



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2017-2018



U11 Football- Chigwell Football Tournament @ Chigwell School, 16th September, 2017

U11A-W3 D2 L1

St Edmund's Prep 'A' started off the day by playing against **St Aubyn's** in a very close match that ended 0-0. The next match was a 1-0 win against **Forest**, with our goal coming in the closing stages with a tap-in from a corner. Two more victories followed, 6-0 against **Highgate 'B'** and 1-0 versus **St John Fisher 'B'**. The next opponents were a very good **Chigwell 'B'** team, consisting of their talented Year 5 group. Both sides had chances to score but couldn't quite manage a goal as the game ended 0-0. The final match was against **Highgate** and a great solo goal, the first that we'd conceded all tournament, won the match for our opponents as we lost 0-1.

U11B-W3 D1 L1

St Edmund's Prep 'B' played some excellent football and scored some great team goals throughout the morning. After a tense 0-0 draw against **Avon House**, a superb individual goal secured a fantastic 1-0 victory against **St Aubyn's 'B'**. Then came a superb 3-0 win against **Chigwell 'C'** with lots of great passing and movement leading to some memorable goals. The next game ended in a 1-2 loss to **Lambourne End**, but the team ended the day in high spirits with a hard-fought 1-0 victory against **Wells Primary**.

U11 Netball- Chigwell Netball Tournament @ Chigwell School, 16th September, 2017

U11A-W6 D0 L1 **2nd Place (/14)**

St Edmund's Prep U11A played in the annual Chigwell Netball Tournament and finished the day with an impressive record and some excellent results, reaching the final and finishing as runners-up overall out of the 14 teams that entered. The group games were all won, 12-0 against **Woodford Green Prep**, 8-1 v **Mossford**, 7-0 v **Coopersale**, 5-2 v **Chigwell**, 11-1 v **Snaresbrook** and 13-0 v **St John Fisher 'B'**. This meant that our U11A netball side won their group and had to play the other group winners, **Ursuline**, in the final. This match was close, but eventually our opponents won through in the end as we lost 2-4.

U11B-W3 D0 L4 **8th Place (/14)**

The St Edmund's Prep U11B team played very well throughout the morning, claiming some impressive victories against other schools' A-teams along the way. They started with a 2-0 win against **Chigwell 'C'**, before losing 1-10 to the eventual winners, **Ursuline**. A very good 3-1 win against **Park** followed, before losing their next game to **Forest** 1-5. After playing two excellent matches that were both closely contested, a 3-0 victory against **St John Fisher** followed. Another very close game against **Chigwell 'B'** came next, this ended in a 1-2 loss but secured 4th Place in the initial group stages. Our U11B netball side then qualified for the 7th/8th Place Play-Off but lost this game 1-5 against **Coopersale**. The team played in some excellent matches, competed really well and made a great start to the season.

U11 Football- Forest Football Tournament @ Forest School, 23rd September, 2017

U11A-W5 D1 L1 – **2nd Place (/10)**

The U11A team played exceptionally well and looked strong as a team during the annual Forest U11 Football Tournament. They won their group, reached the final and only conceded two goals all morning. The first match finished with a 2-0 win against **Chigwell**, the boys started quickly and scored two very good goals in quick succession. The next match also ended in a 2-0 victory against **Forest**, although our team had to defend for large parts of the opening stages before scoring two late goals. Next came a 4-0 win against **Avon House** and a 2-0 victory versus **St Paul's**. These results were enough to win the group with a record of ten goals scored and none conceded. The semi final was against **Cannonbury**, with our boys racing into an early two goal lead before conceding a goal that made the last few moments of the match extremely nerve-racking! This match finished 2-1 to set up a final against local rivals, **Duncombe**. The match was fitting for a final, with both teams playing good football. Just as the game looked as if it was heading for penalties, we conceded a goal with just seconds remaining of normal time. Although St Edmund's Prep lost 0-1, they played extremely well throughout the morning and most definitely earned their silver medals.

U10 Netball- Heath Mount Tournament @ Heath Mount School, 30th September 2017

U10A- W4 D0 L2- **2nd Place (/9)**

Our U10 netball team were in magnificent form at the annual U10 Heath Mount netball tournament, coming very close to winning overall and beating some large schools along the way. The first match ended 10-0 to St Edmund's Prep against **Heath Mount 'B'**, before registering another win against **Beechwood Park 'B'**, 10-2. The next game was against **Berkhamstead** where the girls won again by a large margin, 9-0. The final match of the group was against **Stormont**. Despite winning by two goals at half time, our lead slipped away as we lost this game 4-6. This defeat meant that top spot was lost, but we qualified for the semi-finals in second place. The semi-final was against **Heath Mount**, who had just won the other group. In a thoroughly entertaining game we came out on top, winning 4-2 and claiming our place in the final. This match was to be played once more against Stormont. The match was very even and was a fantastic end-to-end contest. In the end, **Stormont** won by two goals as we lost 4-6. A super tournament where our girls were very proud at the end to show off their silver medals.

U7 Football- SSP Football Festival @ St Edmund's College, 3rd October 2017

On Tuesday 3rd October, 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** won all of their games apart from the last one where a last minute goal led to a 1-2 loss to the only other previously unbeaten team from the group stages. 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 maintaining their gold status!

U10 Football- St Edmund's College Football Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 7th October 2017

U10A- W1 D2 L1

Our U10A football team played didn't quite manage to progress past the groups on this occasion. Their first match was against **St Joseph's In The Park** and this game finished 0-0. The next game was against **Loyola** where a late goal condemned us to a 0-1 loss, before another 0-0 draw against **Avon House** followed despite being very unlucky not to score on several occasions. The final match against **Duncombe** did end in a victory, a deflected shot saw us take all three points in a 1-0 win, although this was not quite enough to go through as one of the top two placed finishers in the group.

U10B- W0 D2 L2

Our U10B football team played enthusiastically throughout the morning and although a win proved to be elusive in the end, the players enjoyed themselves. They tried to play a passing-style of football and worked hard on their tactical understanding of the game. The first match against **St Aubyn's 'A'** ended in a 0-1 defeat, although the next game against **Avon House 'B'** was drawn 0-0. The third match against **St Joseph's In The Park 'B'** also ended in a 0-0 draw, before the final game was lost to **Woodford Green Prep**, 0-4.

U8 Netball- Heath Mount Netball Festival @ Heath Mount, 12th October 2017

U8A- W3 D0 L0- 1st Place (/4)

Our U8 netball team played in a mini festival at Heath Mount and looked very impressive as a team. They won their matches against **Heath Mount**, **Heath Mount 'B'** and **Duncombe** and scored 8 goals over the course of the three matches without conceding any. The players linked up well across the court and are showing a very good understanding of the game at an early stage.

U11 Netball- Forest Netball Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre, 13th October 2017

U11A- W5 D1 L2- 7th Place (/25)

Our U11A netball team started off the day as one of the early favourites to win this competition, with our past performances in this annual netball competition earning us one of the top seedings for the initial group stages. The competition was always going to be strong, with some of the strongest teams from the Hertfordshire and Essex area competing against each other. The first match ended in a 16-0 win against **Chigwell 'C'**, before a 10-0 victory against **Theydon Bois** and a 11-2 win against **Coopersale** followed. The next match was against **Ursuline**, winners of the Chigwell Tournament at the start of the term after they had defeated our team in the final. This match was end-to-end and losing by one goal, the whistle blew just as we were about to put a shot up to level the match. This meant that we'd lost this game 5-6 against the team that eventually went on to win the competition. Still reeling from not gaining a place in the top group, the U11A team then lost the next game 2-4 to **Chigwell** and then battled out a 4-4 draw against **St John Fisher**. However, they picked themselves up again in time to win their final two matches 7-2 against **Widford Lodge** and 9-2 against **New Hall**.

U11 Football- Bishops Stortford District Qualifier @ Howe Green School, 17th October, 2017

U11A- W3 D0 L0- 1st Place (/4)

Our U11A football team started off the competition with a 3-0 win against **Summerville**, scoring two late goals that could have proved to have been crucial. Next was a match against the hosts, **Howe Green**. This was an extremely close game that was settled with a headed goal from a corner to earn us a 1-0 victory. Next up was the decider, a game

against **Little Hallingbury** who had also won both of their games but had scored one goal less. After a tense opening period, St Edmund's Prep scored with a long-range strike to win the match 1-0. The U11A team won all three games and have now qualified as district champions to represent Bishops Stortford in the County Cup competitions later in the year.

U11 Girls' Football- Bishops Stortford District Qualifier @ Howe Green School, 7th November 2017

U11A- W2 D1 L0

The U11A Girls' football team started off with a fantastic 1-0 win against **Howe Green**. The next game was to prove decisive as we came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 with **Summercroft**. Our final game also ended in a 1-0 win against **Manor Fields**, but by this time we had been beaten to top spot in the group by Summercroft who had earned the same number of points but scored more goals. Only the two top places in both groups went through to play in the final, although we still went home unbeaten.

U11 Basketball- SSP District Basketball Competition @ Freman College, 8th November 2017

U11A- W2 D0 L1- **2nd Place (/8)** U11B- W1 D0 L1- **6th Place (/8)** U11C- W1 D0 L1- **7th Place (/8)**

The annual basketball tournament was a thoroughly exciting event this year, with St Edmund's Prep just missing out on top place. The U11B and C team results were almost identical, with both sides playing in Pool B they managed to secure comfortable victories against **Edwinstree 'B'** before narrowly losing their games to **Greneway 'B'**. The U11A team won both of their first two games, against **Ralph Sadleir** and **Edwinstree** by large margins and were looking very strong as a team unit. Their final game was against the defending district champions, **Greneway**. Our U11A team went into half time leading by two points and were looking comfortable. However, Greneway capitalized on the team foul rule to score a number of points from free throws in the second period to turn the game around and win the game by two points. A very exciting final and a great tournament.

U11 Sportshall Athletics- SSP District Sportshall Athletics Competition @ Freman College, 25th January 2018

U11A Girls- **1st Place (/5)** U11A Boys- **2nd Place (/5)** Overall- **2nd Place (/5)**

This event was to prove to become the most exciting Sportshall Athletics competition in recent times. After arriving, the children competed in teams of 3 in the field events.

Our U11 girls' teams won the:

Chest Push- **Jemima Uzoka, Ellie Pinsent and Chloe Hayes**

Speed Bounce- **Stella Wilkinson, Mary Barrett and Scarlett Williams**

and Standing Long Jump- **Jemima Uzoka, Ellie Pinsent and Amber Smits**

Whilst our U11 boys' team won the:

Speed Bounce - **Zane Spring, Jack Sayer and Costantino Antoniou**

Next came the track events in a series of very exciting races. The U11 girls' teams won the:

Obstacle Relay- **Chloe Hayes, Rae Foley, Amber Smits and Alice Caton**

1x1 Lap Relay- **Mary Barrett and Scarlett Williams**

6 Lap Paarlauf - **Alice Caton and Jemima Uzoka**

and 4x1 Lap Relay- **Rae Foley, Stella Wilkinson, Jemima Uzoka and Scarlett Williams**

Our U11 boys' team won the:

1x1 Lap Relay- **Zane Spring and Joe Radford**

The final scores saw our U11 girls' team win the event as they were awarded the gold medals. Our U11 boys' team came second overall and picked up silver medals. Unbelievably, the top two teams were tied on 196 points overall after adding the boys' and girls' scores together. However, on countback event wins **Greneway** just pipped us with 10 wins to our 9. Only the winning team go through to represent North Herts in the County Finals and whilst our

team were so unlucky not to go through, they were all outstanding as a team and supported each other fantastically well.

U11 Boys' Hockey- St Edmund's Prep Boys' Hockey Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 3rd February 2018

U11A- W2 D0 L2- **2nd Place (/5)** U11B- W3 D0 L1- **3rd Place (/8)**

St Edmund's Prep's U11A Boys' Hockey team played very well all morning. They started off with a 3-0 victory against **Avon House** after their nerves were settled with an early goal. The second match was a very exciting 1-1 draw against **St Edmund's Prep 'B'**, the U11A team had to battle back from one goal down in a close game. The next game ended in a 2-0 victory to St Edmund's Prep against **Howe Green**, before the final match was lost 0-1 to **Bancrofts**. After finishing second in the group, the U11A team claimed a place in the final against Bancrofts. Having just played them in the final game of the group it was clear that our opponents were extremely strong. However, our team showed great spirit to keep the score goalless, as we also had several chances to score on the counter attack. Extra-time was played, but after no goals could be scored then either the match went to countback where our opponents had won more long corners than us and so were the winners. Silver medals awaited the team for their efforts and great play all morning.

St Edmund's Prep's U11B Boys' Hockey team also played extremely well and impressed with their developing understanding of the game and stick skills. They also scored a number of excellent goals. The U11B team won their first match against **Avon House** 3-0. Next was a fascinating 3-1 win against **Howe Green** in an exciting game that attracted much excitement and applause from the crowd. The next game was the eagerly anticipated match against **St Edmund's Prep 'A'**. The U11B team raced into an early lead and although they conceded a little while after, it was to their credit that they earned a very well deserved draw. The final match of the group stage was a 0-6 defeat to a very strong team from **Bancrofts**. After finishing third in the group stages, the U11B team had to play **Howe Green** again in the 3rd/4th Place Play-Off. In another very exciting game, our team emerged victorious once more by the same scoreline, 3-1, to claim third spot in the tournament.

U11 Girls' Football- St Edmund's Prep Girls' Football Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 3rd February 2018

U11A- W3 D0 L1- **2nd Place (/7)** U11B- W1 D1 L2- **5th Place (/7)**

St Edmund's Prep's U11A Girls' Football team got all the way to the final but had to settle for second place and silver medals. In Group B, they won both of their games, 1-0 against **Oaklands** and also 1-0 against **Howe Green**. This meant that they finished in first place in the group and were drawn to play against **Duncombe** in the semi-final of the Cup Competition. This match ended in a 1-1 draw and so had to be decided by penalties. In a tense shoot-out, St Edmund's Prep emerged victorious thanks largely to their goalkeeper's heroics. The final was played against St Joseph's In The Park, this game was also very good and fitting for a final. Both teams played some attractive football in less than attractive conditions, but it was the visitors from **St Joseph's In The Park** who won in the end after scoring the only goal of the game.

St Edmund's Prep's U11B Girls' Football team were also successful as they won the Plate Competition. They finished third in their group after losing their first two games 0-2 to **Duncombe** and 0-4 to **St Joseph's In The Park**. However, they did manage to secure a 0-0 draw in a match against **St Francis' College** in a very closely fought contest. With a third place finish and the other group including only three teams, this meant that the U11B team secured a bye straight through to the final of the Plate Competition. This Plate Final saw us play against **St Francis' College** again after they had seen off Howe Green in the Plate Semi-Final. A solitary goal helped secure a 1-0 victory, 5th place overall in the tournament but winners of the Plate Competition!

U11 Netball- Kings College- Cambridge Netball Tournament @ Kings College- Cambridge, 5th February 2018

U11A- W3 D0 L0- **1st Place (/4)**

Our U11A Netball team travelled to Kings College in Cambridge to play in their annual netball competition. All matches were won comfortably, allowing for opportunities to change positions on court and try different combinations. The first match ended 7-3 against **St Mary's**, before we won 17-3 against **Heritage** and 15-1 versus **Kings College, Cambridge**. The team thoroughly enjoyed themselves and brought gold medals and a winners' trophy back with them.

U11 Cross Country- Keble Cross Country Meeting @ Trent Park, 22nd February 2018

U11A Boys- **3rd Place (/11)** U11A Girls- **4th Place (/11)**

On Thursday 22nd February our U11 Cross Country team travelled to Enfield to compete in a 2000m cross country race. The conditions were perfect for running, but very cold for spectating. Although, it was worth it for the St Edmund's Prep supporters with six of our athletes achieving a top fifteen place. The boys and girls ran together, only separating in the finishing funnel to be given their places. In total one hundred and eight children from eleven schools ran in cold, hilly and extremely muddy conditions. The boys team came 3rd overall out of eleven schools and the girls team came fourth. The finest achievement was for **Alice Caton**, running home in first position and returning with the gold medal.

U11 Netball- Bancrofts Netball Tournament @ West Grove, 7th March 2018

U11A- W4 D0 L1- **3rd Place (/20)**

The U11A Netball team continued their fine form, winning their group in the first round before finishing 3rd overall out of twenty teams. In the first round, St Edmund's Prep won convincingly against **Bancrofts 'C'**, 7-0, **Gatehouse**, 8-0, **North London Collegiate**, 4-1 and **Avon House**, 4-1. This placed them in a semi-final against **Roche School** where our team eventually lost 3-7. Our strong record as group winners in Round 1 meant that we were placed 3rd overall, just ahead of the other losing semi-finalists.

U9 Rugby- St Aubyn's Rugby Festival @ St Aubyn's, 8th March

U9A- W2 D0 L1- **2nd Place (/4)**

The U9A Rugby team played some excellent rugby throughout the afternoon. They came back from trailing at half-time to beating **St Aubyn's** 6-4 in their first match. The second match ended in a 3-7 defeat to a physically strong team from **Loyola** who were quite difficult to stop once they ran hard at any of the teams! The final match finished 4-2 in a win against **Woodford Green Prep**, this game included some excellent tries after our boys attempted to exploit space in wide areas and pass the ball across their attacking line.

U9 Hockey- Felsted Hockey Tournament @ Felsted, 9th March

U9A- W1 D0 L3- **7th Place (/8)**

The U9A Girls' Hockey team found themselves placed in a tough group, including both teams that eventually reached the finals. The matches that they played were close, including the first one, 0-1 against **St Cedds**, where a single goal won the game for the opposition. The next match also finished 0-1 to the eventual winners, **Barnardiston Hall** although in this game our team began to generate some of their own attacks and put the opposition under a little more pressure. The third game was close, but ended up 1-2 to **Kings College, Cambridge**. The final game ended in a 3-0 win to St Edmund's Prep against **Howe Green**. In this match our team scored some excellent goals after crosses

from wide positions and some surging runs and solo efforts. Overall, the girls played very well in a tournament that included some very good sides.

U7 Tag Rugby- SSP Tag Rugby Festival @ St Edmund's Prep, 13th March 2018

On Tuesday 13th March, St Edmund's Prep hosted a tag rugby festival for Year 1 and 2 children from local schools. The tournament included twenty one teams and involved around 130 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 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 three, every side played twice 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 two more games. The Year 1 and 2 children played with great enthusiasm, nothing seemed to dampen their spirits as they scored lots of tries and began to show some excellent evasion skills! The real winner was the tag rugby 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 maintaining their gold status!

U9 Football- Forest Football Tournament @ Forest School, 16th Mar 2018

U9A- W3 D3 L0- **2nd Place (/7)**

The U9A Football team maintained their unbeaten run this season, although they didn't manage to win the tournament overall after drawing matches where a goal could have tipped the balance for the final standings in our favour. The first match was against **St Aubyn's** where a headed goal from a corner earned a 1-0 win. The next game ended 0-0 against a very good side from **Chigwell**, although we almost snatched a goal at the end! The next game ended 2-0 to us against Woodford Green Prep after a good attacking performance. The next two matches ended in draws, 0-0 against a physically strong team from **Loyola** and 1-1 against **Avon House** after their team had taken an early lead with a wonder strike from a free-kick. Our final match finished 1-0 to us against **Forest** and this was enough to claim second place overall and silver medals.

U11 Football- Wix County Quarter Finals @ Parmiters School, 27th Mar 2018

U11A- W0 D0 L2

The U11A Football team arrived at Parmiters School, in their half-term break, to represent Bishops Stortford in the Wix County Quarter Finals. They were drawn in a group to play against the Letchworth and Baldock representatives, **St Mary's** and the St Alban's representatives, **Fleetville**. Playing on a 4G pitch, in two games lasting half an hour each, both opponents proved to be too strong for us on the day as we lost 1-6 to **St Mary's** and 0-3 to **Fleetville**.

U9 Football- Butlins U9 Football Tour @ Skegness, 20th – 22nd April 2018

U9A- W2 D3 L1

The U9A Football team were very excited on their first morning of the football tournament and started off with a fantastic 7-0 win against **Selby Olympia**. The next game was a little tougher though, after a goalless first half our team conceded a late goal after some sustained pressure by our opponents and we lost 0-1 to **AS Plant Mustangs**. The next game was a 0-0 draw against **Appleton AFC** before our final match of the first day was a 2-1 win against **West Denton Pumas FC**. On the second and final day of the tournament, our team were raring to go knowing that

they'd need some good results to progress past the group stage. The first match was fantastic to watch, our team were superb and played with great determination to earn a 0-0 draw against **Rugby Town JFC**, a team that had won all of their other games convincingly. The final match was against **Gretton FC**, knowing that only a win would be enough to go through to the quarter finals. After going down early in the first half, we scored a fantastic goal to set up a nervy finish. Unfortunately, another goal did not go in and so the match finished 1-1. The boys finished third in their group overall and played really well all weekend.

U11 Football- Butlins U11 Football Tour @ Minehead, 27th – 29th April 2018

U11A- W4 D1 L1

The U11A football team started off their tournament on fire! They won all of the games on their first day and were looking unstoppable. A 2-1 win against **Aberbargoed Buds** was followed by a 3-0 win against **Larkhall Athletic YFC**, a 4-0 win against **Kidderminster Harriers** and a 6-0 victory against **Marshfield Youth and Junior FC**. The crowd were going wild on the sidelines as our U11 team were playing an exciting style of football, full of pace and good passing movements. One other side had also won all of their games too, although our goal difference was superior and so we finished the first day on top of the group. The second day was set to be quite tense, with only the group winners going through to the semi-final stage and with our next two opponents looking quite strong. The first match of the second day was against **Barry Athletic Blues**, we started brightly and were unlucky not to score on several occasions when luck deserted us in front of goal. In the second half, our opponents won a penalty and scored to condemn us to our first loss of the tournament. This made a big difference, as our final match was against a team who were still unbeaten and we needed to win by a two goal margin. In this match against **Little Stoke Youth** we went behind from a corner but the levelled from the penalty spot. The game was very close and a draw was probably the right result in the end, although it was bitterly disappointing not to go through after playing so well and winning so many matches in such convincing style.

U11 Girls' Football- Butlins U11 Girls' Football Tour @ Minehead, 27th – 29th April 2018

U11A- W1 D1 L6

The U11A girls' football team were up against some very strong girls' football sides, but played with great determination and made superb improvement as a team as the tournament went on. The girls lost their games on the first day 0-2 to **Team Mendip Blue Sox**, 0-4 to **Clwb Caerdydd FC**, 0-5 to **LLantwit Fardre FC** and 0-2 to **Team Mendip Orange Sox**. However, in their last game, the girls were desperately unlucky not to score and the opposition scored two late goals to win the match in an evenly-contested match. The next day started with a 0-2 loss to the eventual group winners **AFC Porth BGC**, although the girls continued to show great spirit as they defended resolutely and put on another good performance. The next game saw us score our first goal as we battled to a 1-1 draw against **Tredegar Women & Girls AFC**, a goal that was celebrated with great enthusiasm from the sidelines. A narrow 0-1 loss to **Marine Academy Plymouth** followed, but the girls saved their best performance for last as they earned a superb 2-0 victory against **Stourbridge Girls FC** in their final match. The girls showed such great spirit throughout the tournament, playing against club teams that play together weekly our girls learnt so much and will only grow from the experience if they decide to continue with their footballing journeys.

U7 Athletics- SSP Key Stage 1 Athletics Festival @ St Edmund's Prep, 8th May 2018

On Tuesday 8th May, 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 athletes 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 **St Edmund's Prep** in second place.

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

Patrick Radford- (Form 2 Boys' Mini Howler Throw)

Francesca Seagroatt- (Form 2 Girls' Speed Stepper)

Patrick Radford- (Form 2 Boys' Long Jump)

Ava Spring- (Form 1 Mini Howler Throw)

Thomas Pinsent- (Form 2 Boys' Mini Howler Throw)

Ava Spring- (Form 1 Speed Stepper)

Ben Scott- (Form 1 Boys' Long Jump)

Olivia Bacon-Sugrue- (Form 1 Speed Stepper)

Harry Edmunds- (Form 1 Boys' Mini Howler Throw)

Olivia Bacon-Sugrue- (Form 1 Mini Howler Throw)

Isabelle Bacon-Sugrue- (Form 1 Long Jump)

U11 Girls' Football- ISFA S.Central Regional Qualifiers @ St Aubyn's, 14th May 2018

U11A- W2 D1 L1

Our U11A Girls' Football squad travelled to St Aubyn's to compete in the ISFA Regional Qualifiers. They started off with a 0-0 draw in their first match, before winning their second game 2-1 against **Forest**. The next match ended in a 0-1 defeat to **Oratory Prep**, although our group games finished with a hard-earned 1-0 win against **Gatehouse**. Our team finished on 7 points with Gatehouse, although they went through to the semi-finals after having a better goal difference in the group stages.

U11 Kwik Cricket- SSP Kwik Cricket Competition @ Cokenach Cricket Club, 7th June 2018

U11A- W1 D0 L2

The U11A cricket team travelled to Cokenach cricket club on Thursday 7th June for their annual competition. The first match was against a very good side from **Edwinstree**, St Edmund's Prep chose to bat first and reached a good total number of runs. With the loss of a wicket costing 5 runs from your team's total, these were to prove crucial in the end. Just as Edwinstree were edging their way to victory, St Edmund's prep claimed a few wickets to keep the opposition at arm's length and eventually won by 9 runs. The next match was against **Ralph Sadleir**. Our opponents chose to bat first and scored 45 runs. We started slowly and lost a lot of wickets but towards the end of our innings we picked up the pace and were scoring very well, including three sixes in a row. This wasn't quite enough though as we lost the game by 11 runs. The next game was a decider against **Greneway**, whoever won would win the competition due to our next opponents beating Ralph Sadleir by a high score. St Edmund's played some of their best cricket as they went in to bat first and finished their innings with a decent total of 32 runs from 8 overs. Greneway went into bat next and edged ahead towards the end before defending their wicket to see out a victory, eventually winning by 9 runs.

U11 Football- Catholic Schools' Competition @ St Mary's School, 13th June 2018

U11A- W3 D1 L1 2nd Place (/8)

The U11A football team played their first football tournament of the term in the Catholic School's Tournament at St Mary's in Bishops Stortford. They started off really well and won their first game 6-0 against **St Augustine's**. A 1-0 win against **St Cross** followed before the final group game was drawn 0-0 against **St Joseph's, Hertford**. These results were enough to secure top place in the group and a place in the semi final. A 2-0 win against **St Joseph's, Waltham Cross** followed to take us through to the final. This game was against the very good side from **St Joseph's, Hertford** who we had played earlier on in the group. The game remained goalless in normal time and with no golden goal being scored the match went to penalties. The opposition won through in the end, with our team finishing as the tournament runners'-up.

U11 Netball- Catholic Schools' Competition @ St Mary's School, 13th June 2018

U11A- W5 D0 L 1st Place (/8)

U11B- W3 D0 L0 1st Place (/4)

The U11A netball team travelled to St Mary's in Bishops Stortford on Wednesday 13th June for their annual Catholic School's Tournament. They won their first two games 9-0 against **St Joseph's, Bishops Stortford** and 7-0 versus **St Joseph's, Hertford**. The next match ended in a 3-8 loss to a very good side from **St Cross** before finishing the groups stages with a 4-0 victory against **Sacred Heart**. The semi-final finished with an 8-0 win against **St Paul's** to qualify us for the final against **St Cross**. The girls were fired up to gain revenge for their earlier loss and played outstandingly well! The game finished 5-5 in normal time and went to one period of extra time where our girls were almost unstoppable as they eventually won 10-6. A superb tournament win and excellent performances all round.

The U11B netball team travelled to St Mary's in Bishops Stortford on Wednesday 13th June for their annual Catholic School's Tournament. They won all three of their games and were very impressive in their performances. They won 5-1 against **St Thomas Of Canterbury**, before defeating **St Cross** 7-2 and then **St Joseph's, Hertford** 6-0. Winning all three games meant that our girls won the plate section of the competition.

U11 Athletics- St Edmund's Prep Meeting @ St Edmund's Prep, 15th June 2018

The U11A athletics team took part in an athletics match against **Greneway** and **Heath Mount**. The standard of competition was extremely high and all track and field events were very competitive. For the field events, there were 6 competitors from all schools (apart from the long jump where there were 12). St Edmund's Prep achieved particularly good results with the following competitors: **Joe Radford** (1st Howler Throw), **Ellie Pinsent** and **Stella Wilkinson** (1st and 3rd in Howler Throw), **Chloe Hayes** (2nd Javelin), **Jemima Uzoka** (2nd Discus), **Dylan Parry-Cooper** and **Joshua Jeff-Okoh** (2nd and 3rd in Discus). On the track, the following girls won their races: **Mary Barrett** (200 Metres), **Scarlett Williams** (200 Metres) and **Alice Caton** (200 Metres), whilst for the boys **Oscar Smits** won his heat of the 75 Metres.