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#### Sports Report w/c 5th May 2025

#### U11 Girls' Cricket v Queen Mary's Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May



The glorious sunshine heralded the beginning of our cricket season as the Lower 3 girls travelled to Queen Mary's for their opening fixtures.

The B team had a fantastic afternoon taking the win against their opposition. Each of the pairs worked well together to gain a number of runs. The girls were communicating and regularly pushing themselves to gain extra runs if the opposition fumbled the ball. When hitting, the girls sometimes connected with the ball and now need to work on moving their feet towards the ball to connect with it earlier so that they have more power and can hit the ball further. Overall, the girls worked hard in this match and thoroughly deserved the win.



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The A team started slowly, taking time to settle in and get their eye in. However, the players quickly learned the importance of working together and communicating effectively while batting. The girls managed to score some promising runs, with a number of well-connected hits. Moving on to bowling, which we have focused on in our lessons, the girls demonstrated excellent technique and consistency, reflecting the hard work they've put in. Although the girls lost the opening match, there were lots of positives to take away.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Miss Jade Preston





U9 Boys v Ashville

The boys put in an excellent performance, demonstrating great progress and enthusiasm throughout the match. Their bowling was particularly impressive, with many players showing solid technique and consistency. In the field, the team worked well together, taking a couple of sharp catches and doing well to cut off several strong shots from the opposition.

Batting in pairs, our pre-match focus was on running between the wickets and finding space with our shots — something the boys took on board brilliantly. All pairs ran with energy and intent, looking to rotate the strike wherever possible. A special mention goes to Freddie and Micky, who batted with real confidence, finding the boundary on several occasions.

Well done to all involved on a positive team performance!

Mr Tom Davidson

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#### U9 Girls v Ashville



Our girls' team had a lot of fun in the sun as we played with relaxed rules to boost confidence and allow the girls the opportunity to hit the ball frequently and run between the wickets as often as possible.

This meant we saw a huge amount of boundaries, some aggressive hitting and a high level of activity as fielders chased the ball at speed and put their throwing skills to the test when sending the ball to the 'keeper or bowler.

It's always exciting to see novice cricketers begin their journey and the freedom with which the girls batted, Poppy and Winter being our two most successful with regards to consistency of strike and distance they hit the ball.

A very good start to the summer term and a Gateways first with baby Lucia joining the team photo as mascot!

Mr Phil Holmes