



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2015-2016



U11 Football- Chigwell Football Tournament @ Chigwell School, 12th September, 2015

U11A-W6 D1 L0

St Edmund's Prep U11A were unbeaten in all seven games and played some excellent football, whilst only conceding a single goal. The first match ended in a draw against **Chigwell**, 1-1. They then went on to win all six of their remaining games against **Manford**, 2-0; **Woodford Green Prep School**, 3-0; **Highgate**, 1-0; **St Aubyn's**, 3-0; **Ursuline**, 2-0 and **Forest**, 1-0. A super start to the season, looking solid defensively and scoring some outstanding goals!

U11B-W1 D2 L4

St Edmund's Prep U11B played in some closely contested matches, which ended in goalless draws or were decided by a single goal. After a goalless draw in their first match, 0-0 against **Lambourne**, the boys then lost their next three games 0-1 to **Shield 'A'**, **Chigwell 'B'** and **Woodford Green Prep 'B'**. They won their next match, with an unconventional but decisive goal, beating **Avon House 'A'**, 1-0; before losing to **Highgate 'B'**, 0-1 and drawing with **Ursuline 'B'**, 0-0. Overall, the boys had a great morning and did very well indeed.

U11 Netball- Chigwell Netball Tournament @ Chigwell School, 12th September, 2015

U11A-W6 D0 L1 2nd Place (/18)

St Edmund's Prep U11A started extremely well in their first group game, and beat **Snaresbrook Prep**, 17-0. Our A-team won their next match against **Hereward**, 7-0 to finish first in the initial group stage. This meant that they would be placed with the winners of the other five groups. The U11A team continued their fine form by beating **St Cedds**, 6-0; **Forest**, 2-1 and **St Aubyn's**, 11-0. The next game proved to be crucial... playing against **Ursuline** our girls went into an early lead, but were pegged back and beaten 2-4. We went on to win our final game against the hosts, **Chigwell**, 5-2, and secure a second place finish. A super effort, well done!

U11B-W3 D0 L4 15th Place (/ 18)

St Edmund's Prep U11B got stronger as the morning progressed, with many girls having only played a limited amount of netball matches. Their first two matches ended in heavy defeats against **Coopersale 'A'**, 0-7 and **Chigwell 'A'** 0-12. This meant that they finished third in the group and were placed in Pool C for the final round. However, the U11B team then went on to win 2-1 v **Daiglen 'A'**; 2-1 v **Staples 'A'** and 4-1 v **Snaresbrook 'A'** and losing narrowly to **St John Fisher 'A'**, 1-2 and **Park 'A'**, 2-4. The girls gained some valuable experience by playing seven games, finished in 15th place overall and their determination and spirit didn't falter.

U11 Football- St Edmund's Football Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 19th September, 2015

U11A-W5 D2 L1 – 3rd Place (/7)

St Edmund's Prep U11A played very well and won the initial round robin group stage after winning 4 games and drawing 2 of them against the six other teams. After a narrow 1-0 win against **St Edmund's Prep 'B'**, we drew 0-0 against **Loyola**, before beating **Sherrardswood**, 2-1. Next was another goalless draw against **St Aubyn's**, before two wins against **St Aubyn's 'B'**, 2-0 and **Duncombe**, 1-0. The second stage pitted the top four teams against each other and a semi-final against the fourth placed team in the group, **St Aubyn's**, beckoned. Despite having more of the ball in the first half, St Aubyn's came battling back in the second and progressed through to the final with a long-range wonder strike to knock us out, 0-1! St Edmund's Prep did manage to win the 3rd/4th Place Play-Off against **Loyola**, 3-1, in what was probably our best performance. We finished the day in 3rd place.

U11B-W0 D1 L5- 7th Place (/7)

St Edmund's Prep U11B played six closely-fought matches, but unfortunately did not manage to reach the second stage of the tournament. They played with great determination and began to pass the ball better as the morning went on. A highlight was a great goal scored against **St Aubyn's B** in a superb end-to-end match. The U11B team also ran the **St Edmund's Prep A** team very close in the first match and only lost by an unfortunate own goal.

U11 Netball- Forest Netball Rally @ Forest School, 26th September, 2015

U11A-W5 D0 L0 – TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

St Edmund's Prep started the tournament with a 2-0 victory against **St Paul's**, before really finding their form with an excellent 9-1 win against **Woodford Green Prep**. Next came two victories in closely fought-out matches, a 4-2 win against the hosts, **Forest** and a 5-3 win against **Avon House**. St Edmund's Prep completed the tournament with a 7-0 win against **Forest 'B'** to finish the day undefeated and win the Forest Netball Rally for the third consecutive year.

U11 Football- ISFA Regional Qualifiers @ Chigwell School, 2nd October, 2015

U11A-W3 D0 L2

The players had been looking forward to this tournament for weeks, knowing that the National Finals were in reach for their talented team. St Edmund's Prep U11A made a fantastic start to the day, beating **St Aubyn's** 4-0 and playing some excellent football. Next came a 2-1 victory against **Forest**, before a very impressive 5-0 win against a strong **Brentwood** team. The boys played some scintillating football in this game, stringing together sequences of passes and moving into space effectively to cap a fine performance. With three wins under our belt in the first three games, we had done enough to win Group B. In the final group match against **Elm Prep**, we changed our team around but lost 0-5. However, we'd already done enough to secure top place in our group and were paired with Woodford Green Prep who had finished fifth in Group A. A tense quarter-final followed, with **Woodford Green Prep** scoring an early goal. St Edmund's Prep scored two in the second half and with only a few minutes left it was looking like they would proceed to the semi-finals. However, a goal from a free kick levelled the scores, before Woodford Green Prep's goalkeeper stepped up in the final minute to blast a free kick from inside his own half directly into our net to win the match. Our team were devastated to lose in such a manner and were very upset at the final whistle, but they performed so well in the tournament and should be proud of how they played.

U11 Girls' Football, Netball and Hockey- Multi-Sports Festival @ Heathmount School, 3rd October, 2015

U11A-W6 D0 L2

The girls were very excited to be playing a range of different sports, some for the very first time, in this exciting new sports festival for local preparatory schools. First was a football match against **Heathmount B** which we won, 1-0. The next match was a Tag Rugby game against **Heathmount A**, our girls displayed excellent teamwork, grit and skill to win this match and score a number of exciting tries (whilst ripping tags from the other team quite ferociously!) The girls then beat **Beechwood Park B** at netball in a slick attacking performance. A 1-2 defeat to **Heathmount A** followed in the girls' first hockey match of the morning, despite having much of the possession and more shots on goal, a breakaway Heathmount attack near the end of the game resulted in the deciding goal. The girls then went on

to lose an end-to-end football match against **Duncombe A**, 0-1, but picked up again in their next game of tag rugby to beat **Beechwood Park A** by a single try. A super victory followed against Edge Grove A in the next hockey match, before an exciting 5-3 victory against **Duncombe A** in an entertaining final netball match. **Lisa Ogutu** was singled out by the festival organisers as one of the girls' footballers of the day and received a prize, whilst **Francesca Bridges** was named the St Edmund's Prep Player of the Tournament.

U11 Girls' Football @ ESFA District Tournament, 5th October, 2015

U11 Girls' A-W1 D0 L1

In a triangular tournament at Howe Green School, the U11A girls' football team played for the chance to represent Bishops Stortford District in the ESFA County Finals. The first match went very well, with our girls playing some excellent attacking football and winning the match 3-1 against **Howe Green**. Needing a win in the second game against **Summercroft**, the girls narrowly lost 0-1 despite having the majority of possession and many more goal scoring chances. Howe Green went on to beat Summercroft in the other game and ended up winning overall due to a superior goal difference. The St Edmund's Prep U11 Girls' A Football Team finished second overall and proudly took home some silver medals.

U11 Football @ ESFA District Tournament, 6th October, 2015

U11A- W2 D0 L0 - **TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!**

In a similar format to what was played the day before in the girls' tournament, there were three boys teams competing for the chance to represent the Bishops Stortford District. The first match was against **St Michaels** and despite taking a little time to start playing as a team, we soon found our rhythm and ran out as 5-0 winners. The next match was against **Manor Fields** and with both teams having won their first match, the winners of this game would win the tournament overall. St Edmund's Prep U11 A Football Team scored first after a neat finish from a cross, but the opposition equalised with only a few minutes left, however St Edmund's Prep came fighting back and scored two more goals to win the match 3-1. They will now represent Bishops Stortford District at the ESFA County Finals in St Albans later on in the year.

U11 Girls' Football @ Wix Tournament, 12th October, 2015

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

The Under 11's Girls Football Team played in the Bishop's Stortford and District Wix Tournament. With three schools involved the girls pulled together and played well as a team. The first match against **Howe Green** ended with a St Edmund's win. With no break the girls were straight into the second match, this time against **Summercroft School**. The first goal came quickly but the girls came under pressure to defend their lead. However, they scored again in the second half and the final result was 2 – 1 to St Edmund's Prep. The Under 11's girls will now go on to represent Bishops Stortford District at the Wix County Quarter Finals.

U11 Football @ Wix Tournament, 13th October, 2015

U11A- W3 D0 L0 – **TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!**

Following on from their success in the ESFA Cup the previous week, St Edmund's Prep won all three of their games: 3-1 against **Manor Fields**, 4-2 against **Northgate** and 1-0 against **Howe Green**. The U11A team will now go on to represent Bishops Stortford District at the Wix County Quarter Finals.

U10 Rugby @ St Aubyn's Rugby Festival, 13th October, 2015

U10A- W0 D1 L2

Tuesday 19th October saw the U10 Rugby team travel to St Aubyn's to participate in their inaugural Rugby Festival played under the New Rules of Play. Despite losing their first game to **Bancroft's A** team the boys responded well and won their next two games against **St Aubyn's B** and **Bancroft's B**. The fourth match ended in a narrow defeat to **St**

Aubyn's A and to round off the day we played against **Loyola Prep A**. This game ended in a very hard fought draw with both teams unable to breach each other's defence.

U11 Tag Rugby @ SSP Tag Rugby Tournament, 15th October, 2015

U11A- W3 D0 L2 U11B- W1 D0 L3

The U11A and B Tag Rugby teams did very well and played some exciting rugby. The U11A team won two of their group games against **St Thomas'** and **Edwinstree**, but then lost to **Greneway**, the eventual winners, by a single try. This meant that they finished second in the group and were placed in a semi-final against **St Mary's**. This game was narrowly lost, but after beating **Roysia** in their next match they finished third overall. The U11B team won their first game against **St Thomas' 'B'**, although they lost their next three games many of them were close and exciting matches.

U11A Netball @ Forest Tournament, 16th October

U11A- W7 D0 L1- **2nd Place (/ 25)**

The U11A Netball Team were in outstanding form against some of the biggest preparatory schools in the Essex area whilst competing at the Forest Tournament. They won their group, beating **Gatehouse, 5-1; Eastcourt, 10-1; Park, 5-0; and St Aubyn's, 3-0**. A top-placed finish meant that they were seeded to play in Pool A for the final round against the other group winners. Here they won **5-3 v Widford Lodge; 3-2 v Belmont** and **5-2 v Forest**. However, it was the penultimate match that was to decide the eventual winners. Against **Berkhamsted**, the match was all square at half-time, but our opposition scored a succession of late goals and we lost this one 2-5. A fantastic achievement for the girls, finishing second and receiving silver medals.

U9 Tag Rugby @ SSP Tag Rugby Tournament, 22nd October, 2015

U8A- W3 D0 L0 (**Group Winners**) U9A- W3 D0 L0 (**Group Winners**) U9B- W2 D0 L1 (**Group Runners-Up**)
U9C- W1 D1 L1 (**Group Runners-Up**)

A fantastic, fun-filled morning of tag rugby was enjoyed by the whole Form 4 group and a team of Form 3 children too. The Form 4 players were split into three squads, whilst the Form 3 children were in a separate playing side. All four teams did very well indeed and scored a huge number of tries. They learnt the basics of the game, running forwards and passing backwards, whilst also developing their dodging skills whilst attacking and defending as a unit too. The U8A and U9A teams both won all three of their matches to win their respective groups. The U9B team won two matches and lost one, whilst the U9C won one match, drew one and lost one. Both of these teams were runners-up in their groups. Well done also to **Callum O'Connor, Juan Blanco, George Storey-Braun** and **Mama Mbaeri** who were named 'Player Of The Team' for each of their sides.

U10 Football @ Kingshott Football Festival, 4th November, 2015

U10A- W2 D0 L2 **2nd Place (/5)**

An enjoyable afternoon of football started with a fantastic 3-0 victory against **St Martin's**. The next match was against the hosts, **Kingshott**. The match was quite even in the opening stages, although our opponents probably had a little more possession and were having a few more shots on goal. The winning goal came when Kingshott intercepted a free-kick taken by our defence and lobbed the ball into an open net. This was the only goal of a fiercely contested game and resulted in a defeat for us. However, the next match was a 3-1 win against **Whitehill** and despite taking an early lead against **Lockers Park**, they ended up winning 3-1 against us after scoring three goals from powerful runs through midfield and a fantastic long-range strike. Two wins and two losses was enough to secure second place in the tournament.

U11 Football @ Kingshott Football Festival, 8th November, 2015

U11A- W0 D4 L0

In a tournament where the U11A football team neither won nor lost any games, they battled to draw all four of their matches against some strong opposition. The first match ended 1-1 against **Aldwickbury**, when our opponents equalised with the last kick of the game! We were desperately unlucky to only draw 0-0 against **Edge Grove**, after having lots of clear cut chances to score in the opening few minutes. The third match was far more eventful, as we came from a goal behind to equalise after a very long period of extra time, drawing 1-1 versus **The Hall!** The final match also finished 1-1 against **Beechwood Park**, with our opponents going ahead courtesy of an own goal we equalised in dramatic fashion with a bullet header from a corner. Needing a win from this final game, St Edmund's Prep were knocked out of the tournament at the group stage having played some very good football at different stages and defending resolutely.

U11 Basketball @ SSP Basketball Tournament, 9th November, 2015

U11A- W1 D0 L1

U11B- W1 D0 L1

U11C- W1 D0 L1

The U11A Basketball team won their first match against **Edwinstree** convincingly. However, their next match was to prove much closer and would determine the winners of this district competition. Playing against **Greneway**, the opposition went up by three early baskets, but we battled back to score two of our own before half-time. Trailing by just one basket, we had several opportunities to tie the game before Greneway scored at the other other end. We ended up losing by two baskets in a very entertaining and fast-paced game. Our U11B and C teams were both placed in the same group, they both won against **Edwinstree 'B'**, but lost narrowly to **Greneway 'B'**. All players trained enthusiastically throughout the week leading up to the tournament in each of their lunchtimes, with a very good fundamental understanding of the game and some excellent teamwork on display from all three teams.

U11 Football @ Stevenage Schools' Cup, 13th November, 2015

U11A- W1 D0 L4

Inspired by the exploits of the previous year's team that won this tournament, our U11A team looked forward to this tournament with much excitement. However, illness and injury struck to limit our chances with the U11A team ending the 5-A-Side Tournament with just four fit players...was Friday 13th unlucky for us? However, the games were all played at a fast-pace with a high standard of football on display. We ended the day with one win and four losses.

U11 Sportshall Athletics @ SSP Sportshall Athletics Tournament, 26th January, 2016

U11A Boys- 2nd/ 6

U11A Girls- 3rd / 6 (Team Finish- 2nd / 6)

On Tuesday 26th January, St Edmund's Prep took their U11 Sportshall Athletics Squad to compete in the annual district tournament at Freman College. Competing against five other local schools, we took to the field events first and put in some excellent performances to win 1st place in **Javelin** (Jessica Tupman and Leonardo Rumalean), **Speed Bounce** (Joseph Shenouda) and **Long Jump** (Jessica Tupman). With up to 18 competitors in each event, these were notable successes. The track events were next, with our **2x2 Relay Teams** (Leonardo Rumalean and Joseph Shenouda & Jessica Tupman and Bella Uzoka) and our **2x1 Relay Team** (Jessica Tupman and Bella Uzoka) also gaining first places. Up until the last two races, the boys team were in the lead, but were pipped to the post by **Greneway School** who also won the girls' event. The boys team finished 2nd and the girls team finished 3rd, with an overall team finish of **second place**.

U11 Rugby @ Heathmount Rugby Festival, 4th March, 2016

U11A - W0 D1 L0

St Edmund's Prep played extremely well to claim a 3-3 draw against a very strong team from **Kingshott**. After suffering a heavy defeat earlier in the week, the U11A team played with great resolve and determination to claim a hard-fought draw.

U11 Netball @ Aldenham Netball Tournament, 4th March, 2016

U11A – W5 D0 L0

U11B – W5 D0 L0

Playing in the Aldenham Tournament, our U11A team won all of their matches to win the tournament. It was noted how well they played as a team and their intense speed of play. Their first game ended in a 7-0 victory against **Alpha Prep**. They then went on to beat the home team, **Aldenham Prep**, 9-0. Two further wins followed, 9-2 against **Holland House** and 6-0 versus **St Christopher's**. St Edmund's Prep U11A finished with a superb 5-1 victory against **Charlotte House** to end the day having scored 36 goals and only conceding 3.

Our U11B team also played extremely well and won all of their matches against the other schools' 'A' teams. Their first match was a hard-fought 2-1 victory against **St Christopher's**. Then followed a 2-0 win against Alpha Prep. They won their next two matches 4-1 versus **Aldenham Prep** and 6-0 against **Holland House**. The final match ended in a superb 1-0 victory against **Charlotte House**. A superb effort girls, well done!

U11 Hockey @ Felsted Hockey Tournament, 18th March, 2016

U11A – W3 D0 L4 – 5thPlace (/ 8)

The U11 Hockey team started off with a superb 2-0 win against **Alleyn Court**. Their next match, against the eventual winners **Felsted**, was a thoroughly entertaining game. After conceding an early goal, we battled back to score an equaliser. However, with the last play of the game, Felsted managed to earn a short corner and scored from it. The final score was a 1-2 loss but the girls played really well against a team that are also national finalists. The girls then earned a 1-0 victory against **Barnardiston Hall** before meeting another very strong team in their group, Kingshott. A slow start saw **Kingshott** score two early goals, but then our girls clicked into gear and scored before pressing hard for an equaliser that would not find its way into the net. The final score was a 1-2 loss. The next game ended in a 0-1 defeat to **Town Close** with their team scoring a breakaway goal after our side had the majority of the attacking play. However, a 1-0 win against **Duncombe** ensured that the girls could finish the tournament on a high after a 5th Place finish did not tell the whole story of how good they were against a number of quality opponents in a notoriously strong competition.

U11 Boys' Hockey @ Felsted Hockey Tournament, 18th March, 2016

U11A Boys – W3 D3 L2 4thPlace (/ 9)

The U11A Boys started off with a goalless draw against **Woodford Green Prep**. Even though most of the game saw them dominate for large spells, they could not find a way through to score. The next match, against **Alleyn Court**, also ended 0-0 in another end-to-end game with both sides struggling to find a way past two very good goalkeepers. The next match was against the eventual winners, **Felsted**. A fantastic defensive performance limited the home side to very few clear-cut chances, although a shot near the end crept in at the far post to condemn the boys team to a 0-1 loss. Two excellent 1-0 victories followed against **Barnardiston Hall** and **Felsted B**, before an eagerly-anticipated match against local rivals, Kingshott. Having played them a few weeks before, we already knew that they were an excellent side who had just qualified for the national finals. However, our boys defended really well against them and were unlucky not to score a breakaway goal on a couple of different occasions. In the end, **Kingshott** scored a superb goal from a weaving run and intricate finish as our boys narrowly lost, 0-1. The final match was a 2-1 victory against **Kings College, Cambridge**. The boys finished fourth overall out of the nine participating teams and played some fantastic hockey that was a real joy to watch.

U11 Football @ Wix Trophy Quarter Finals, 23rd March, 2016

U11A – W1 D0 L1

Playing against other district winners from across Hertfordshire, the U11A Football Team won their first game of the Wix Quarter Finals against **Radlett Prep**. After falling a goal behind, we scored early in the second half after a spectacular shot lobbed their goalkeeper. Then, whilst pressing hard for a winner we scored again in the closing moments of the game to win 2-1. The next match was against **Fleetville**, the opposition were very strong and we lost this game 4-0. We just lost out on a place in the semi-finals as best runner-up with another team having a slightly superior goal difference.

U11 Girls' Football @ Wix Trophy Quarter Finals, 24th March, 2016

U11A Girls– W0 D0 L2

Despite missing several of their usual team in a tournament that was scheduled to take place after they had already finished for the Easter Holidays, the U11A Girls' Football Team represented the Bishops Stortford District against other district representative sides from across Hertfordshire. In wet, windy conditions the first match ended in a 1-7 defeat against **Fleetville**. However, the girls regrouped and were winning until close to the end of their next match before losing 2-3 against **St Vincent's**. The girls performed with great determination and bravery in difficult conditions against some other very good teams from across Hertfordshire.

U11 Quicksticks Hockey @ SSP Quicksticks Hockey Tournament, 27th April, 2016

U11A- W5 D0 L0 **1st Place (/7)** U11B- W3 D1 L1 **3rd Place (/7)**

Our two Quicksticks Hockey teams were in excellent form as they claimed first and third place in the SSP district competition. Our U11A team won all five games, but it was a 1-0 win against **Greneway 'A'** that clinched top spot. After we had scored an early goal, **Greneway 'A'** made a late break clean through on goal, but one of our defenders got back just in time to clear the ball off the line to help earn our victory. Our U11B team also played with great flair and speed. They managed to win against **Ralph Sadleir 'A'**, **Edwinstree 'A'** and **Greneway 'C'**. They drew their match after scoring a late equaliser against **Greneway 'B'** and lost out by a single goal to **Greneway 'A'**. The U11A team qualified for the **Hertfordshire County Finals** after winning this competition.

U11 Hi-5 Netball @ SSP Hi-5 Netball Tournament, 28th April, 2016

U11A- W5 D0 L0 **1st Place (/8)** U11B- W3 D0 L2 **3rd Place (/8)** U11C- W2 D0 L3 **4th Place (/8)**

St Edmund's Prep took three mixed Hi-5 Netball teams to the SSP district competition, an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by our boys and girls. Our U11A team managed wins against **St Thomas of Canterbury 'A'** and **Edwinstree 'A'** to top their group and earn a semi-final place. Whilst in the same group, our U11C team also managed to beat **St Thomas of Canterbury 'A'** and **Edwinstree 'A'** to finish as the group runners-up. On the other side of the draw, our U11B team managed wins against **Roysia 'A'** and **Edwinstree 'B'**, but lost to **Ralph Sadleir 'A'** as they finished as group runners'-up. With the top two teams from each group qualifying for the semi-finals, it was great to see all three teams from St Edmund's Prep there. Our U11C team played against a strong **Ralph Sadleir 'A'** side and despite their best efforts could not score enough goals to progress any further. The other semi-final was our U11A against our U11B team, the match was extremely close but the U11A team pulled away towards the end to secure their place in the final. The final was St Edmund's Prep 'A' against **Ralph Sadleir 'A'** and it started with our opposition looking very strong and getting themselves into an early two goal lead. However, our team responded with great determination to get themselves back into the game and win after playing some spectacular netball. The U11A team qualified for the **Hertfordshire County Finals** after winning this competition.

U7-U9 Cross Country @ SSP Cross Country Meeting, 12th May, 2016

St Edmund's Prep took a group of Year 1-4 runners to Ralph Sadleir to compete in their annual cross country race. The course was very challenging, but all of our runners performed really well. In a packed field, we managed to get medals, given out for top three places, in almost all of the 8 races. In Year 1, **Zach Spring** was 1st in the boys' race and **Rebecca Sambridge** was 3rd in the girls' race. In Year 2, **Ronnie Seagrott** was 1st and **Thomas Preece** was 3rd in the boys' race and **Amber Smits** was 2nd in the girls' race. In Year 3, **Jack Sayer** was 1st in the boys' race and **Madison Costa** was 1st and **Emily Barnes** was 2nd in the girls' race. In Year 4, **Laura Malagoli** was 2nd in the girls' race. Lots of fun was had by all and it was great to see so many determined runners being supported so fantastically by their team-mates.

U11 Kwik Cricket @ SSP Kwik Cricket Competition, 9th June, 2016

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

The U11A Kwik Cricket team travelled to Cokenach Cricket Club to play in the SSP district competition. The first match was played against **Edwinstree** and a good fielding display restricted their team to only a few runs as we ran out as eventual winners. The next match was against **Ralph Sadleir** who had looked strong in their first game. However, this time our U11A team gave a fantastic batting performance to set up a great lead. This proved too much for our opposition as we completed our second win in as many games. The next game was to prove decisive against **Greneway**, with the winners going through to the county round. We batted first and could not quite find our rhythm well enough to get a good score. However, we bowled and fielded tremendously well, keeping ourselves in with a shout for the majority of Greneway's innings. This was to no avail however, as some strong opposition batters put us to the sword in the closing stages. Some excellent cricket was played in glorious settings and a thoroughly good time was had by all.

U7 Athletics @ St Edmund's Prep Under 7 Athletics Meeting, Tuesday 14th June

On Tuesday 14th June, St Edmund's Prep hosted an Under 7 Athletics Meeting for local schools. We were joined by **Roger de Clare, St Cross, Millfield, Jenyns, Tannery Drift** and **St Paul's** for a fun morning of running, throwing and jumping. There were over 110 children taking part, with each school bringing a squad of Year 1 and 2 competitors. The athletics meeting was this time led by our Year 5 children, who were able to get an insight into the role of a Sports Leader for the following year. They were split into groups of **event leaders, team managers** and **scoresheet supervisors**. Upon arrival, all of the different teams were taken over to their training grid areas by their Year 5 team managers to introduce themselves and be told a little more about the events. The next part of the athletics meeting was split into two sections- track and field. Whilst the girls took part in the 50m sprint heats, the egg and spoon race and the 200m, the boys did their field events, these included the speed stepper, the standing long jump and the mini howler throw. The second part of the event saw the boys and girls swap over. The Year 5 children were fantastic in the way that they worked so well as a team to measure and record data, organise the competitors and collect results. The final part of the event saw the 50m finals for the children that finished 1st or 2nd in their heats, the 50m relays and the Grand Relay (involving all 16 children from each team). We finished off by awarding certificates to all participants and medals to the winners of each event.

U9-U11 Athletics @ Forest Olympics, Monday 27th June

U11A Boys- **Joint 1st Place (/8)** U11A Girls- **1st Place (/8)**

U9A Boys- **2nd Place (/8)** U9A Girls- **8th Place (/8)**

The U11A Athletics Squad was in magnificent form to earn second place overall at the Forest Olympics out of eight schools. On a lovely sunny day, all 16 of our U9 and U11 team competed in a long distance run, a ball throw and a long jump event. Each one was contested by 32 different athletes from all of the different schools, with the top three

getting medals. St Edmund's Prep managed to achieve lots of medals, furthermore our U11 boys and U11 girls team both managed to win their section, with the U9 boys finishing up as runners-up.

Our medal winners were:

U11A Girls 600m-2nd Place **Jessica Tupman**

U11A Girls Long Jump-1st Place **Jessica Tupman**

U11A Girls Ball Throw-1st Place **Jessica Tupman** & 2nd Place **Niamh Hayes**

U11A Boys 600m-2nd Place **Leonardo Rumalean** & 3rd Place **Joseph Shenouda**

U11A Boys Ball Throw-2nd Place **Joseph Shenouda**

U11A Boys Long Jump-2nd Place **Joseph Shenouda** & 3rd Place **Oliver Edmunds**

U9A Boys Long Jump- 2nd Place **Zane Spring**

U11 Hi-5 Netball @ Hertfordshire County Finals, Thursday 30th June

U11A- W6 D0 L1 **1st Place (/12) COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

Our U11A Hi-5 Netball Team travelled to the Hertfordshire Sports Village in Hatfield to participate in the **Hertfordshire County Finals**. Upon arrival, the team were excited to meet Sam May, a Hertfordshire Mavericks netball player and posed for a quick photograph before settling down to prepare for the games ahead. The first two games ended in victories against **Whitehill** (North Herts) 5-0 and **Hillmead** (Birchwood) 4-1. Despite a 0-2 defeat against **Bridgewater** (Dacorum), the team settled back into their devastatingly quick attacking plays and excellent teamwork to win their final two matches 5-3 against **Bengeo School** (Hertford and Ware) and 10-0 versus **Cunningham Hill** (Harpenden). Four Wins out of five matches were enough to top the group, with our team looking extremely strong and able to effectively interchange positions, as per the rules of Hi-5's, to demonstrate the skill and versatility of the whole team. The semi-final was a nail-biting affair, playing against a very strong **Sheredes** (A10 Active) our side scored first but then went down by two goals. However, they clawed their way back into the game to draw 3-3 at the end of normal time. Two minutes of extra time were added and our team were ecstatic as they scored the winning goal to earn a 4-3 victory and a place in the final. The final was a fast-paced game played against **Rickmansworth** (Three Rivers and Watford). St Edmund's Prep won this game 6-3 to earn gold medals, a shiny trophy and the title of **Herts County Hi-5 Netball Champions**.

U11 Quicksticks Hockey @ Hertfordshire County Finals, Thursday 30th June

U11A- W5 D0 L2 **3rd Place (/12)**

After winning the North East Herts District Competition in April, our U11A Quicksticks Hockey Team travelled to Oaklands College in St Albans to participate in the **Hertfordshire County Finals**. Playing against the eleven other district winners from Hertfordshire, our first match was against **Garden Fields**. Despite our team taking an early lead, the opposition took control of the match and scored a quick succession of goals as we lost 1-6. However, we used this defeat as a platform to begin playing with greater speed and determination and won our next three games 1-0 against **High Wych**, 6-3 against **Bridgewater** and 7-1 versus **Rickmansworth Park**. Our team were just beginning

to hit some form as they came up against another very strong group from the group, **Our Lady**. Having worked out that the winners of this game would go through to the semi-final, we recovered from conceding an early goal to go on and win 5-2. Our semi-final was played against **Ashfield**, but unfortunately they proved too strong and we lost 2-7. The team quickly picked themselves up and were determined to leave the competition with a medal. In a thrilling 3rd/4th Place Play-Off against **The Grove**, we went behind by three goals but came back into the game and scored four goals in the last seven minutes to win the match and earn bronze medals.