



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2016-2017



U11 Football- St Edmund's College Football Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 17th September, 2016

U11A-W7 D1 L0 1st Place (/7)

St Edmund's Prep 'A' started off the day by playing against **St Edmund's Prep 'B'**, in a close game the St Edmund's Prep 'A' side eventually won 2-0. Their next game ended in a goalless draw against a defensively strong side from **Loyola**. Next was a match against **St Aubyn's 'A'** which was won by a single goal as we ran out as the eventual winners, 1-0. Two further victories followed as St Edmund's Prep 'A' started to gather momentum beating **Howe Green** 1-0 and **St Aubyn's 'B'** 5-0. In the last game, a scintillating goal where our captain ran the ball from his own box to score, whilst beating numerous defenders, ended in a 1-0 win against **Duncombe**. This saw us through the initial stages as group winners and into a semi-final against **Duncombe**. This time the match ended 0-0, but we went on to win 3-1 on penalties. The final was against **St Aubyn's 'A'**, in a keenly contested match St Edmund's prep 'A' won 1-0 to claim the winners' trophy.

U11B-W2 D0 L4 5th Place (/7)

St Edmund's Prep 'B' played six matches during the tournament and all of the boys played very well indeed. The first match was against the **St Edmund's Prep 'A'** team and despite a very committed performance St Edmund's Prep 'B' lost 0-2. However, the second match ended with a great win against **Howe Green**, 2-0 as the team began to play with more self-belief. The third match was also another very good game for the St Edmund's Prep 'B' team as a further three goals were scored against **St Aubyns 'B'** in an exciting 3 – 0 win. The fourth match against **Duncombe** was a very good challenge and the team were unlucky not to score with many corners going their way but no goals. **Duncombe** eventually ran out as 2-0 winners. With two losses up to this point, the team knew that they had to play their best football in the next two matches. **St Aubyn's 'A'** were our next opponents, but in the final few minutes of the match our opponents scored and the game ended in a 1-0 defeat. The final game was against **Loyola** and despite us scoring an early goal **Loyola** scored twice afterwards and we lost this game 1 – 2.

U11 Netball- Chigwell Netball Tournament @ Chigwell School, 17th September, 2016

U11A-W5 D0 L1 5th Place (/16)

St Edmund's Prep played in the annual Chigwell Netball Tournament and finished the day with an impressive record and some excellent results, finishing 5th place overall out of the 16 teams that entered. Our first group match ended in a 2-1 loss to **Forest**. However, we then went on to win our remaining group games against **Park** 5-2 and **Coopersale** 3-0. St Edmund's Prep were then placed into another group with all of the teams that had finished second in the first round of group games. Three further victories against **Chigwell 'C'** 3-0, **St. John Fisher** 6-1 and **Theydon Bois** 5-1 followed as we finished the day having won 5 out of our 6 matches.

U10 Netball- Heathmount Netball Tournament @ Heathmount School, 17th September, 2016

U11A-W2 D2 L1 **5th Place (/8)**

The St Edmund's Prep U10A team played very well in their first tournament of the season at Heathmount. **St Josephs 'B'** were the first team that we played and after a strong performance our team ended up as 3-1 winners. A 6-1 win against **Heathmount 'B'** followed before losing to **Belmont** 7-2. An excellent, hard-fought 2-2 draw with **Beechwood Park** was the result of our final group game as we finished third and narrowly missed out on a semi-final place. We then played **Stormont** in a play off for 5th/6th place overall and drew 3-3.

U10 Rugby- Cardinal's Shield @ Oratory Prep, 21st September, 2016

U10A-W0 D0 L4

On 21st September, the U10A rugby team travelled to The Oratory School in Reading to compete in the National Catholic Prep School rugby festival. They opened the afternoon with a game against **Gayhurst School** but were defeated by 7 tries to 1 in a tough first match. The next game was against **The Dragon School** and despite being a much closer contest the St Edmund's Prep team were edged out by 4 tries to 3. A game against **City of London Freeman School** resulted in yet another close defeat, again by 4 tries to 3. The final game of the day was against **St John's Beaumont**, despite taking an early lead the team again lost narrowly, this time by 5 tries to 3.

U11 Football- Forest Football Tournament @ Forest School, 24th September, 2016

U11A-W5 D1 L1 – **Semi Finals (/10)**

The first match of the tournament was against **St Paul's** and after a bright start, playing some very good football, we finished by winning 2-0. The next game was against **Forest**, a team that we'd recently played out a midweek goalless draw with only days before. This time the match finished in exactly the same way, despite having several good chances to score. Our next two matches were against **Avon House** and **Woodford Green Prep 'B'** and our team returned to winning ways with 2-0 and 1-0 victories respectively. Having gained some momentum, the next game was against the strongly-fancied **Chigwell** team. A great goal midway through the match and a late penalty earned our team a hard-fought victory and progression through to the quarter-finals as group winners. The next match was against Chigwell 'C' who had finished fourth in their group, despite a nervy start our team managed to find that elusive goal just before the end to qualify for the semi-finals. As the boys edged towards the closing stages of the tournament, their next opponents were **Forest**. In yet another great match, Forest scored a penalty half way through the match and then clinched another goal just before the end. All in all, it was a very enjoyable morning and we saw some great performances.

U7 Football- SSP Football Festival @ St Edmund's Prep, 27th September, 2016

On Tuesday 27th September, St Edmund's Prep hosted a football festival for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools. The tournament included sixteen teams and involved over 100 children! Whilst the players were very excited, the Form 6 sports leaders were equally thrilled to be taking part in the event. Their job was to help run the football festival and their roles included- score-keepers, results runners, team managers and referees. Several valuable skills were developed during the morning for our older children, including teamwork, co-operation, communication, leadership and officiating (or refereeing). After each team had arrived, the sports leaders took their teams off to 'training areas' that had been marked out on the field. Armed with cones and footballs, the Form 6 children delivered, in pairs, a range of warm-ups that they had devised earlier. Next came a chance to manage their allocated school teams. With all teams split into groups of four, every side played three times in Round One. After the results had been collected by our score-keepers, the teams were then seeded for Round Two. Each team then played a

further one more game. The Year 1 and 2 children played with great enthusiasm, nothing seemed to dampen their spirits as they slid, kicked, ran and chuckled across the pitches! The **St Edmund's Prep Lions** finished with the best record out of all of the teams, winning all of their games. However, the real winner was the football festival and all of the children that were involved, each one went home with a special certificate. The Form 2 and 6 children worked wonderfully together all morning, it was a pleasure to see. Sports Leadership is a major part of the School Games Mark, this event certainly sees our children heading for gold!

U11 Football- ISFA Regional Qualifiers @ Chigwell School, 30th September, 2016

U11A-W4 D1 L1

Our first match was against local rivals, **St Joseph's In the Park**. We started very well and scored from a cross after some clever play out wide. We then held on for a 1-0 victory, but also had our goalkeeper to thank for what was possibly the save of the tournament in the closing stages. The next match was a 0-0 draw against **Chigwell**, before going on to beat **Howe Green** 5-0 and **Elm House** 2-0. Up to this point, we were looking solid defensively and had not conceded a goal, we went through to the next round as the group winners and were playing some excellent football. Our quarter final match was against **St Aubyn's**, this ended in a 1-0 victory thanks to a good goal from our striker just after the start of the second half. The semi-final was against **St Joseph's In The Park** and we were expecting another tough match. Midway through the first half, the opposition scored with a super strike from long range. However, our team showed true character and determination by battling back to score directly from a free-kick before the end of the match. This meant penalties! Unfortunately for us, we didn't manage to score the decisive penalty and went out of the competition. However, the boys played superbly well against some top sides and showed amazing resilience and teamwork. The outcome was quite heartbreaking for some who had been looking forward to this competition for such a long time, but they did themselves proud and were a little unlucky in the end.

U7 Multiskills- SSP Multiskills Festival @ St Thomas of Canterbury, 6th October, 2016

All of the children from Forms 1 and 2 were invited to take part in a multiskills festival at St Thomas of Canterbury School. They were placed into small groups and participated in a range of throwing, running and jumping activities as part of a carousel of events. There wasn't an overall winning team or individual as everything was set up to provide the children with a wide range of fun speed and skill tests. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed the short trip in the minibus to visit another school.

U11 Football- ESFA Cup District Round @ Howe Green, 10th October, 2016

U11A-W1 D0 L0

The ESFA Cup District Round was a play-off between two teams this year, St Edmund's Prep and Howe Green. Our boys scored an early goal that was equalised by their hosts just before half-time. However, a further three goals during a very good second-half performance secured victory for St Edmund's Prep and passage through to the ESFA Cup County Round.

U11 Girls' Football- ESFA Cup District Round @ Howe Green, 13th October, 2016

U11A-W1 D0 L0

Similar to the boys competition just four days before, the Girls' ESFA Cup District Round was also a play-off between two teams, St Edmund's Prep and Howe Green. The girls gave a dominant showing as they won 7-1 with several different players managing to get themselves on to the scoresheet. This was a good result in their first game of the season and as a result they also qualified for the ESFA Cup County Round.

U11 Tag Rugby- SSP Tag Rugby Competition @ Royston Rugby Club, 13th October, 2016

U11A-W1 D1 L1

In the much-anticipated first mixed sports competition of the year, our U11 tag rugby squad travelled to Royston Rugby Club to play in the annual SSP Tag Rugby Competition. The first match was played against **Greneway**, the opening exchanges saw the scores stay level until midway through the match. However, a few handling errors from St Edmund's Prep, and disallowed tries, allowed Greneway in to open up a slender advantage. They held on to their lead until the end of the game where they ran out as the winners by two tries. The next game ended in a draw against **St Mary's** thanks to a late try from our team to equalise, but we managed to end the day with a victory against **St Thomas of Canterbury** after a late flourish saw us score a number of tries to win. The U11A team finished the competition as runners'-up in their group.

U11B-W1 D0 L2

The U11B team were involved in several high-scoring, exciting matches. Their first two matches ended in defeat by just a single try against **Greneway 'B'** and **St Mary's 'B'**. However, they managed to win their last game against **Roysia 'B'** thanks to some good attacking play and a determined defensive effort.

U11 Netball- Forest Netball Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre, 14th October, 2016

U11A-W6 D0 L2 **3rd Place (/25)**

The U11A team started off strongly with a 10-0 win against **St Aubyn's** in their first match. They then went on to win 10-0 against **Forest 'C'**, before beating **Theydon Bois** 5-1 and **Coopersale Hall** 4-2. Four victories in the opening group ensure top spot and a place in the next round with all of the other group winners. These matches in particular were very exciting to watch and were all played to a very good standard. The first match of the second stage ended in a 0-6 defeat to the eventual winners, **Berkhamstead Prep**. However, the girls then went on to win 3-1 against **Chigwell** before beating **Widford Lodge** by a single goal, 3-2. The final match was against a very good side from **Belmont**, which ended in a 2-7 loss. The girls finished the tournament in a very respectable third position out of 25 schools and all came home with a bronze medal.

U11B-W1 D1 L5 **23rd Place (/25)**

The U11B team lost their first game 1-6 against Widford Lodge. However, the next three matches were much closer, losing 0-2 to **St Paul's**, 0-1 to **Chigwell 'B'** and 1-3 to **Mossford Green**. Although they all ended in narrow losses it was felt that the girls were steadily improving as the afternoon went on. In the next round of matches, the U11B team drew 1-1 with **Theydon Bois**, lost 0-3 to **Forest 'B'**, drew 0-0 against **Forest 'C'** and finally won their last game 1-0 against **Forest 'D'**. The girls all had a great time and enjoyed their afternoon playing netball. For some of the younger children in the team it gave them an excellent opportunity to test themselves against older players, whilst for others it was a valuable first experience of playing in a netball tournament or a chance to practise and improve what they have been learning.

U11 Football- Wix Trophy District Round @ Howe Green, 17th October, 2016

U11A-W4 D1 L0

The first game of the tournament was against St Joseph's RC. This was a tight game, but was settled by a great strike midway through the game to earn **St Edmund's Prep** a 1-0 win against a strong opposition. The second tie ended 0-0 against **Windhill** in another game that was a very good, close match. The third match proved to be quite an exciting encounter. **Northgate** scored halfway through the match to take the lead, but St Edmund's Prep battled back to equalise shortly before the end of the game before scoring again in the closing stages to win 2-1. Our final two

matches ended in a 2-0 win against **Howe Green** and a 4-0 victory against **Manor Fields**. St Edmund's Prep won the tournament by playing some very attractive football and will now go through to the quarter final stage.

U11 Basketball- SSP Basketball Tournament District Competition @ Freman College, 7th November, 2016

U11A-W2 D0 L1 U11B- W0 D1 L1 U11C- W0 D0 L2

The U11A basketball team won comfortably in their first match against **Edwinstree**, using their speed to take advantage of a number of fast breaks and showing off some excellent dribbling skills. Their execution of jump shots and lay-ups was also very impressive as they racked up a high number of points. The next match against **Greneway** was, as ever, a very close and thrilling game. Despite leading at half-time, the opposition worked their way back into the game to win by a slender margin in a breath-taking, end-to-end contest. The final match finished with a very good win against **Ralph Sadleir** as our talented team ended the day in second place. The U11B and C teams also played really well. With both teams placed in the same group, against **Greneway 'B'** and **Ralph Sadleir 'B'**, they played very well and all of the games were closely matched. The U11B team managed an excellent draw against Greneway 'B', in a match that they were very unlucky not to win.

U11 Football- Kingshott Football Tournament @ Kingshott School, 13th November, 2016

U11A-W3 D2 L1 **2nd Place (/8)**

Our U11A football team started with a tough match against local opponents, **Heathmount**. After our team scored a neatly finished goal in the second half, we then had to hold off some sustained pressure in the closing stages but managed to secure a good 1-0 win. The second match was against **Lockers Park**, a game against opponents that we had recently drawn with and who always provide tough opposition. However, our U11A team were excellent again in this game and managed a superb 2-0 victory with two goals scored in the second half after lots of sustained pressure. Our next game finished in a 0-0 draw against **The Hall** before we prepared for the final match of our group. This was played against **Aldwickbury**, in a game that was to decide first place in the group our opponents scored first. However, a superb individual effort from our captain restored parity as he led from the front and rescued a 1-1 draw. This was enough to win our group and earn a semi-final place against **Edge Grove**. This game finished with a great 2-0 win for our U11A team as they played some outstanding football and thoroughly deserved their place in the final. The final was a very close, end-to-end contest, played against **Aldwickbury**. The match finished in a draw, despite several opportunities from both sides to win the game. After going to penalties, their team ended up winning with some impressive spot kicks. However, the U11A team played immensely well throughout the morning and silver medals against some very tough teams from large Prep Schools all around Hertfordshire was a very good outcome.

U11 Football- Stevenage Schools' Cup @ Stevenage FC Academy, 18th November, 2016

U11A-W0 D1 L3

The U11A football team played in an exciting 6-a-side football tournament at Stevenage FC's academy against other schools from the local area. Playing on small, 4G pitches the players had to adapt their style of play in this quick and skilful version of the game. The first two matches were narrowly lost, although the next match ended in a goalless draw. The next round was against the group winners from another pitch. In a very close match, which was tied at 1-1 in the closing stages, the opposition scored their winner directly from a free-kick to eliminate our side from the competition.

U11 Football- Duncombe 5's @ Duncombe School, 22nd November, 2016

U11A-W0 D3 L3

The U11A football side played in a 5-a-side competition at Duncombe School against three other teams. The standard was particularly high and there was some fantastic football on display from sides that are particularly strong at this age group. The first match against **St Joseph's In The Park** ended in a 2-2 draw, despite our boys going into an early two goal lead. The next match against **Duncombe** also finished in a draw after we had been pegged back again in a game that was full of goals. The final match of the first round was against **Milton Keynes Prep**. This time we fell behind to an early goal, but battled back to secure a 1-1 draw. Three draws in the first three games saw us into second place overall in the group with a place in the final beckoning. However, as our players became more tired they ended up losing the second round of matches against all three of the sides that they had earlier drawn against. This meant that they finished in fourth place overall, but all had a great time and played very well in a thoroughly exciting competition.

U11 Sportshall Athletics- SSP Sportshall Athletics District Competition @ Freman College, 24th January, 2017

U11A Boys- **2nd (/4)**

U11A Girls- **2nd (/4)**

Overall Team Finish 2nd (/4)

Our squad performed very well in the eagerly-anticipated Sportshall Athletics annual district competition at Freman College. The boys' squad were behind the eventual winners by just two points after winning many of their field events, but lost out in the end on the track relay events. Our girls squad finished in second place and also did well in their track and field events. Notable successes included our **girls' soft javelin throw** team of Freya Lund, Evie Kelly and Emma Church finishing in 1st place, whilst our **boys' 2x1 lap relay** team of Roman Healy and Zane Spring, **boys' 2x2 lap relay** team of Roman Healy and Joe Radford, **boys' speed bounce** team of William Bayley, Jed Chick and Roman Healy, **boys' long jump** team of Roman Healy, Zane Spring and Thomas Moore and **boys' soft javelin** team of Joe Radford, Joshua Guy and Jed Chick also won their events.

U9 Swimming- SSP Swimming Competition @ Ward Freman Pool , 26th January, 2017

Overall Team Finish 2nd (/4)

In a swimming event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants (and spectators), St Edmund's Prep took their places alongside local schools **Layston, Sandon** and **St Thomas of Canterbury**. The first event was individual freestyle races, all children swam really well with **Amelia Birse, Dylan Parry-Cooper, Jesse-Jeff-Okoh** and **George Storey Braun** all finishing their races in first place. Next came the fun relay races, including a 'noodle race' and a 'surfboard race' where the whole squad of children had to each swim one length of the pool with their floating device. This made for some long, yet very exciting, races. Finally, came the 'raft race' and this made for a suitably thrilling end to the gala. In an impressive display of teamwork, endurance and agility, each team had to swim with their raft from one end of the pool to the other, picking up one extra swimmer after each length. By the tenth time that this was done, all ten swimmers were attached to the raft working as a team to move it towards the finish line. The children really enjoyed the swimming gala and it was a lovely mix of competition and fun!

U11 Girls' Football- ESFA Cup County Round @ Garden Fields, 28th January, 2017

U11 Girls' A-W1 D0 L4 **Overall Team Finish 6th (/6)**

The U11A girls' football team played really well during the ESFA County Finals, playing some good football against a lot of very good teams from across Hertfordshire. St Edmund's Prep started off with two, narrow 0-1 defeats to **Ickleford** and the eventual winners, **Almond Hill**. St. Edmunds Prep won their next game against **St Mary's** with a well-taken goal that was met with some jubilant celebrations. The last two games ended in a 0-3 defeat against **Manor Lodge**, in a game where our team probably played their best football but lost in the end to three late goals in quick succession, and a 0-2 defeat to **Wheatfields**.

U11 Boys' Football- ESFA Cup County Round @ Garden Fields, 28th January, 2017

U11A-W1 D0 L1

The U11A boys' football team started off very well with an excellent 3-0 victory against **Ickleford**. With the other team in our group only winning their match by two goals, all we needed was a draw to qualify for the final. In a very tense next match against **Cuffley**, our boys again played very well but came up against a superb goalkeeper that seemed to be unbeatable. Their team scored from a wonderful long-range strike to take the lead as both sides battled out a very even contest. Our own goalkeeper pulled off an excellent save later on in the game to keep us in with a chance but we couldn't find that elusive goal and ended up narrowly missing out, 0-1.

U11 Boys' Hockey- St Edmund's Prep Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 4th February, 2017

U11A-W4 D0 L0 **1st Place (/6)** Star Performer Award- **Jed Chick**

The U11A boys' hockey team started off the day with a 3-1 victory against **Avon House**. Their next group match was against **Howe Green**, this match ended goalless but our team won on the countback rule for long corners. This saw the St Edmund's Prep U11A boys' hockey team through to the semi-finals to play **RA Butler**. This was a very close and exciting match, but it was ultimately decided by a fantastic goal from St Edmund's Prep that came from some excellent wing-play and a first-time finish from a super cross. Our boys then progressed through to play **St Aubyn's** in the final. This match was quite a tense affair from start to finish, with both team's playing very well indeed and with lots of very skilful players showcasing their abilities. In the end, St Edmund's Prep won with a superbly well-taken goal from our captain to settle the match, 1-0. Well done boys.

U11B-W0 D0 L3 **6th Place (/6)** Star Performer Award- **Callum O'Connor**

The U11B boys' hockey team enjoyed playing and were able to learn more about the game from their experience of competing against other schools. They lost both of their group games to **St Aubyn's** and **RA Butler**, 0-3 both times, but were beginning to learn from their opponents and understand more about their positions. Their next game was a very close 0-1 defeat to **Howe Green** in the 5th/6th Place Play-Off. The boys really improved as the morning progressed and they all showed a wonderful team spirit and positive attitude.

U11 Girls' Football- St Edmund's Prep Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 4th February, 2017

U11A-W5 D1 L0 **1st Place (/5)** Star Performer Award- **Evie Kelly**

The U11A girls' football team started off the day with a 0-0 draw against **Howe Green**. Their next group match was against **St Edmund's Prep 'B'**, this match ended in a 3-0 win to the U11A girls' team in a game that all of the girls really enjoyed playing in. The final two matches of the group both ended in narrow 1-0 victories to St Edmund's Prep A against **St Aubyn's** and **St Francis' College**. These results meant that St Edmund's Prep A won the group and were

paired with **Howe Green** in the semi-final. The girls won this match, 1-0, to set up a final against a very good team from **St Aubyn's**. This game was very close indeed, and ended up going to penalties. Our goalkeeper's heroics and a well-struck shot from the penalty spot earned a victory for St Edmund's Prep A and the tournament winners' trophy. Well done girls.

U11B-W0 D1 L4

5th Place (/5)

Star Performer Award- **Natasha McNamara**

The U11B girls' football team included lots of girls from younger year groups and some girls that had limited experience of ever having played football, but they all performed really well and held their own in many of the matches. St Edmund's Prep B lost their first three games to **St Francis' College**, 0-2, **St Aubyn's**, 0-2, and **St Edmund's Prep A**, 0-3. However, a very good performance in their final group match saw them to a 0-0 draw against **Howe Green**. Unfortunately, this wasn't quite enough to qualify for the semi-finals and their last game in the 4th/5th Place Play-Off ended in a narrow, 0-1 defeat to **Howe Green**.

U11 Netball- Bancrofts Netball Rally @ West Grove, 22nd February, 2017

U11A-W3 D1 L2

6th Place (/20)

The U11A netball team started the morning by playing **Widford Lodge**. They drew this match 2-2 after the opposition staged a late comeback to level the scores. The next match was very close indeed, but ended in a 0-1 defeat to **North London Collegiate**. However, the girls then recorded two back-to-back victories against **Gatehouse**, 4-1, and then against **Eastcourt**, 7-0. These results were enough to secure second place in the group and a place in the Shield Section of the competition (for each team that finished as runners-up in their group). We were then paired to play **New Hall** in the semi-final and in a very tight game that ended tied at one-goal each after normal time, St Edmund's Prep's U11A team scored the decisive goal to take them through to the Shield final. This game was also very close, but ended in a 2-3 defeat to **Forest**. The team's final placing was 6th out of the twenty teams that entered.

U11 Girls' Football- St Aubyn's Tournament @ St Aubyn's School, 6th March, 2017

U11A-W3 D0 L1

The U11A girls' football team played four games in total, winning three and scoring seven goals in total. Their only defeat was to **St Aubyn's 'A'** as they finished in second place overall.

U11B-W0 D2 L2

The U11B girls' football team played some good football as they managed two draws and two defeats. Their confidence grew throughout the afternoon and the highlight was a very close match against **St Aubyn's 'B'** that ended in a draw.

U11 Hi-5 Netball- SSP Hi-5 Netball District Competition @ Freman College, 9th March, 2017

U11A-W4 D0 L0 **1st Place (/7)**

The U11A Hi-5 netball team won both of their group games convincingly as they worked well as a team, changing positions after each half and scoring many goals. The speed of their play was impressive to watch and it was clear that they were going to go far in the competition. The semi-final pitted them against **St Edmund's Prep 'B'** who had finished as runners'-up in their group. This was a very good match and remained close until the second half when St Edmund's Prep 'A' started to get into their rhythm as they went on to win. The stage was set for a final against **Ralph Sadleir 'A'**, the tournament's only other unbeaten team. However, St Edmund's Prep's passing was very slick and they were outstanding in defence. A determined effort saw them to victory in a match that remained close, but where they were never behind. St Edmund's Prep 'A' will now go on to represent North East Herts at the County Hi-5 Netball Finals.

U11B-W2 D0 L1 **3rd Place (/7)**

The U11B Hi-5 netball team played **Ralph Sadleir 'A'** in their first match. This was a very close game, but ended in a narrow defeat. However, the second game did end in a victory as our team started to move the ball more quickly down the court and work themselves into better positions to shoot from, resulting in many goals. This meant that they finished as runners'-up in the group and were then paired to play **St Edmund's Prep 'A'** in the semi-finals. This was a close game, with St Edmund's Prep 'B' denying their opponents space and any clear shooting opportunities. However, they could not quite stop them in the second half and ended up losing. In their final game, the 3rd/4th Place Play-Off, St Edmund's Prep 'B' won against **Ralph Sadleir 'B'** after scoring the only goal of a tense match early in the first half.

U9 Football- Forest Football Tournament @ Forest School, 10th March, 2017

U9A-W2 D2 L1 **1st Place (/6)**

The U9A football team played some excellent football throughout the tournament and were deserved winners in the end. Their first match against **St Aubyn's** ended in a draw, after our team could not quite find a way through to score despite creating several good opportunities. Our second match was decided by a single goal after we scored from a cross and then defended resolutely to earn a 1-0 win against **Forest**. The next match ended in a 0-3 defeat to **Woodford Green Prep** after our team had once more created lots of scoring opportunities, but this time they were caught on the break on a couple of occasions and ended up conceding three late goals. Our next match was decided by a late goal as we scored in the final minute to win 1-0 against **Loyola**. In the final match against **Chigwell**, which turned out to be the tournament decider, we went behind to a goal scored from long range but fought our way back to score a late leveller to earn a 1-1 draw. These results were enough in the end to win the tournament and earn gold medals and the trophy for St Edmund's Prep for the first time ever at this age group.

U7 Tag Rugby- SSP Tag Rugby Festival @ St Edmund's Prep, 14th March, 2017

On Tuesday 14th March, St Edmund's Prep hosted a tag rugby festival for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools. The tournament included twenty four teams and involved around 150 children! Whilst the players were very excited, the Form 6 sports leaders were equally thrilled to be taking part in the event. Their job was to help run the tag rugby festival and their roles included- score-keepers, results runners, team managers and referees. Several valuable skills were developed during the morning for our older children, including teamwork, co-operation, communication, leadership and officiating (or refereeing). After each team had arrived, the sports leaders took their teams off to 'training areas' that had been marked out on the field. Armed with cones and rugby balls, the Form 6 children

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U11 Hockey- Felsted Hockey Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 17th March, 2017

U11A-W0 D2 L2

The U11A hockey team came up against some very strong opposition at the annual Felsted Hockey Tournament and lost their first two games quite heavily, 0-4 v **St Cedds** and 0-6 v **Kings College, Cambridge**. However, our girls went on to show real grit and determination as they battled to a 0-0 draw in their final group game match against **Felsted 'B'**. In the final match against **Woodford Green Prep**, the U11A hockey team created many good scoring opportunities but could not find their way past the opposition goalkeeper. This match also finished 0-0.

U11 Boys' Hockey- Felsted Hockey Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 17th March, 2017

U11A-W0 D4 L0

The U11A boys' hockey team were in fine form at the Felsted Hockey Tournament. In their first match against a very strong side from **Kingshott**, our boys were unlucky not to snatch a late winner, in a game that finished 0-0, after one of our players broke free on goal in the final moments just as the final whistle blew. The next match was against **Barnardiston Hall** and this time our boys had the majority of possession and several very good scoring opportunities. However, once again, the opposition goalkeeper was in good form and we could not score as the game finished 0-0. Afterwards we played the hosts, **Felsted**. In a game that turned out to be against the eventual winners, St Edmund's Prep were the only team not to lose to them as we scored a late equaliser to level the match at 1-1. Needing a victory to progress to the semi finals, our boys played **Alleyn Court** in their next game. Despite constant pressure on their goal and even having a goal disallowed, we could not find a way through as the game ended in a 0-0 draw. This was a very exciting tournament where our boys played extremely well against tough opponents and were very unlucky not to go further than the group stages.

U11 Netball- St Francis' College Netball Rally @ St Francis' College, 18th March, 2017

U11A-W6 D0 L1 **2nd Place (/8)**

The U11A netball team were in magnificent form as they played amazingly well all morning to win six out of their seven games. Their first match was against a notoriously strong team from **St Joseph's In The Park**. Our team were very sharp and played with great purpose, winning the match 6-2. Our next two match also ended in victories, winning 4-2 against **Duncombe** and beating **Howe Green** 4-0. The next two match were very close, narrowly winning 2-1 v a strong side from **Knebworth** and then coming back from three goals down to win 7-3 against **St Francis' College**. With a 100% record, the next game was to decide the overall winner. However, **Heath Mount** proved too strong for us on the day as they ran out 6-1 winners. Our final match was also very close indeed. Needing to score

from the final shot of the game, we beat **Bedford Girls' School** 6-5 to claim silver medals as the tournament's runners-up.

U11B-W1 D2 L3 **5th Place (/7)**

The U11B netball team played really well throughout the morning, their performances improved and they looked very strong in some of their games. The first match ended 1-1 against **Duncombe 'B'** and was very even. The next match finished 0-0 versus **St Francis' College 'B'** in a match where we were desperately unlucky not to score a goal to win. We lost our next three matches to **Bedford Girls' School 'B'**, 0-2, to the eventual section winners **St Joseph's In The Park 'B'**, 1-8, and finally to **Knebworth 'B'** 3-4 despite leading for most of the match. It was fantastic to see how the ball was moving so much faster down the court from our team as the morning went on and the girls did get the reward that they deserved in their final match with a superb 5-1 win against **Heath Mount 'B'**.

U11 Hi-5 Netball- SSP Hi-5 Netball County Finals @ Wodson Park, 21st March, 2017

U11A-W7 D0 L0 **1st Place (/12)**

The U11A Hi-5 netball team won all of their group games convincingly as they looked strong and well prepared for their County Finals day. Once more, the opposition were finding it difficult to keep up with the speed of our players' passing and movement with some games being won by large margins. The semi-final pitted us against **Garden Fields** who had finished as runners'-up in their group. This was a very good match and the first half ended with our team leading by just a single goal. The opposition went into the lead with just a few minutes remaining but our U11A Hi-5 team kept their composure to score two late goals and win the match. In the final, the match was extremely nail-biting as both teams scored one after another. However, we scored in the final minute to take the lead and then watched as their shooter's final shot of the match just missed. St Edmund's Prep 'A' won the Hertfordshire County Hi-5 Finals and have now been crowned as **County Champions** for the third successive year.

U11 Football- Wix Quarter Finals @ Wheatfields JMI, 27th March, 2017

U11A-W2 D0 L1 **1st Place (/4)**

The U11A football team were representing the **Bishops Stortford District** in the Wix Quarter Finals after winning the previous round in October. Playing against three other district winners in one of two groups, we needed to finish in the top two to progress through to the County Finals. Our first match finished with a 3-0 victory against **Ralph Sadleir**, a strong team who had progressed through from a very good North East Herts district. The U11A football team played some excellent football and were clinical in front of goal. Our next match ended in a 1-0 win against **Radlett Prep** thanks to an early goal from our captain who ran with the ball from inside our own half to score a fantastic individual goal. The next game finished 0-1 to **Killigrew** after they scored with an effort that just crept over the line. By this stage, our boys were looking very tired but they had already done enough to win the group. We will now go on to play in the County Finals at Clarence Park, home to St Albans FC, in May.

U11 Football- ESF Festival Of Football @ Butlins, Skegness, 21st – 23rd April, 2017

The U11 Boys' and Girls' Football Teams travelled up to Butlins in Skegness for a fun-filled weekend of football. Whilst there, they went to the swimming pool, fairground and arcades as well as playing in the football tournament.

U11A-W3 D2 L1 Semi-Finalists

The U11A Football Team started with a fantastic 2-0 victory against **Wallsend Boys' Club**. They drew their next match 1-1 against **Newlands Colts** after the opposition scored a very late goal. Their third and final match of the first day finished with a magnificent 2-0 win against East Coast Juniors. The next day, we started with a tense 1-0 victory against **Middlewood Rovers Blues** before drawing our next match 0-0 against **Netherton United**. This was a particularly nervy match as we needed a draw to win the group. However, in the last minute the opposition were awarded a penalty. The boys' hearts were in their mouths, but luckily for us they missed! This was enough to send us through to the semi-finals as group winners. The semi-final was just a step too far in the end, as we were well beaten, 0-4, by **Burnley Belvedere FC**. However, the boys performed extremely well to finish in the top four and to have also won their group. They played with great spirit and determination and worked well to keep their shape throughout the matches.

U11A Girls'-W0 D0 L8 Fair Play Trophy Winners

The U11A Girls' Football Team lost their first match against **Easington Colliery** 2-3, but were unlucky in a game where they scored two great goals. They then lost their next three games by narrow margins, 0-1 to **Hebburn Town Juniors**, 0-2 to **Sheffield United Juniors** and 0-1 to **Lincoln Griffiths GFC**. To their credit, the girls came back to the apartments after the first day of matches absolutely buzzing about their matches, having thoroughly enjoyed playing and competing in such close games. The next day followed the same schedule, where we played each team for a second time. Again, each of these matches ended in narrow defeats but our girls never gave up and battled right until the end (even with a few injured players). The girls' obviously impressed the referees with their great team spirit, manners and exemplary conduct as they received the **Fair Play Trophy**.

U11 Football- Wix County Finals @ Colney Heath FC, 2nd May, 2017

U11A-W0 D0 L1

After winning the quarter final stage at the end of the Lent Term, St Edmund's Prep travelled to the Colney Heath football ground to participate in the county finals as one of the last four teams. Before the match, our players prepared in the home dressing room and then walked out onto the pitch through the tunnel, flanked by the referees and cheered on by the spectators. Our semi-final was against **William Ransom JMI** from Hitchin. The first half was very tight and despite a few chances for both teams, the score remained goalless. However, in the second half, St Edmund's Prep stepped up a gear and really put pressure on the other team's defence, camping out in their half whilst trying to find a way through to score. Unfortunately, that elusive goal was nowhere to be found and the game went to extra time. In a devastating finish to the game, William Ransom broke away on a late counter attack to score in the final stages of added time. However, the boys played really well and will remember the experience for years to come.

U11 Quicksticks Hockey- SSP Quicksticks Hockey District Competition @ Hitchin Boys' School, 4th May, 2017

U11A-W5 D1 L0

U11B W1 D1 L4

In an exciting competition with 14 competing teams from schools around North Hertfordshire, our U11A and B quicksticks hockey teams played fantastically well. Our U11A team won all but one of their games, drawing the other after conceding a late goal. Our U11B team also played really well, they scored a few goals in lots of very close games before going on to win their final match. The U11A team have now qualified for the SSP Quicksticks Hockey County Finals in July.

U7-U9 Cross Country- SSP Cross Country Local Schools' Competition @ Ralph Sadleir, 11th May, 2017

Runners from Form 1 to Form 4 competed in the annual cross country race at Ralph Sadleir for local schools. The event started with a Form 4 race and worked its way down to the youngest runners. All children ran really well over challenging distances for most. St Edmund's Prep achieved lots of medals for those finishing in the first three places. These were:

Gold Medals- Francesca Seagrott (Form 1), Henry Sowter (Form 1), Ethan-David Balogun (Form 2), Amber Smits (Form 3) and Ronnie Seagrott (Form 3).

Silver Medals- Iremide Fadahunsi-Jones (Form 3) and Jack Sayer (Form 4)

Bronze Medals- Indiana Davies (Form 1), Inés Merino-Durán (Form 1), Zach Spring (Form 2), Amelia Rumalean (Form 2) and Isla Roberts (Form 3).

U11 Football- ISFA South Central Regional Qualifiers @ St Aubyn's, 15th May, 2017

U11A-W4 D1 L0 **1st Place (/6)**

ST EDMUND'S PREP U11A GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM CLAIM SOUTH CENTRAL GIRLS' TITLE TO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL FINALS AT ST GEORGE'S PARK

At the U11 Girls' 7v7 Independent Schools South Central Qualifier at St Aubyn's School in Woodford Green, Essex, teams from **St Aubyn's, Forest, St Edmund's Prep, The Oratory Prep and Woodford Green Prep** competed for a place at the finals day at St Georges Park.

There was some excellent football on display from all teams from the very beginning, with St Edmund's Prep, St Aubyn's and Woodford Green all making strong starts. St Edmund's Prep started off with a 1-0 victory over **Forest**. They followed on from this by beating The **Oratory School** 1-0 with the last kick of the game and then defeating **Woodford Green Prep** 2-0. With St Edmund's Prep winning their first three matches and **St Aubyn's** their opening two, the pair then clashed in a tight battle to top the group at the half way stage with the game ending 0-0. St Edmund's Prep soon got back into their winning stride and won their last match 2-0 against **St Aubyn's 'B'** to top the table with four wins and a draw from their five matches.

The race was now on for second with **Forest** recovering from two narrow defeats in their opening two matches, with back to back victories in their next two. **St Aubyn's** continued to push for second spot but could only draw their last two matches leaving the door open for **Forest**, who knew a 3-0 or greater victory in their last match would send them to St Georges Park, and they were up to challenge running out 4-0 winners. The **Oratory Prep** grabbed an excellent 3-0 win in their final game to take 4th place overall.

U11 Kwik Cricket- SSP Kwik Cricket District Competition @ Cokenach Cricket Club, 8th June, 2017

U11A-W2 D0 L1 **2nd Place (/4)**

The U11A Kwik Cricket team were in fine form as they began the day with an emphatic win against **Edwinstree** by 53 runs. Next up was **Greneway**, another team that was looking very strong. We batted first and scored well but lost 8 wickets, which reduced our total by 40 runs. **Greneway** scored steadily and needed 3 runs from the final over, they managed to score just enough and won the match by a narrow margin of 3 runs. Our final match was against **Ralph Sadleir**, and after another good performance, our boys managed a win by 16 runs.

U11 Athletics- Athletics Meeting @ St Edmund's Prep, 16th June, 2017

On Friday 16th June, St Edmund's Prep hosted an athletics meeting and welcomed Heath Mount and Howe Green to our school. The format was for the boys to complete their track events, whilst the girls did their field events and then to swap over. This was followed by a 4x100 metre relay (boys and then girls) and then a 4x 200m relay (mixed). The track events were very exciting with several very good races, these included the 75 metre hurdles, 75 metres, 200 metres and 600 metres. The field events included the foam javelin, long jump, hammer throw and the discus. St Edmund's Prep did very well and won a good number of events, but lost out in the end to Heath Mount.

St Edmund's Prep managed top place in the following events:

Roman Healy- **Long Jump** (1st place)

Roman Healy- **75 Metres** (1st place)

Roman Healy- **200 Metres** (1st Place)

Jed Chick- **Ball Throw** (1st Place)

Jed Chick- **600 Metres** (1st Place)

Abigail Hallam- **75 Metre Hurdles** (1st Place)

Freya Lund- **75 Metres** (1st Place)

Anabella Pittaluga- **200 Metres** (1st Place)

Stella Wilkinson- **600 Metres** (1st Place)

U7 Athletics- SSP Athletics Meeting @ St Edmund's Prep, 20th June, 2017

On Tuesday 20th June, St Edmund's Prep hosted an athletics meeting for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools. The tournament included seven squads and involved around 110 children. Whilst the players were very excited, the Form 5 sports leaders were equally thrilled to be taking part in the event. Their job was to help run the athletics meeting and their roles included- scorekeepers, team managers and track and field officials. Several valuable skills were developed during the morning for our older children, including teamwork, co-operation, communication, leadership and officiating.

Whilst the girls completed their track races, the boys took part in their field events before swapping over. The track races included the 50-metre sprint, the 200-metre run and the egg and spoon race. Field events included the speed stepper, the vortex howler throw and the standing long jump. After the first round of events had finished, the children participated in the 50-metre finals where the top two places from each heat competed again. These were very exciting and included some excellent contests. We finished off the event with a 4x50 metre relay for both Year 1 and Year 2 and then a Grand Relay (involving every competitor from each school).

After all of the scores were added up, **Millfield** finished in first, followed by **Roger de Clare, St Cross, St Edmund's Prep, Tannery Drift, St Augustine's** and then **St Paul's**.

St Edmund's Prep managed top two places in the following events:

Amelia Rumalean- First Place (50 Metre Finals)

Amelia Rumalean- Second Place (Mini Howler Throw)

Ethan-David Balogun- First Place (Mini Howler Throw)

Amber Bonnett-Powell- Second Place (200 Metre Finals)

Inés Merino-Duràn - First Place (Mini Howler Throw)

Francesca Seagoroatt- Second Place (200 Metre Finals)

Inés Merino-Duràn- Second Place (Speed Stepper)

U11 Netball- Catholic Primary Schools' Netball Competition @ St Mary's, 21st June, 2017

U11A-W4 D0 L2 **2nd Place (/7)**

The U11A netball team were looking forward to playing again after finishing their regular season several months earlier. The first match ended in a narrow 1-2 defeat to St Cross, before going on to win their next three matches 11-0 against **St Joseph's, Hertford**, 3-0 versus **Sacred Heart** and 4-1 against **St Joseph's, Waltham Cross**. These results placed them in a semi-final against **Sacred Heart**, which they won 8-0. The final was against **St Cross**, the opponents that they had played at the beginning of the day. Trailing by just a goal at half-time, St Edmund's Prep fought back bravely in the second half but just could not score the decisive goals as we lost 3-6 in the end.

U11B-W3 D0 L1 **2nd Place (/7)**

The U11B netball team, consisting of some of our Form 4 and 5 netballers, played really well throughout the afternoon. They won their group with a 10-0 victory against **St Joseph's, Hertford** and 7-0 win versus **Sacred Heart**. These results placed them in a semi-final against **St Thomas of Canterbury**, this was a very close match but our team eventually won 3-2. The final in this section was also St Edmund's Prep against **St Cross**, but our opponents won through in the end as we lost 1-3 in another close match.

U11 Girls' Football- ISFA Girls' Football National Finals @ St George's Park, Burton, 26th June, 2017

U11A-W0 D5 L1 **8th Place (/12)**

The U11A Girls' Football squad arrived at St George's Park on Sunday afternoon with their families and checked in to the hotel ready to begin their footballing adventure. That evening we had dinner together as a squad before going back to our rooms to get ready for the national finals the next day.

On Monday morning, the U11A girls' football squad all met for breakfast and then went for a walk around St George's Park. On one of the pitches, the England Ladies team were training, going through their paces in preparation for the European Championships. This was an amazing opportunity to get close to real superstars of the ladies game.

At midday, we all made our way to the indoor football centre and were shown to our changing rooms. After a short introduction by the tournament organisers, we got ready to play our first match. **Queen Ethelburga's** were our first opponents, and despite hitting the post and going close on several other occasions we could not find the back of the net as the game finished 0-0. Our next two matches against **Bede's Prep** and **Hale Prep** also finished 0-0, in closely contested games. Knowing we needed to get a victory in at least one of our last two games, we went into our next game against a very strong looking side from **Kings Hall**. Our girls really were on top form and dominated the match from start to finish. They were really unlucky on several occasions, especially when a shot from long range just crept past the far post. Unfortunately, this game also ended 0-0. The final game against **Alton Convent** was just as exciting, with both sides having good chances to score. With this game also ending 0-0, our girls finished the group stages in fourth out of the six teams, having drawn five games and conceding none. Our defensive record was certainly very impressive!

The 7th/8th Place Play-Off was against **Portsmouth Grammar**. In typical fashion, this game also ended 0-0 but this time it went to penalties. Portsmouth scored two to our one from the spot which left us in eight place overall. This brought a fantastic day to a close, with the girls playing some excellent football and competing very well against all of the other schools.