



Newsletter



July 2025

Welcome to our July newsletter, we can't believe how quickly this term has gone by.

The School Games Mark window closes on 30th July, so if any schools need any help with their application, please do contact us. Thank you and well done to all the schools who have already submitted your application.

Please do remember that if your school has received the Primary PE and Sport Premium funding for this year that you **MUST** complete the DfE digital reporting form by 31st July 5pm. A PDF copy can then be saved to your website.

Thank you to all the schools who have attended our events this term, we have had some glorious weather. We know that this time of year all the school timetables are full of school trips, shows, residential and sports days, so we really do appreciate you attending our events.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to all the wonderful teachers and headteachers who will be retiring or moving schools at the end of the term. Thank you for your support for school sport, and for giving children the many opportunities that you have done so. Thank you for inspiring generations of students and letting the children shine bright. We hope that you enjoy your new adventures.

Please do let us know if the PE lead is changing at your school so that we can introduce ourselves and offer any help where required.

Thank you to all the leaders from Upton High School and Blacon High School who have helped at our events this year. Also to Judith Gilmour and the coaches from CEPD, we would not be able to run our events without them!.

We hope that you have a well deserved rest over the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new academic year!

PE Sport & Premium—2025-2026

Following the 2025 Spending Review, the Department for Education (DfE) has officially confirmed that the Primary PE & Sport Premium will be extended for the 2025-26 academic year.

This funding will continue to be delivered in two tranches – one in Autumn 2025 and another in Spring 2026, providing schools, PE leaders and educators with continuity, clarity and certainty.

Please note that next year, the finding will be given in two instalments of 50% of the total amount, unlike in previous years where it was 7/12s and 5/12ths.

We will let you know in the autumn term as soon as the spending terms and conditions have been released.

PE and Sport Premium Reporting

As part of the conditions of grant, by 31 July 2025, a school must publish on its website a report detailing how it has spent its PE and sport premium funding allocation.

The published report must include:

- the amount of premium funding received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent
- the impact seen by the school on pupils' participation and attainment in PE and sport
- how this improvement will be sustained

The report must also contain details on the percentage of pupils in year 6 who have met the national curriculum requirement to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively – for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Digital reporting form

All schools **must** complete the digital reporting form. The digital form outlines how the school has used its PE and sport premium and the impact it has had on achieving the aims and objectives of the funding.

The digital form contains a series of questions and free text boxes. Schools can enter details on how the PE and sport premium has been used to make improvements in the 5 key areas highlighted in this guidance. It can also be used to generate the necessary online report. The information gathered includes:

- figures on the overall spend
- what the funding has been spent on
- whether there is any unspent funding
- swimming and water safety attainment

The digital form will remain open until 31 July 2025. 5pm.

To allow for comparisons to be made, when publishing the digital form download, schools should retain the previous year's written report on the school's website.

[Complete the PE and sport premium expenditure reporting return - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-the-pe-and-sport-premium-expenditure-reporting-return)

Year 3&4 Diamond Cricket Festival

On Wednesday 23rd April Boughton Hall Cricket Club hosted our year 3 and 4 Diamond Cricket. We had 9 schools in total attend the event, with 88 children enjoying learning the sport.

The teachers bowled during the games, and now they can take the game back onto the school field so that more children can enjoy the sport.

Tom from Cheshire Cricket ran the event and said that all the children had an amazing time.

Thank you to the teachers for bringing the children to the event and joining in with the games.

Thank you also to Boughton Hall Cricket Club for allowing us to use the excellent facilities at the club.



Year 3&6, 5&6 and Inclusive Tri-Golf Festivals

On Thursday 1st May, Vicars Cross Golf Club hosted our Tri Golf festivals. Here 178 children from 19 school teams took part in the Tri Golf activities. They rotated around a number of different chipping and putting stations.

The festival was an opportunity for the children to try golf in a fun and relaxed environment. Many had never tried golf before or been to a golf course.

Many thanks to Vicars Cross Golf Club for hosting our event, the facilities at the club are amazing. Also thank you to the coaches from CEPD for running all the activity stations.



Year 3&4 Mini Red and Inclusive Tennis

On 7th May Hoole Tennis Club hosted the Year 3 and 4 Mini Red competition and the Inclusive Primary Skills Festival.

Five schools and 34 children took part in the primary skills festival where the children rotated around a series of skills stations.

The challenges are designed to build the confidence of pupils in a fun and motivational way which will, over time build their competence.

The children all had lovely beaming faces as they learned new skills in the glorious sunshine.



The Mini Red competition had 12 teams and 48 children take part in girls and boys competitions. Scores from all matches were added together to get the overall winning school.

We had some very close matches on the tennis courts with Mickle Trafford winning overall, and Waverton coming in a close second place.

Well done to all the children who took part in the tennis!

We had 14 amazing leaders from Year 10 at Upton High School who helped us with the tennis. They were really inspirational to the young children taking part and were very helpful in leading on the tennis. Thank you!

Thank you also to the coaches from CEPD for helping to run the skills stations and score the matches.

Gifted and Talented Session

Congratulations to all the children from year 6 who were selected by their schools to attend the Gifted and Talented session at Ellesmere Port Sports Village on 3rd July. They were given a talk by Paralympian Oliver Hynds who talked about his journey to winning medals at the Paralympics.

He talked about the importance of healthy eating, good sleeping habits, resilience and goal setting.

We hope that it has inspired the children to continue with their sporting ambitions.



Year 5&6 Dynamos Cricket—B Team and Girls Events

On Wednesday 21st May Boughton Hall Cricket Club hosted the Year 5 and 6 Girls and Mixed B Team Dynamos Cricket competitions.

In total we had 7 schools and 62 children take part in the glorious sunshine.

The B event was a fun non scoring festival where children learned the skills of cricket with the help of Tom and Amy from Cheshire Cricket.

We also had the help of some amazing leaders from Upton High School who helped to score the matches and lead on a skills session.

Winning the girls event were St Martins Academy who have been invited to attend the county final in Warrington in July.



We wish them the best of luck!

Thank you to Boughton Hall Cricket Club for hosting the event, Tom and Amy from Cheshire Cricket, coaches from CEPD for umpiring the matches and to the leaders from Upton High School.

Year 5&6 Dynamos Cricket—A Team Competition

On Monday 9th June, Boughton Hall hosted the A team Dynamos Cricket competition. Six schools and 56 children took part in this competitive event.

Congratulations to Tarvin Primary School who won the event, with St Martins in second place where both teams have been invited to the county final in July. We wish both teams good luck!

Thank you to Tom from Cheshire Cricket for running the event and to the coaches from CEPD for umpiring the matches.



Year 5&6 Girls Football Festival

Blacon High School hosted the year 5 and 6 girls football festival on Wednesday 18th June. This event was for girls who are new to football or those that are not in the school A team.

We had 7 schools and 63 children take part. Well done to all the children, it was lovely to see the players grow in confidence throughout the event.

Thank you to the leaders from Blacon High School who refereed the matches.

Five of the leaders were girls who were refereeing as part of the FA Girls Football Partnership Go Lead Programme.



Over the course of six weeks, the girls learned skills on how to be a referee.

This festival was the last part of their Go Lead course, and they were great!

Quad Kids Athletics

On Thursday 26th June Upton High School hosted the Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids athletics event. Here 56 children from 7 schools took part in the 75m sprint, 600m run, vortex howler through and standing long jump.

We had some amazing talented athletes taking part in the event, with some very close team scores. Congratulations to Saughall All Saints Primary School for winning the event!



Thank you to Upton High School for hosting the event, the fantastic leaders from the school for being track and field judges and also to the coaches from CEPD.



School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

The School Games Mark application window is now open!. Schools have until **30th July** to apply. Please visit your dashboard on the School Games website, <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/>

You can save your progress as you go along, so do not think that you need to complete it in one go.

Remember to complete your Inclusive Health Check first.

If you need any help in applying before the end of term, please do ask.



Congratulations to the following Schools so far, on your School Games Mark award for 2024-2025:

Blacon High School

Guilden Sutton Primary School

Grosvenor Park Academy

Saighton Primary School

Mickle Trafford Village School

The Arches Primary School

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School

Boughton Heath Academy

Bunbury Aldersey Primary School

Dorin Park School

Dodleston Primary School

Tattenall Park Primary School

Bishop Heber High School

St Martins Academy

Upton Heath Academy

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

JH Godwin Primary School

Eaton Primary School

St Oswalds Primary School

Chester Blue Coat Primary School

St Werburghs & St Columbas Primary

Platinum schools from 2023-2024

Saughall All Saints Primary School

The Firs

Delamere Academy

Waverton Primary School

Highfield Primary School

Belgrave Primary School

Hoole Primary School

Tarvin Primary School



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the deadline for your School Games Mark
application is 30th July!**

