



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2014-2015



U11 Football- Chigwell Football Tournament @ Chigwell School, 6th September, 2014

U11A-W4 D2 L0

St Edmund's Prep U11A went from strength to strength as the morning progressed. Playing all together for the first time in the season, they began to develop their team understanding and were playing some fantastic football by the end of the morning. They won games against **Forest 'A'**, 1-0; **Woodford Green Prep School 'A'**, 5-0; **Bancrofts 'A'**, 2-1 and **St Aubyn's 'A'**, 1-0. The other two games ended in a 1-1 draw against **Ursuline Prep 'A'** and a goalless draw against the eventual winners- **Highgate 'A'**.

U11B-W4 D0 L2

St Edmund's Prep U11B played some excellent football, they worked hard and supported each other wonderfully all morning. After a narrow defeat in their first match, 2-3 against **Bancrofts 'B'**, the boys didn't let their heads drop and battled back to win most of their remaining games. They won four matches, beating **Avon House 'A'**, 1-0; **Highgate 'B'**, 1-0; **Forest 'B'**, 4-0 and **Chigwell 'B'**, 1-0. They also lost 0-1 against **Normanhurst 'A'**, but overall the boys had a great morning and did very well indeed.

U11 Netball- Chigwell Netball Tournament @ Chigwell School, 6th September, 2014

U11A-W4 D0 L1 (finished 5th /15)

St Edmund's Prep U11A started very well in their first group game, and were winning by two goals at half-time against **St Aubyn's 'A'**. However, the opposition, who eventually went on to win the tournament, battled back and we ended up losing 3-6. Our A-team won their next match against **Avon House 'A'** 10-0 and with the opposition for the next match failing to turn up to the tournament, our girls finished second in the group and were placed in Pool B for the final round. They then went on to win their final three matches in this group section, beating **Theydon Bois 'A'**, 6-2; **Daiglen 'A'**, 14-0 and **Woodford Green Prep 'A'**, 7-0. This meant top place in Pool B and a 5th place finish overall.

U11B-W1 D0 L5 (finished 12th / 15)

St Edmund's Prep U11B had a great start to the morning, winning their first match against **Coopersale 'A'**, 1-0. Even though they lost their next two games against **Chigwell 'A'** and **Daiglen 'A'**, the win in their first game ensured that they finished third in the group and were placed in Pool C for the final round. Against some strong opposition in the final group stage, the U11B team lost to **Avon House 'A'**, **Herewood 'A'** and **Park 'A'**. However, the girls gained some valuable experience by playing six games, finished in 12th place overall and their determination and spirit didn't falter.

U11 Football- St Edmund's Football Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 20th September, 2014

U11A-W6 D0 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

St Edmund's Prep U11A played some fantastic football to win this tournament, with everyone playing in many different positions throughout the morning but still playing so effectively as a team. They had the noteworthy record too of having not conceded a single goal all tournament. The first stage was a round robin tournament, where St Edmund's Prep beat all four of the other sides, **St Edmund's Prep 'B'**, **St Aubyn's 'B'**, **Howe Green 'A'** and **Duncombe 'A'**, by at least two clear goals. The second stage pitted the top four teams against each other and a semi-final against **Howe Green 'A'** beckoned, this match ended with a superb 3-0 victory. The boys, however, seemed to save their best performances for the final match against **St Aubyn's 'B'**, as they won the final of the tournament, 4-0. A super achievement, well done boys!

U11B-W0 D0 L4

St Edmund's Prep U11B played four closely-fought matches, but unfortunately did not manage to reach the second stage of the tournament. They played with greater tempo as the morning progressed, managing to pass the ball more effectively as a team too. Three of their group matches finished with narrow 0-1 losses, to **Howe Green 'A'**, **Duncombe 'A'** and **St Aubyn's 'B'**, whilst the eagerly anticipated match against St Edmund's Prep 'A' finished 0-2.

U11 Netball- Forest Netball Rally @ Forest School, 20th September, 2014

U11A-W4 D1 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

St Edmund's Prep U11A recorded a superb victory in the annual Forest Netball Tournament for the second-year running. The first match was a hard-fought 3-3 draw against **Woodford Prep 'A'**. After falling three goals behind, the girls battled back to draw. The next match was against **St Paul's 'A'**, which finished in an emphatic 9-1 victory. Then came a 4-2 win against the hosts, **Forest 'A'**, and another big victory against **Avon House 'A'**, 9-1. The final match was against **Forest 'B'**, where our girls again earned a superb 10-0 win. A super morning of netball and the girls were very excited to return home with their own winners' medals and the Tournament Shield. Well done!

U11 Football- ISFA Regional Qualifiers @ Chigwell School, 3rd October 2014

U11A- W1 D3 L1 – Quarter Finalists

The U11A football team travelled to Chigwell, full of nervous anticipation, for the ISFA Regional Qualifiers, the biggest football tournament of the year with the finals held at St George's Park. The first game was against **Chigwell 'B'** and despite dominating possession and having lots of good opportunities to score, the match finished at 0-0. The next match was against **St Aubyns 'A'**, where the team scored an early goal and fought hard to cling on to a much-needed victory! The next match, against a very strong team from **Westbrook Hay** (the eventual winners), ended at 0-0 with our team defending resolutely and grinding out what would eventually prove to be a decisive point! Needing a draw to go through to the next round and qualify from a very tough group, the U11A team again secured a valuable 0-0 draw against **Beechwood Park** despite creating several good scoring opportunities! We qualified from our group as runners-up, with a solid defensive record but still struggling to finish off the many chances that we were creating. The quarter-finals saw us paired with the winners of Group C, **FKS**, who had already won all of their matches. However, it was our U11A team that created all of the scoring opportunities, including a fantastic chance near the end of the game to win it. The match ended 0-0 and went straight to penalties. Unfortunately, our progress in the competition ended there as we lost the penalty shoot-out at the sudden-death stage! The U11A team did themselves proud and despite being so disappointed they did extremely well in a very tough competition (and finished with the best defensive record having not conceded a single goal all day!)

U11 Girls Football- Wix District Trophy @ Howe Green School, 6th October 2014

U11 Girls A- W2 D0 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

The U11 Girls Football A Team travelled to Howe Green School to compete in the Wix Girls Football Tournament. The team consisted of Katie in goal, Eva (captain) and Georgia in defence, Ayla playing centre midfield, Erin, Elodie and Freya on the wings and Ava as striker. Our first match was against **Howe Green** which we won 2 – 0. The goals were scored by Freya and Ayla. The second match was against **Northgate School**, by this time the girls had gained a lot of confidence and won 4-0. The scorers were Freya, and Ava with a hatrick. With the maximum six points gained we won the tournament and brought back the trophy. The U11 Girls A football team are now district champions and are ready to represent St Edmund's Prep for Bishops Stortford district in the Hertfordshire Girls' Wix County Cup.

U11 Football- Wix District Trophy @ Howe Green School, 7th October 2014

U11A- W1 D2 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

Aiming to follow in the footsteps of our girls, the U11A football team travelled to Howe Green School to compete in the Wix District Trophy the day after our girls football team had won the same tournament! They drew the first game against **Northgate** 1-1 after scoring a goal early in the second half and seeing it pegged back by a long-range equaliser. The next match ended with a 2-0 victory against **Hillmead**. A point against **Howe Green**, after drawing 0-0, was enough to secure victory in the tournament and secure the trophy. St Edmund's Prep U11A football team will now represent Bishops Stortford in the Wix Cup County Quarter Finals as winners of their district.

U11 Netball- Forest Netball Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre, 10th October 2014

U11A- W4 D3 L1 – 7th Place/ 25 Teams

Our U11A team travelled to Redbridge Sports Centre to play in the annual Forest Netball Tournament and began the day in Group A with four other teams from Essex and Outer London. Our first match ended with a 12-2 victory against **Avon House**, although this super victory was soon followed by a 11-2 defeat against an outstanding team from **Berkhamstead Prep** (the eventual runners-up of the tournament). The last two matches of the group included an impressive 4-2 win against **Chigwell** and a hard-fought 3-3 draw against **Belmont**. These results were enough to secure second place in the group and a second-round draw in Group 2 with the other four groups' runners-up. Our team did well in the next round too, beating **Daiglen**, 2-0, and **Forest**, 2-1. Top place in Group 2 eluded the U11A netball team after two unlucky draws against the notoriously strong **Ursuline Prep**, 3-3 and **Woodford Green Prep**, 1-1. However, a final placing of second in Group 2 and 7th out of 25 teams overall was certainly a fantastic result after only losing a single game all afternoon against some very tough opposition.

U11 Girls Football- ESFA Tournament @ Howe Green School, 13th October 2014

U11A- W1 D0 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

This competition was a play-off against two teams, ourselves and **Howe Green**, played in heavy rain and on a muddy pitch! The girls played with typical enthusiasm, commitment and endeavour and earned a fantastic 6-1 victory! Scorers were **Elodie Cooper**, **Freya Kavanagh**, **Ayla Moore (x2)** and **Ava Lawrence (x2)**. As well as representing St Edmund's Prep for the Bishops Stortford district in the Hertfordshire Girls' Wix County Cup after winning the District Wix Trophy the week before, the girls football team will now represent Bishops Stortford district in the ESFA County Cup!

U11 Tag Rugby- SSP District Tag Rugby Tournament @ Royston Rugby Club, 16th October 2014

U11A- W2 D2 L1 – Runners-Up

A mixed team of U11 boys and girls travelled to Royston to play in the district round of the School Sports Partnership's Tag Rugby Tournament. The first match was against **St Thomas Of Canterbury** and after a strong performance a good start was made with a convincing victory. The next match was against **Greneway**, after falling behind our team made a great comeback to claim a superb draw with a last minute try. The final group match ended with another convincing win against **Edwinstree**, enough to claim a place in the semi-finals. Our opponents were **Roysia**, winners of the other group. A very tight encounter followed, where each side matched each other try for try as the match went into extra-time! Finding ourselves one try behind with the final play of the game, we scored a last gasp equaliser and gained a place in the final due to a superior number of tries scored over the course of the tournament! The other finalists were **Greneway**, our group rivals from earlier in the day and previous tournament winners. The first half ended at 3-3, but eventually Greneway proved too strong and went on to win 4-6. A super afternoon was had by all, and our team travelled back to school proudly wearing their runners-up medals and looking forward to the County Tag Rugby Finals in June. Well done to our fantastic team- **Ayla Moore, Ava Lawrence, Georgia Davies, Finlay Kelly, Joshua Sowter, Fiyinfoluwa Alomaja** and **Joseph Shenouda**, who all scored a number of fantastic tries and defended with great determination and skill!

U10 Football- Kingshott Football Tournament @ Kingshott, 5th November 2014

U11A- W2 D0 L1 – Runners-Up

On Wednesday 5th November, our U10A football team travelled to Kingshott to play in their annual U10 football tournament. The standard of football was very good, with each team playing some attractive attacking football. In our first game, despite scoring two early goals, a defensive meltdown led to a 2-5 defeat against the eventual winners **Lockers Park**. However, two scintillating 3-0 victories against the hosts, **Kingshott**, and a technically-gifted team from **St Joseph's In The Park** earned our team silver medals and the runners-up prize. Well done boys, a super afternoon of sport with some great football played and a number of impressive goals scored.

U11 Basketball- SSP District Basketball Finals @ Royston Leisure Centre, 10th November 2014

U11A- W2 D0 L2 – Group A Runners-Up

U11B- W2 D0 L1 – Group B Runners-Up

On Monday 10th November, St Edmund's Prep took their Basketball Squad to play in the SSP District Finals. The U11B (Team Kobe) started very well indeed, earning two very impressive victories against **Roysia B** and **Edwinstree B**. The last game was to decide the group winners, but **Greneway B** came out on top and won by three baskets. However, the team played very well and coming second was a very well earned final placing. The U11A (Team LeBron) lost their first game against **Edwinstree A**, but then went on to beat **Ralph Sadleir A** and **Roysia A**. Needing a victory in the final match against **Greneway A** to win the tournament, the first half ended well with our team leading by two baskets. However, victory eluded us with **Greneway A** clawing their way back as we eventually lost by one. Joint second place was a good end to the tournament, although winning was within desperately close reach!

U10 Netball- Heathmount Netball Tournament @ Heathmount, 15th November 2014

U10A- W0 D0 L4

The U10A team played a tournament at Heathmount against other Year 5 teams from local prep schools. They took a little while to warm up, but soon began playing some good netball. They found the opposition a little too strong on this occasion and, whilst they didn't manage to win any of their matches, they all did their best and will have gained more valuable experience of playing competitive matches.

U11 Football- Stevenage Schools Cup @ Stevenage FC Academy, 21st November 2014

U11A- W7 D0 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

On Friday 21st November, the St Edmund's Prep Under 11 A team travelled to Stevenage Borough's football academy to play a tournament on their state-of-the-art 4G training pitches. It was a great occasion that included 30 local schools. In the first round, we won all of our matches to top the group. We won 4-0 against **Camps Hill**, 2-0 against **Mossbury**, 3-0 against **Giles School** and 5-1 versus **The Leys**. The quarter-final against **Stonehill** was a tense encounter. After scoring two quick goals, our opposition equalized late in the game to send the match into extra-time. However, with penalties looming, our team grabbed a late goal to win the match 3-2. The semi-final ended in a 1-0 victory against **Stapleford** in another close match. The final was against **Millmead School**, the match was played at blistering pace, but some outstanding football, including a volleyed goal of the tournament, helped to secure a 3-1 victory and win the tournament. St Edmund's Prep will now receive their winners' medals and be presented with the tournament trophy at half-time in the next match at Stevenage Borough (versus Morecambe on Saturday 29th November). The whole squad were given complimentary tickets to the match and will wear their school kits and tracksuits to go onto the pitch and receive their awards. In March, the Under 11A team will travel to Portsmouth, at their own football academy, to play in the South of England finals. They will be representing Stevenage Borough FC and will wear their team kit, with the academy manager accompanying us on the trip. The winners of this stage will play at Wembley...

U11 Athletics- SSP District SportsHall Athletics Finals @ Freman College, 5th February, 2015

U11A Girls- 2nd Place (/6)

U11A Boys- 2nd Place (/6)

On Wednesday 4th March, St Edmund's Prep U11A Athletics Squad travelled to Freman College in Buntingford to participate in their School Sports Partnership (SSP) SportsHall Athletics Tournament. The field events were first, with children from **Ralph Sadleir**, **Greneway**, **Edwinstree**, **Roysia** and **St Thomas of Canterbury** competing in the vertical jump, standing long jump, triple jump, speed bounce, foam javelin and chest push. Having practised these events during PE lessons, many of our athletes finished in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place out of the 16 competitors from all of the different schools. This put us into a good position going into the track event relays. There were six different and exciting relays and our teams did very well, managing a win in the girls' obstacle race and a number of other second place finishes. Eventually, by winning almost all of the relays, **Greneway** won the competition for both the boys and girls. However, St Edmund's Prep came away with a very respectable **boys' second place** and **girls' second place**. Congratulations to the following teams from the U11A St Edmund's Prep Athletics Squad who managed first place in these events:

Girls' Obstacle Race- Ayla Moore, Ava Lawrence, Bella Uzoka and Katie Scott

Girls' Speed Bounce- Ayla Moore, Annabel Pattinson and Eva Van De Ven

Girls' Foam Javelin- Georgia Davies, Niamh Hayes and Katie Scott

Boys' Chest Push- Finlay Kelly, Joshua Sowter and Ben Feltham

Boys' Speed Bounce- Joseph Shenouda, Ben Feltham and Thomas Christie

U11 Rugby- Heathmount 7's Rugby Festival @ Heathmount, 6th March, 2015

U11A - W1 D0 L2

The U11A Rugby team travelled to the annual Heath Mount 7s and produced some spirited performances. Despite an early defeat to **Kingshott**, they upped their effort rates in their second game against **Edge Grove**. However, after leading by 12-10 with only a few minutes to go some sustained pressure from **Edge Grove** finally saw them score a decisive match winning try just before the final whistle to edge home 12-15. In their final game, the team put in a very good team performance of passing and support running and earned a comfortable victory against **Kings College, Cambridge**.

U11 Netball- Aldenham Netball Festival @ Aldenham School, 9th March, 2015

U11A - W5 D0 L0 – **TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!**

The U11A netball team travelled to Aldenham School in Elstree, Hertfordshire to play in the annual Aldenham Netball Festival. They won their first match 7-0 against **Charlotte House**, before winning against **Alpha Prep** 13-0. They followed these two victories with further wins against **Aldenham**, 8-0, and **Holland House**, 9-1. The final match ended in a 6-0 victory against **St Christopher's**. The U11A team won this tournament with a super record of having scored 43 goals and only conceding 1.

U11 Football- Kids' Cup South of England Finals @ Portsmouth FC, 14th March, 2015

U11A - W2 D2 L2

The U11A team arrived at Portsmouth's training ground to play in the much-anticipated Kids' Cup South of England Finals. On 6-a-side mini pitches, playing off the side walls and using large goals, the games were fast-flowing and produced lots of goals. St Edmund's Prep were representing Stevenage FC, wearing their famous red and white stripes, and played against other sides from the South of England representing teams in Stevenage's league. Our first game was against **Oxford United**, after going a goal down our boys battled back to score a late equaliser, 1-1. The next game was also very exciting, with the U11A team winning 3-2 against **Plymouth Argyle**. Our next opponents were a very physical and skilful team representing **Luton Town** in a game that we lost 0-3. However, the players soon picked themselves up to earn a thrilling 4-4 draw against **Cheltenham Town** despite trailing for most of the match. **Portsmouth FC**, the eventual group winners, were up next and despite playing some good football we also lost this game 1-3. The boys saved their best performance until last though, trailing by two goals in the closing stages against **Dagenham and Redbridge**, we battled back to secure a 5-4 victory in a thoroughly exciting last game of our footballing adventure!

U9 Football- Forest Tournament @ Forest School, 14th March, 2015

U9A - W2 D1 L2 – **Runners-Up**

Despite a slow start, losing their first game 1-4 against **Chigwell**, the U9A team quickly got over this disappointment and won their next game 2-1 against **St Aubyn's** before earning a hard-fought 0-0 draw against **Loyola**. This was enough to qualify for the semi-finals as group runners-up. The next match was against the unbeaten winners of the other group, **Churchfields**. However, a superb early goal and some resolute defending resulted in a very impressive 1-0 victory. In the final against **Forest**, our boys narrowly lost 0-1 but came away very proud with their achievement and with silver medals too!

U11 Netball- St Francis' Netball Rally @ St Francis' College, 15th March, 2015

U11A - W4 D0 L4 U11B - W1 D3 L4

The U11A team faced some impressive opponents in a very strong tournament at St Francis' College. Fielding an equally impressive side, St Edmund's Prep knew that they'd be in for some tough early matches and that their fine record for the season would come under close scrutiny. Unfortunately, the first four matches ended in defeat- 3-6 against **St Joseph's In The Park**, 3-5 versus **Heathmount**, 1-4 against **Bedford** and 1-4 versus **Howe Green**. However, the girls soon picked themselves up to record a fine 2-0 victory against **Kingshott**, a 9-0 win versus **Knebworth B**, a 7-1 victory against **St Francis' College** and a 6-1 win against **Knebworth**. Howe Green won the tournament in the end, but the standard of netball was probably of the highest standard that it has been at for many years in this much-anticipated event. There were many friendly rivalries, but it was an excellent competition with some closely fought matches and some excellent wins.

The U11B team played some excellent netball too and were rewarded with some very good results. The first two matches ended in draws 1-1 versus **St Joseph's In The Park B** and 2-2 against **Heathmount B**. The girls were becoming more confident in their movement around the court and positional play and did well to record these results against two good teams. However, the next three matches ended in defeat 1-4 versus **Bedford B**, 1-2 versus **Howe Green B** and 0-5 against the eventual winners, **Kingshott B**. The team then rallied to win their next match 3-0 versus **St Francis' College C**, before losing 1-2 against **St Francis' College B** and then drawing 1-1 against **Knebworth C**. The girls enjoyed their morning of netball and it was very pleasing to see them take the opportunity to learn more about the game in a tournament environment.

U11 Hockey- Felsted Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 21st March, 2015

U11A - W2 D1 L3

The U11A team started off brightly to earn a superb 2-0 victory against **Duncombe**. However, the next match was against a very strong team from **Felsted**, the eventual winners, who we lost to 0-3. The next game was very close, but **Kings College, Cambridge** won by the only goal of the game as this match ended in a 0-1 defeat. **Kingshott** were our next opponents and a superb goal from a short corner saw our team to a great 1-0 victory in a superbly matched contest. The girls played **Alleyn Court** in their penultimate match, but despite some heavy pressure from our team a breakaway goal led to an unfortunate 0-1 defeat, before drawing their final match 0-0 against **Barnardiston Hall**. In a tournament where the hockey played is of a notoriously good standard, the U11A team gave a great account of themselves and played superbly well in each of their games.

U11 Boys' Hockey- Felsted Tournament @ Felsted Prep, 21st March, 2015

U11A - W2 D1 L2

Our U11A team only lost one game (and another on penalties!) in a very exciting tournament full of skilful and well-matched teams. Our talented group of U11 boys played very well in their first match against the hosts, **Felsted**, defending bravely for long periods of the game. However, our defences were breached towards the end and we lost 0-1. The next game was against **Kings College, Cambridge**. After going a goal behind, the boys battled back to score a great goal near the end to draw the match 1-1. The final match was against **Alleyn Court** and this was when the boys really displayed their attacking flair and teamwork. After dominating for long spells, the U11 Boys' A team won 2-0 and played some superb hockey. Unfortunately, the boys narrowly missed out on the semi-finals of the main competition, despite having the same number of points as the eventual group runners-up, they had a slightly inferior goal difference. This meant our next game was to be played against **Felsted B**, again our boys played with flair, skill and pace but could not find a way through to score. Eventually this game went to penalties and we lost despite a brave performance by our goalkeeper! The final match saw us paired again with **Alleyn Court**, this time we ran out as 3-0 winners to complete a very enjoyable afternoon of hockey.

U11 Netball- SSP District Netball Finals @ Freman College, 24th March, 2015

U11A - W4 D0 L0 – **TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!** U11B - W3 D0 L0 U11C - W2 D0 L1

The U11 netball squad were in fine form at the SSP Hi-5 netball tournament, winning nine out of their ten games altogether. The mixed teams of boys and girls had been working very hard during their lunchtimes and at a specially arranged squad practice on the day before to work on understanding the rules, rotations of positions and team play. This proved to be beneficial as they played some fantastic netball! The U11B and C teams had both of their games, against **St Thomas of Canterbury B** and **Edwinstree B**, before playing against each other to decide who would win the group overall. The match was very close, but the U11B team won through in the end to claim top position in Group B and a winners' medal. The U11A team were quite simply unstoppable, winning all four of their games (against **Ralph Sadleir, Roysia, Edwinstree** and **St Thomas of Canterbury**), scoring 42 goals and only conceding 4. This meant that they finished the afternoon with medals as Group A winners and will go to the Hertfordshire County Finals in June.

U11 Football- Wix County Cup Quarter Finals @ Wheatfields School, 30th March, 2015

U11A - W0 D0 L2

The U11A team, representing the Bishops Stortford district after winning the previous round earlier in the season, played two games against strong opposition who'd also won their district rounds. The first match was against **Knebworth**, we scored an early goal but conceded two soon after to go into half-time trailing 1-2. The second half saw **Knebworth** score a further two goals before a late reply from our boys gave a final result of 2-4. The second game was against **Fleetville**, in a game where we took to the pitch straight after our first match and soon began to look a little wearier than our fresh-legged opposition. They were also a very good side, scoring five times before a late long range effort gave us some consolation, the match finished 1-5.

U11 Girls' Football- Wix County Cup Quarter Finals @ Wheatfields School, 31st March, 2015

U11A - W1 D1 L1

The U11A girls football team travelled to Wheatfields School to take part in the Wix Cup County Quarter Finals. It felt like the windiest day ever, with a real mixture of weather conditions; strong cold wind, rain and some sunshine. Our first game was against **Ralph Sadleir**. We had played them before and knew they were a strong team, luckily we held them to a goalless draw. The second match versus **St Vincent de Paul** didn't go as well, we gave away a penalty and the final score was 0 – 1 to them. Our final match versus **Bridgewater** was hard work, every team member had to step up their game. Towards the end of the match, we were awarded a penalty kick and scored. The final result was 1- 0 to St Edmund's Prep. When all the results were collected we were delighted to see that we had qualified- with a win, a loss and a draw. A super effort!

U9 Tag Rugby- SSP Tag Rugby Festival @ Ralph Sadler, 23rd April, 2015

U9A - W4 D0 L0 U9B - W2 D0 L1 U8A - W4 D0 L0

During a wonderful festival of tag rugby, played between local schools and hosted at Ralph Sadleir, our three teams of Year 3 and 4 boys and girls enjoyed a wonderful morning of sport. All of the children from Year 4, and some from Year 3, played in three mixed teams and did very well indeed. The U9A team won all of their matches and Division 1, the U9B team won three out of four matches and were runners-up in Division 2 and the U8A team won all of their matches and Division 3. There were over 150 children at the festival, it was thoroughly entertaining and everyone had a great time (scoring lots of tries along the way!) A very enjoyable event!

U11 Quicksticks Hockey- SSP District Quicksticks Hockey Tournament @ Meridian School, 29th April, 2015

U11A - W1 D0 L0

Our U11A quicksticks hockey team, made up of boys and girls from Year 6, were in fine form to qualify for the county quicksticks hockey finals. Playing against a very strong and quick team from **Greneway**, our team twice fell behind in the first half, but battled back each time to go into half-time 3-2 ahead. Another goal in the second half settled a nervy match and earned a well-deserved victory, 4-2. It was wonderful to see our team play so skilfully; their technical ability and teamwork was perhaps the deciding factor in a very entertaining match. The team all received medals to complete a very successful season.

U11 Girls' Football- Wix County Finals @ St Albans FC, 6th May, 2015

U11A - W0 D0 L1

Our U11A girls' football team played at St Albans Football Club in the Wix County Finals. Having qualified from the County Round, and won the District Round too, they were ready and raring to play their semi-final and enjoy a very memorable occasion. The four top teams from the county played in the semi-finals, with each team emerging from the players' tunnel and a cheering crowd awaiting them in the stands. The game itself was very tough, with our girls going behind by two goals before half-time against their opponents, **Fleetville**. The second half was much better though, with our team having the lion share of possession and territory. Unfortunately, the other team grabbed another goal and we ended the match losing 0-3. The girls had a great cup run though and a super adventure!

U11 Kwik Cricket- SSP District Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Cokenach Cricket Club, 4th June, 2015

U11A - W3 D0 L2- **Semi-Finalists (4th Place Overall)**

Our U11A travelled to Cokenach Cricket Club, in a beautiful rural setting and bathed in glorious sunshine, to play a quick, exciting version of cricket. The games were back-to-back, giving our team an opportunity to refine their tactical play and gain lots of playing experience. The first match was against the eventual winners, **Greneway A**. St Edmund's Prep won this game with a superb batting display, supported by some excellent fielding. The next two matches ended in convincing victories against **Ralph Sadleir B** and **Roysia B**, as our team won their group with an unbeaten start to the day. The next match was against **Greneway B** and this proved to be a thoroughly entertaining and tight match. With one over left, St Edmund's Prep were leading by 7 runs; however, after losing two wickets (which resulted in losing 5 runs each) our team ended up losing by just 2 runs! Although very disappointed, our boys took to the field for their final game against **Ralph Sadleir A**. This was another very entertaining match, but again we lost by a small margin after losing a couple of wickets in the final two overs. However, a super day of cricket was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with the team playing superbly well and scoring lots of runs!

U11 Cricket- Bancrofts Tournament @ West Grove Playing Fields, 10th June, 2015

U11A Cricket W3 D0 L2

The U11 cricket team travelled to West Grove to play in the annual Bancrofts Cricket Festival on Wednesday 10th June. On a lovely, sunny day our first match was against local opponents, **Duncombe**. We played very well and ended up winning by 10 runs. Our second game was against the eventual winners, **Gatehouse**. They opened the batting and a superb display from their opener resulted in a high number of runs scored. This proved to be too much in the end, despite a valiant batting display we ended up losing by 17 runs. The third match was possibly the most exciting, culminating with our opponents, **Friends**, needing to score 6 off of the final ball to win. Against the odds, they did exactly that to win by 1 run! The roles were almost reversed in our next game against **Avon House**, with our team needing to score 14 runs in the last over. We eventually scored enough to win the match by 3 runs after a determined and skilful batting display. The last match against **Loyola** was won after our team scored a high number of runs that proved to be too much in the end for our opponents as we won the game by 14 runs. The U11 cricket team were excellent all day, their fielding was superb, rarely making a mistake whilst communicating very effectively with each other. They also claimed a number of wickets with some excellent catches and great bowling.

U11 and U9 Athletics- Forest Olympics @ Forest School, 22nd June, 2015

U11A-Finished 2nd (out of 8 schools)

The U11 and U9 Athletics Squad were in fine form to finish in second place at the annual Forest Olympics Athletics Event, with some excellent individual and team performances. **Alexander Shenouda** finished 1st in the U11 Boys' Long Jump, **Mimi Uzoka** finished 1st in the U9 Girls' 600m, **Georgia Davies** finished 2nd in the U11 Girls' Long Jump and **Ben Feltham** finished 3rd in the U11 Boys' Ball Throw. In the relays, our U9 girls' and U11 girls' teams both claimed second place and silver medals. A super performance by all, with 32 competitors in each section the achievements by our team were very impressive.

U11 Hi-5 Netball- SSP Hi-5 County Finals @ Wodson Park, 25th June, 2015

U11A Hi-5 Netball W5 D0 L2 – **TOURNAMENT WINNERS**

On Thursday 24th June, the St Edmund's Prep Mixed Under 11A Hi-5 Netball Team played in the County Finals at Wodson Park. After winning the North East Herts District Tournament in the Lent Term, we were placed alongside the other 9 district winners from across Hertfordshire. During the group stage, we won our first game 2-1 against **William Ransom** (North Herts District), whilst our second match was won 3-2 versus **Thorne School** (Birchwood District). We had a break for an hour and then lost our next two games, 2-4 against **Bridge School** (Dacorum District) and 2-5 against **Bengeo School** (Hertford and Ware District). Needing a win in our final match against **St Nicholas' School** (Harpenden District), our team rose to the challenge against tough opposition to win, 6-1. Next we went straight into a semi-final against the group winners from the other section, **Royal Masonic School For Girls** (Watford and Hertsmere District). This was set up as a very hard challenge as they had already won all of their games (by very large margins). However, our U11A side were in no mood for coming second best! They were in scintillating form to win a fantastic game, 4-2. The final saw us paired once more with **Bengeo School** (Hertford and Ware District) and a chance to gain revenge. This time we were victorious, 4-1, as we gained an early lead and then went from strength to strength in a game that we really dominated. A superb achievement, our Mixed U11A Hi-5 Netball Team were crowned as **County Champions**, with their medals being presented by Councillor Moore (Chairman of East Herts).