous success, with our team of Year 3 pupils—and one Year 2 player—competing brilliantly. In the group stage, the team showed skill, teamwork, and determination, securing their place in the bowl tournament. Their hard work paid off as they advanced to the final, where they claimed victory over Finton House in an exciting showdown. It was a fantastic achievement for all involved, and a huge congratulations goes to the players and coaches for their dedication and effort. Well done to all!



U10 KCS Tournament

The U10 KCS tournament at KCS Wimbledon was a fantastic showcase of talent, with our two Year 5 squads delivering outstanding performances and playing wonderful attacking football. The B-team had an impressive run in the group stage, showing great skill and determination to qualify for the plate. They battled hard in the quarterfinals but were narrowly defeated 1-0. The A-team was unstoppable, going unbeaten throughout the tournament and claiming the cup victory with a solid 2-0 win against Milbourne Lodge in the final. Congratulations to all the boys for their effort and commitment, and to the coaches for guiding the teams to success.



Inter House Football

The season's inter-House football was a fantastic culmination of our football programme, marked by friendly rivalry, skilful play, and strong camaraderie. Each House competed with determination and pride, creating an atmosphere charged with both community spirit and competitive excitement. The players brought their best to every match, showcasing the development and teamwork they have honed throughout the season. This traditional event provided a fitting close, as pupils not only displayed their skills but also a deep sense of pride in representing their Houses. It was a wonderful day that reinforced the unity and sportsmanship central to our school community.

Winners were as follows:

Year 3 – Arundel

Year 5 – Caernarvon

Year 4 – Caernarvon

Year 6 – Arundel



Epsom College Cross Country

The Epsom College cross country race was a challenging event for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, who faced tricky, undulating conditions that tested their endurance and determination. Despite the tough terrain, each participant put in an impressive performance, pushing through and finishing with respectable times. Notably, one of our boys achieved an outstanding result, placing in the top 5—a fantastic accomplishment in such a competitive field. Overall, it was a day of wonderful effort, with everyone showing resilience and team spirit.



Message from the PE Department

This term has been a rewarding one for the PE Department, filled with memorable achievements, hard work, and growth from all boys across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It has been inspiring to see every pupil in Key Stage 2 representing the School with both skill and integrity. From competitive fixtures to training sessions, the boys have shown exceptional sportsmanship, displaying respect on and off the pitch and serving as fine ambassadors for our school community.

Performance wise, the teams have excelled, securing some impressive results and even bringing home a few coveted cup victories. Each squad has given their best effort in both local and regional tournaments, and it's been fantastic to witness their dedication paying off. The camaraderie, teamwork, and resilience demonstrated by all have been a source of pride and excitement for the PE Department, with each boy contributing to a strong term of school sport.

As we wrap up the term, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr Symington, who will be leaving us at Christmas to begin a new chapter in Australia. His dedication, positivity, and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the department, and he will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike. We wish him all the best on his travels and, of course, an open invitation to visit whenever he returns.

Finally, we extend a warm thank you to all the parents for their unwavering support throughout the term. Your encouragement has been invaluable in making this a successful season, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year. Have a wonderful Christmas break, and here's to more successes and memories in the coming term.

