

Sports News



Red Rose Summer- 1 & 2 2025



Schools Sports Partnership (SSP) Festivals

We use some of our sports budget to buy into our local Schools Sports Partnership. They provide a range of festivals, competitions and special events throughout the year alongside training and curriculum support for staff.

Colour Run



The whole school had great fun taking part in the colour run organised by the Sports Partnership. Some children fully embraced the rainbow of colours showering down upon them.

- In contrast to last year where the **Tennis festival** was cancelled due to rain this year children baked in glorious sunshine and record breaking temperatures. **Armstrong** class (Y3/4) practised their target skills which were reinforced in this term's tennis lessons.



- The magic returned this year as **Year 5 & Year 6** spent time at a **Quidditch** training camp held at our school. Many thanks to Professor 'Caitlyn' McGonagal from the SSP for giving them a fantastic introduction to this fun game.

NASA had some extra training as they went out on a Quidditch festival.



- **Y1 Rainbow children** made their way to a **Disney themed sports festival** held at Park View. The children balanced, jumped and developed their agility skill at various Disney inspired activities.



- **Reception** and some **Y1 children** were supported with their **bike skills** over 2 sessions with Darren from the SSP. Part of the package was to keep the bikes during the week as well. Staff were so proud that by the end of the week many children were able to ride independently. Keep practising and enjoy the adventure that comes with every ride.
- Some of the Y1s and 2s took part in a **Zumba taster** session with Gemma. She had everyone moving.
- Jo from the SSP delivered an **Orienteering session to Y3 and Y4** recapping some of the mapping and orientation skills needed to solve problems while being active.
- Caitlyn from the SSP was back in school delivering the new sport of **Ultimate Frisbee**. A very exciting game which the Y5s and 6s enjoyed.



- **Y6 Leavers festival**. All of Year 6 are having a final sporting festival where it is a good opportunity to spend time with old friends while mixing with potential new sporting friends as they prepare for Y7.
- They have been a fantastic year group to teach and have represented the school at festivals and competitions with pride. Good luck for next year and continue to try new sports, be active and enjoy making new friends.



- **Super Heroes** were taking over the universe and Red Rose in July as our school was a host for the SSP organised **EYFS** festival. Our super Y5s stepped up a year early to be activity leaders helping the young children of Chester-le-Street fight evil while developing their physical skills. Our youngest children took part in activities such as 'Space Rocket Launcher', 'Web (frisbee) Slinging' and my favourite- the 'Superman dance'.

Y5 superhero leaders.



Sporting Taster Sessions

We sometimes have visits from outside sporting providers hoping to introduce a new sport and provide a link to outside clubs.

- Julie from **Amazon Girls' Football** team came and chatted to the Year 1 girls. They also had a taster session with some nifty skills shining through at such a young age.
- **James from Durham Cricket** came in for the day and kindly gave children in Years 3, 4 & 5 a cricket taster. We already have a few children who play on a Friday night fun session so if your child is interested there should be a couple of familiar faces at the club. cricket@clscricketclub.co.uk



Cricket Competition

We took 2 teams to the SSP area cricket competition in June. It was one of the hottest days of the year but the children were amazing. A place in the finals wasn't to be this year but Mr Ross was very impressed with their catches, batting, bowling and excellent team play.

There was also an opportunity for the cricketers and those that attended an afterschool cricket club to be a guard of honour for a recent game held at the Riverside.



Galaxy attended a cricket festival run by the SSP.



Skipping

We invited Gail from the skipping school into school over 2 days to provide the children with a session in skipping skills. Since September, we've noticed how much the children enjoy skipping either individually or in groups so wanted to encourage them further. It was a fantastic day and there was even time for extra training for some children to become skip leaders at playtimes.

Local leagues and other competitions

We were asked to nominate a set number of children for District football trials. Well done to all those who took the time and opportunity to take part. Unfortunately, no one from our school got through to the next stage from the boys. We have yet to hear about the girls as they are still going through their trials. Good Luck!

Swimming

In May, 5 children from Y5 and 6 travelled to the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle to try and qualify to represent the North East at the National Primary School Relays competition.

Well done to **Eleanor, Marcie, Harriett, Max and Henry** who were the 2nd team for their medley race and 3rd in the front crawl relay out of schools from Leeds to Northumberland. This means they qualified for the National Primary Schools Relay competition held in Sheffield this June.



Well done for reaching a national competition. We were so proud of how they swam and conducted themselves as it was quite daunting. The children knocked a good 8 seconds off their previous times.

Athletics

Summer means athletics and our children have been busy running, jumping and throwing.

In the **Area Athletics**, we took a team of Y5 and 6s to the track at Riverside. There were schools from Chester-le-Street and Derwentside competing and we had lots of children reaching the finals. Henry T and Max won their events and we were 2nd team overall. This was a qualifier competition to represent Chester-le-Street and a number of children got through to the next stage.


A big **Congratulations** to those representing our school and area at county level: **Henry P** and **Maisie** (Shot put), **Henry T** and **Arabella** (Hurdles). Well done to **Abena** who came back with **silver** for 100m, **Max** got bronze for **800m** and, **Arabella** and **Henry T** got a 100m **relay bronze**.

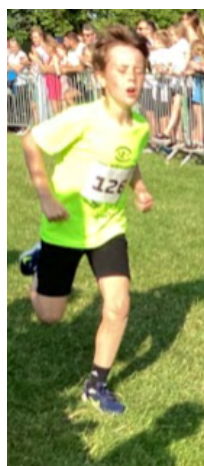
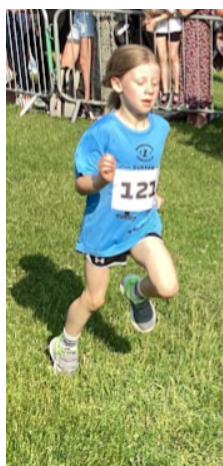


Durham Dash

This is always a popular event for KS2 athletes hosted by the SSP at Beamish museum. After trying out in our school dash trials, children are chosen to represent their year group in either a running race over the cobbles or in a range of fielding events.



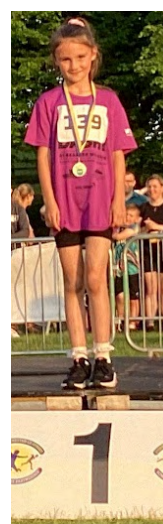
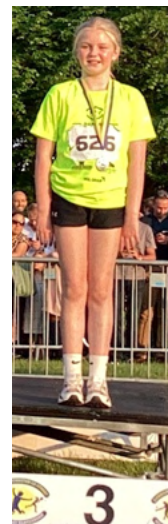
The children were amazing before they had even run a step due to how they conducted themselves. A huge  star from Mrs Brinton!



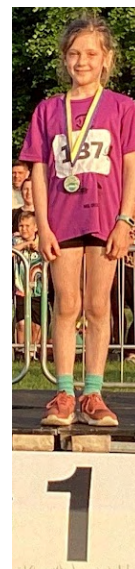
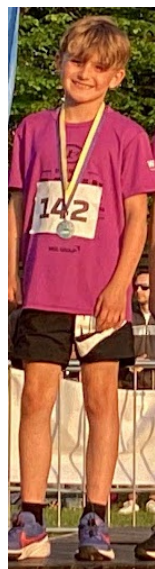
We had some very exciting heats and well done to **Rory, Poppy, Phoebe, Matthew Gracie, Lucy W, Erin P, Henry P, Max P** who got into the **finals** and won a purple t-shirt. Everyone ran, jumped and performed to their very best with some very close races.

Congratulations to the following who managed to achieve a medal: **Phoebe - Gold, Gracie - Gold, Matthew - Bronze,**

Henry - Bronze, Max - Gold in the running. Lola - Silver and Daisy - Bronze in the fielding. The standard of competition is always very high so we're so proud of everyone competing.



We always take as many children as we are allowed (48 this year) only made possible by supportive parents and staff who give up their evening. Thank you!



Netball

It was the turn of the Y5 netball league this term. Well done to all the players and we were able to take 2 teams with some Y4s playing up. There were some tough matches but the girls never gave up and were

emboldened by getting some great goals. Next year, the new Y6s will be playing in September and they have already registered their interest.

County Netball

A new competition for us this year with some of our Y5/6 girls representing their school and town at the Stadium of Light. An excellent competition with the whole range of results gained; a win, draw and a loss. Well done **Maisie, Abena, Arabella, Harriett, Emma, Eva and Beth.**

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- We continue to work towards our target of being active for **60** minutes every day, with 30 minutes occurring in school.
- In PE, **Early Years** have been looking at different sports which use balls and developing our fundamental ball skills of catching, throwing, bouncing, kicking and rolling. We even got the hockey sticks and tennis pads out.
- **KS1** have built on their learning over the year, developing their ball skills and fundamental movements in the topics of tennis and athletics. They enjoyed throwing the javelins and learning to use their aiming arm.
- **LKS2** have been revisiting their tennis skills, remembering to stand sideways and tapping the ball from low to high. In athletics, we have held intra competitions for fielding and running events.
- **UKS2** have been improving their athletics skills of sprinting, jumping and throwing the shot putt and howler.
- In the 2nd half term of summer,, across the whole school, we have

been practising the skills and events for sports day.



- **KS1 & KS2** have also been developing their cricket skills using the Chance to Shine plans supported by the England & Wales cricket board.

Sports Day



And finally, we close the sporting year with our sports day. We try to have a mix of fun, team and individual events that cater for all our children and while we recognise that not everyone will want to be future Olympians we hope they find some joy in playing, moving and just taking part.

We held a sports festival in the morning where children moved around in their mixed age house teams earning points at 12 different stations including 'Score a goal' to 'Welly wanging'. Our **amazing Y6s** led the teams and ran the stations. You really made the morning fantastic- **Thank you!**

The team points were then added to our afternoon sports: a mix of traditional competitive races, silly hats and daft water team races. This year the **overall winner** for KS1 and KS2 was **Durham House**. Well done Durham!

In Autumn Term

We're looking forward to taking part in the following events:

- Golf festival Y3
- Cross Country KS2
- Bee netball LK2
- Netball competitions Y6

Our Sporting Stars!



Great to see a new sport. Well done to William and Harry who have earned their Bronze award in climbing.

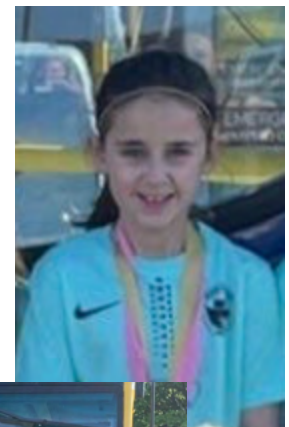


Imogen took part in her first dance competition and managed to come away with a second place medal for her solo and two first place medals for her group dances.



Erin competed in and won gold in the 75m sprint and relay in the Durham Girls and Boys County event. Well done, Erin. DGB Clubs County Champion!

Jasmine and her U8 team had an open top bus parade in Newcastle for winning their league and it was covered on ITV News.





This is Lacy and her new pony Winston who have been competing in dressage competitions and winning a 1st and 2nd place rosette. Well done, the pair of you!

Inspired? Join a club!

Below are just a selection of some of the local clubs that I know children go to presently or have done in the past. We don't have any formal links with these clubs so it is up to parents to research and assess if they are appropriate for your child.

- Climbing clubs- Durham and Sunderland
- Cricket- Chester-le-Street CC
cricket@clsccricketclub.co.uk
- Football- Hilda Park, Chester-le-Street and Waldrige-mixed.
- Girls football- Amazons.
- Swimming- Chester-le-Street ASC, Durham ASC, Derwentside ASC & Birtley ASC (non competitive)
- Athletics- Chester-le-Street AC, Durham AC, Phoenix Flyers and Birtley AC.
- Tennis-Durham Archery Lawn Tennis Club <https://www.daltec.co.uk/>

- Park Run is a great way of keeping fit. Every Sunday, 9am at Riverside Park, Chester-le-Street. To register for free go to www.parkrun.org.uk/riverside-juniors/

What sports do you enjoy?

Keep us updated with your activities and certificates to share in our celebration assembly.

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