



Newsletter



May 2026

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term, we look forward to the summer with plenty of events planned.

If you have not yet booked on to attend any of our primary school events, please do so on our website as they are filling up fast. <https://www.chesterssp.co.uk/events/>

A huge thank you and congratulations to all the school teams that represented Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games county finals. All the teams have made us very proud, you did so well!



(Full results are on the next page).

Thank you and well done to the schools who have so far applied for the SchoolGames Mark! [Your School Games - Your School Games](#)

Smile 4 a Mile— Thank you to St Oswald's Primary School for helping us to film the Smile 4 a Mile promotional video. Take a look here: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/h0ha2ZAartU>

If your school is interested in finding out more about Smile 4 a Mile and encouraging children to be more active throughout the school day, please take a look at the booklet: [Smile-for-a-mile-booklet.pdf](#)

Get Ready for the School Games Mark 2025/2026

Applications for the School Games Mark are now open, recognising schools that are committed to delivering inclusive PE, sport and physical activity.

You will need to complete the Inclusive Health Check on your dashboard on the School Games website before you complete your application.

Please do contact Elizabeth Newstead if you wish to book in some help in completing the application. It will take no more than an hour and is much simpler than you may think.



Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games County Finals

Congratulations to all the schools that took part in the county finals throughout March. We were not able to attend all the events, but those that we did see were very exciting. It was lovely to see the children having lots of fun and meeting children and schools from across Cheshire and Warrington.

Extremely well done to all the schools who took part. Thank you for representing Chester, you have made us very proud.

Results are as follows:

Sportshall Athletics Small Schools	St Oswalds	4th
Sportshall Athletics Primary	Saughall	2nd
Sportshall Athletics Year 7 Girls	Queens	1st
Sportshall Athletics Year 7 Boys	Kings	1st
Sportshall Athletics Year 8 Girls	Abbeygate	1st
Sportshall Athletics Year 8 Boys	Catholic High	2nd
Year 5&6 Basketball	St Oswalds	Postponed until June
Year 5&6 Netball	Boughton Heath Academy	1st
Year 5&6 Hockey	Hoole	4th in Group
Year 5&6 Hockey	Saughall	3rd
U12 Girls Football	Bishop Heber	6th
U14 Girls Football	Tarporley High	6th
U16 Girls Football	Bishops	8th & Spirit of the Games Award
Boccia Primary PAN	Tarvin	3rd
Boccia Primary PD	Dorin Park	1st & Spirit of the Games Award
Boccia Secondary PAN	Maple Grove	5th
Boccia Secondary PD	Dorin Park	1st
New Age Kurling Primary	Acresfield	5th
New Age Kurling Secondary	Maple Grove	5th & Spirit of the Games Award

Congratulations!

Photographs from the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games



Year 3 and 4 Diamond Cricket

On the 28th April 12 schools and 111 children attended the Year 3 and 4 Diamond Cricket at Boughton Hall Cricket Club.



Many of the children were

new to cricket and enjoyed learning the skills for the game. The teachers did an excellent job in bowling and scoring the games, and are now able to deliver the game back in their schools.

Well done to all the teachers and children for taking part. Thank you to Tom from Cheshire Cricket Board for running the event and to Boughton Hall Cricket Club for allowing us to use their excellent facilities.

KS1 Cricket Skills Festival

On 30th April 6 schools and 86 children enjoyed the KS1 Cricket Skills festival at Upton High School. They took part in different cricket skills stations involving throwing, catching and batting.

The leaders from Upton High School helped to run the stations and were brilliant! The children all had lots of fun learning new cricket skills with the help from the leaders.

Thank you to the Upton High leaders, Tom from Cheshire Cricket Board and coaches from CEPD for a lovely event.

Thank you also to Upton High School for the use of the Astro pitches.



Cheshire FA Free CPD—Coaching Disabled Performers

We are pleased to share an upcoming online CPD opportunity that may be of interest. Cheshire FA is delivering an online workshop “Coaching Disabled Performers” designed to support coaches, teachers, and school staff in creating inclusive and engaging environments for all participants.

This session will explore practical strategies, key principles of inclusive coaching, and ways to adapt activities to meet the needs of disabled performers. It is suitable for anyone involved in delivering physical activity, PE, or school sport.

Tuesday 19th May 6pm—8.45pm

To find out more and secure a place, please use the booking link below:

<https://pitchbooking.com/book/event/4f191d3e-ce75-42d2-a09a-db01bf0b2c9a>



Cheshire FA FREE CPD—Neurodiversity Workshop

Schools are invited to take part in a free online Neurodiversity Workshop, delivered in partnership with Cheshire FA and Access Sport.

This workshop is designed to support teachers, school staff, and practitioners in better understanding neurodiversity and creating more inclusive environments for young people in physical activity and school sport. It will provide practical strategies, insights, and tools to help ensure all pupils can engage, participate, and thrive.

Wednesday 27th May 6pm—9pm



Obstacle Explorers

Obstacle Explorers invites schools to be part of a national movement redefining school sport. As one of the first **500 Founding Schools**, you'll give pupils the chance to try an exciting new activity that blends physical challenge, creativity, teamwork and leadership.

Designed to engage every child – regardless of confidence or ability – Obstacle Explorers gives pupils permission to play, explore and overcome obstacles together, both in and beyond the curriculum.

How it Works

Access the resources - Schools receive a free digital set of Obstacle Explorers activity cards packed with creative challenges and ideas. The first 500 schools will also receive a hard-copy resource suite containing the activity cards and a poster.

Try it out - Bring Obstacle Explorers to life in PE lessons, outdoor adventurous activities, enrichment sessions or after-school clubs.

Obstacle Explorers can be delivered in structured lessons, pupil-led sessions or informal play-based contexts.

Click the link below to find out more about Obstacle Explorers.

[Obstacle Explorers - Youth Sport Trust](#)

Commonwealth Games Resource Pack

The Commonwealth Games 2026 is not just a sporting event, it is a chance for people from around the world to come together, celebrate their cultures, and learn from each other. This summer the Commonwealth Games returns to Glasgow in Scotland, and this is your invitation to take part!

The Commonwealth Games Classroom Resource is produced by the British Council in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust. It is designed to celebrate the Commonwealth Games of 2026 and the work that the Commonwealth is doing to improve the lives of its citizens. The resource contains a series of learning activities and supporting resources that teachers can use to raise awareness of the Commonwealth and its values, and help young people feel connected to the Games, their local community, country, and the Commonwealth.

Pupils will be introduced to the Commonwealth Games' values of Humanity, Destiny and Equality through sessions exploring issues such as making connections, promoting gender equality, fair play and inclusion.

Activities are designed for pupils aged between 7 and 11 but are flexible and adaptable. They can be used as starting points for individual lessons, or form part of a larger cross-curricular project with a partner school overseas.

To find out more, please follow the link:

[Commonwealth Games 2026 classroom resource pack | British Council](#)



The Youth Sport Trust are excited to officially launch [National School Sports Week 2026](#) – This Summer of Sport.

2026 is a landmark year for sport, and this year’s campaign brings that excitement into every playground, classroom and community.

With **Everlast** and National School Sports Week Ambassador, **Conor Benn**, shining a light on fitness, confidence and positive mindset, this year’s celebration embraces **all sports, movement and young people**.

From boxing inspired circuits to Football World Cup challenges, Commonwealth Games activities and classic playground games, there’s something for everyone.

Together, we’ll help children build healthy habits, find their rhythm and enjoy being active, supporting the Chief Medical Officers’ guidance of **60 active minutes** a day while boosting physical health and mental wellbeing.

[National School Sports Week - Youth Sport Trust](#)

By signing up, you can:

- Access **free downloadable resources** for schools, families and organisations
- Use **inclusive activity ideas** and young leader-led circuits
- Join a nationwide **celebration** of PE, sport and play
- **Enter prize draws** for equipment packs for 500 schools, athlete visits and a £250 Sports Direct voucher for families.

Register now and be part of National School Sports Week 2026.

Watch the launch video below.

[National School Sports Week 2026 is here. This Summer of Sport starts now.](#)



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Fishing taster event

The Canals and River Trust are hosting a fishing taster event on Sunday 17th May near Upton. Learn to fish with a team of professionally qualified and licensed angling coaches. All bait, equipment, permits and licence are provided, saving you the cost of buying an Environment Agency 1 day rod licence.

Attendees aged 6+ years old, will be taught the basics of fishing tackle, how to correctly hold a pole, bait the hook, recognise bites, land and unhook fish and much more.

The event will be chargeable at a subsidised fee of £5, plus booking fee, per hour coaching slot.

Please click the link for further information.

[Let's Fish-Chester-Port Sunlight Angling Club-17/05/2026 Tickets, Sunday 17 May · 9 AM - 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



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