

Sports Report w/c 12th May 2025

U11 Girls' Cricket v Highfield Friday 9th May



The mood of the girls matched the wonderful May sunshine and saw 4 teams out playing and learning. The bowling action of many was vastly improved as the indoor work prior to Easter looked to be paying off. Batting was mixed but some of the girls were sending rockets over the boundary line; the next move would be to look really cool as if expecting this result rather than being as shocked as the opposition!

In a cross-sports extravaganza, there were many outbreaks of cartwheels, handstands and tumbling whilst we fielded, not the sort of activity one might see from Ben Stokes or Joe Root, but it all added to the vibrancy and enthusiasm on another packed afternoon of sport.

These girls really are making progress with Talia, Lottie and Isabella catching the eye with the bat and consistent bowling from Freya, Lara and Pavan.

Mrs Hannah Nichol, Mr Charlie Grasby & Mr Phil Holmes

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The U11 A team played their first home cricket fixture of the season in glorious sunshine and made an excellent start. Bowling first against a strong, big-hitting opposition, our bowlers and fielders worked hard to limit scoring opportunities. Despite the visitors hitting several boundaries, our disciplined bowling and sharp fielding resulted in an impressive 10 wickets, restricting them to a total of 53.

In reply, our batting pairs focused on smart running between the wickets and protecting their wickets. This approach paid off, with only 4 wickets lost and a steady flow of runs throughout the innings. We finished on 73, securing a convincing win and highlighting the importance of teamwork, discipline, and game awareness. A fantastic all-round performance to kick off the season at home!

On the other two pitches at home, we saw some great cricket played. Harper was chosen as a stand-out performer by the opposition for her batting, and Olivia G for her bowling. We had some great catches taken and some huge sixes. Albie took a great catch on the boundary, with accurate line and length bowling from Henry G. Sophia C bowled a beautiful yorker to dismiss her opponent and Oli D, Mika, and Alina firmly established themselves as true 360° batters, showcasing their ability to score all around the ground. Communication between the batting pairs was strong which led to some quick singles to keep the scoreboard ticking over. With our ever-improving performances, we look forward to our next fixture to showcase our skills again.

Mr Tom Davidson & Mr Matt Chandler

U9 Girls v Queen Marys Tuesday 13th May



Our Lower 2 girls played their first home fixture of the season this week against Queen Mary's, and what a wonderful afternoon it turned out to be. Under clear blue skies and warm sunshine, we were delighted to be able to field two full teams, giving all the girls an opportunity to showcase their developing skills in a competitive and supportive environment.

The girls approached the matches with great enthusiasm and team spirit. Gateways performed particularly well in the bowling department, demonstrating improved accuracy and consistency. There were several impressive overs from both teams, with a few near-misses and a handful of well-earned wickets that really lifted the team's morale. Batting, proved to be more of a challenge; the opposition bowled a number of deliveries that were either wide or short, which made it difficult for our batters to settle into a rhythm or build momentum. Despite this, our players showed resilience and made a concerted effort to adapt their techniques and play sensibly.

Both matches were closely contested, and it was disappointing to narrowly lose on both pitches. However, there was so much to be proud of – from improved communication on the field to a growing understanding of match tactics. The girls are clearly becoming more confident and are learning to make smart decisions under pressure.

It was lovely to see the strong sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship that the girls displayed throughout the afternoon. The support they gave each other – cheering teammates on, celebrating small victories, and encouraging each other after mistakes really highlighted the positive team culture developing within the group.

Well done to all the players for their hard work, determination, and positive attitude. We look forward to seeing how they continue to grow and improve.

Mrs Hannah Nichol