



## St Edmund's Prep awarded the Gold Sports Mark Award

St Edmund's Prep have been awarded a **School Games Gold Award**, for our commitment to a provision of wide-ranging sporting opportunities. We have developed our delivery of sport over the last year even further this year by introducing a **Sports Leader** programme initiative. The Sports Leaders have been involved in the organisation and running of termly sports tournaments at lunchtimes, whilst also discussing further opportunities for sporting endeavor during fortnightly lunchtime meetings in the refectory.



Another exciting initiative over the last year has seen the introduction of the termly **Under 7 Sports Festivals**. Form 1 and 2 children have enjoyed participating in the football, netball and athletics festivals that included local schools and were led by our Sports Leaders. These festivals were great to see in action, not just because the younger children were enjoying sport against other schools, but also because the older children blossomed in their roles of responsibility, being given the opportunity to coach during warm-ups, manage teams during matches and collate results in the context of the festival.

St Edmund's Prep played a wide range of sports last year, playing 340 matches in total (including those at tournaments). This year we have played football, netball, hockey, rugby, cricket, rounders, basketball and athletics fixtures (including different adaptations and variations of these sports), whilst also participating in a range of swimming and cross country events. The children in Forms 1-6 have had opportunities to play different sports throughout the year, whether that be in our PE and Games programme, after-school activities or fixtures. The squad practices continue to be very popular for children in Forms 4-6, whilst their contribution to our many successes has been clearly evident. As well as winning lots of tournaments and festivals, we have had lots of successful teams and eye-catching individual performances. However, a special mention should go to our successful **U11A Netball Team** who won 32 out of 36 matches, as well as our **U11A Hi-5 Netball Team** who won the Hertfordshire County Finals.

