SPORTS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM 2025

HODDLESDEN ST PAUL'S CE PRIMARY

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 edition of our Sports Newsletter. The Autumn term has kicked off what is looking to be another successful year of sports at St Paul's.

Over this half term we have welcomed Coach Josh, Coach Ollie and Coach Nathan from Progressive Sports into school. They have been teaching Year 5 and 6. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. "PE lessons with the coach have been good, I feel I have improved my passing skills a lot!"







GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Earlier in the term, the girls football team competed in the DPSSA girls' league. They showed amazing teamwork, passion and resilience throughout the league matches. The team made huge amounts of progress from the first match to the last. Well done girls. Also a huge thank you to Chloe, Paul and Chris, the parents who volunteered their time to train the team. Your help was greatly appreciated.



Some of the Y6 girls enjoyed taking part in the "This Girl Can" festival in Clitheroe, where they took part in glow in the dark dodgeball, yoga and a movie themed treasure hunt!

THE GIRL CAN FESTIVAL





KS1 had an amazing time at the KS1 Multi Skills festival at St Bede's today! They represented our school beautifully and had such a fun time! They even got a medal! Well done Team St Paul's. A special thank you to our two year 6s who joined Mrs Briggs as sports leaders to support the event.



DANCE SYNDROME

We have all enjoyed a wonderful Dance Syndrome workshop lead by Ellie and Molly. The children all enjoyed learning some new dance moves and then loved a dance party at the end of their sessions. Thank you Dance Syndrome!



Years 3 and 4 have made significant progress in their gymnastics with our specialist, Mrs Winward this term. Each class also produced an unbelievable showcase routine!

GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCE

BRUFC- MARK WILLIS





Thank you to Mark from Blackburn Rugby club who came and ran some lunch time sessions for the children who attended the Tag rugby festival! The team felt much more confident and prepared thanks to his help. Mark has also joined us for the last 5 weeks providing tag rugby sessions for year 5 an 6! The classes have really enjoyed the sessions and we look forward to welcoming Mark back in the Summer term when the weather is a little better!

WHEELCHAIR SPORTS



Everyone in school has enjoyed some inclusive wheelchair sports thanks to Kane from A1 Multi Sports. First we learnt how to steer and control the wheelchairs. Then we played some games like wheelchair tig and some ball games.

NEW KITS

We would also like to thank the PTFA for purchasing our event kits! These will be used when the children enter events like athletics, netball and gymnastics! They are really eye-catching and will help develop the team spirit and passion for sport we are working towards instilling in the children. As well as the yellow and red Team St Paul's tops, the PTFA also purchased skorts, shorts, shinpads and socks so we are fully kitted out!





A huge thank you to Nick and Wendy at The Ranken Arms for sponsoring our wonderful new football kits! They look amazing and provide us with a real team spirit. Also a massive thank you for our new nets. We feel like the real deal and they must be our lucky charm as the yellow and black teams who have used them have remained unbeaten! Thanks also to Jen at Brandit for your support with the design!

BOYS FOOTBALL

The yellow and black teams have taken part in several matches against various local schools. They have played excellently with children commenting that their memories from the matches would be amongst their favourite at St Paul's.







DPSSA FOOTBALL LEAGUE



The red football team have played several fixtures over the last 6 weeks at Witton Park as part of the DPSSA league. Finishing 4th (out of 13 schools) in the league. Well done to you all.

OAL



We have been proud to offer another great term of Outdoor Adventurous Learning at St Paul's. From stream walking to hill climbing we have enjoyed being physically active in our beautiful local area.

CRICKET



Some of the Y5 and 6 children thoroughly enjoyed being one of the first schools in BwD to use the brand new indoor cricket dome! Mr Marlor took the children to have a go playing cricket in the new facilities and they all had a great session.