

# School Games News – May2025

## The School Games Mark 24/25



The School Games Mark is a government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to development of competition across their schools and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

The School Games Mark for 2024/2025 academic year is now available to complete from **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

Last academic year St John Wall achieved the bronze award, lets see what this academic year brings!

So far.....

Windsor Olympus Academy have achieved GOLD

St John Wall Catholic School have achieved GOLD (pending validation)

Oasis Academy Woodview have achieved GOLD (pending verification)

Grestone Academy have achieved SILVER

Hamstead Hall have achieved BRONZE (pending verification)

St Marys C of E Primary and Nursery, Academy Handsworth have achieved GOLD

If you are yet to start, please take advantage of the afternoon of support here at St John Wall: **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2pm - 5pm (SJW: B21 8HH)** I will be hosting an afternoon where you can attend SJW and complete your application with my support. You will need to bring your laptops; however, I will be able to provide you with WIFI. Colleagues that have attended this afternoon previously found it beneficial and speedy as I can review with you there and then and confirm your overall award level there and then. **If you would like to attend, please just let me know as I will need to keep a record to share with the office (safeguarding) and an approx. time of arrival.**

## Up and coming events – summer term - Primary & secondary

### Primary

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Yr3+4 Tennis Festival at Windsor Olympus (B18 4LX)

Inspire Event - Aim to raise the aspirations of young people. Focus on engagement, competition or a blend of both. Wanting young people to feel inspired and enthused.

6 School MAX - 6 pupils per school.

Monday 16 June - Yr5+6 Tennis Festival at Windsor Olympus (B18 4LX)  
Inspire Event - Aim to raise the aspirations of young people. Focus on engagement, competition or a blend of both. Wanting young people to feel inspired and enthused.  
6 School MAX - 6 pupils per school.

Friday 13 June - Yr5+6 Athletics Competition at Holyhead (B21 0HN)  
Competitive Event - Compete events aimed at young people who like to be competitive. test yourselves against other schools and develop your own skills.  
6 Schools MAX - 8 Pupils per school.

Monday 7 July - Yr5+6 Cricket Festival at St John Wall (B21 8HH)  
Inspire Event - Aim to raise the aspirations of young people. Focus on engagement, competition or a blend of both. Wanting young people to feel inspired and enthused.  
5 Schools MAX - 6 pupils per school.

All of the above are mixed gender, where possible an equal split. Please can we also ensure we priorities PP students and those on FSM.

### **Secondary**

KS3 Boys Astro Cricket League – Summer Term 2

#### **Rounders Tournaments**

Year 7 – 7<sup>th</sup> July @King Edwards Handsworth Girls

Year 8 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June @Holyhead

Year 9 – 30<sup>th</sup> June @King Edwards Handsworth Girls

Year 10 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @King Edwards Handsworth Girls

#### **Athletics Competition**

Yr8 Girls & Boys – 17<sup>th</sup> June @Wyndley Athletics Track

Yr9 Girls & Boys – 25<sup>th</sup> June @Wyndley Athletics Track

**If you would like to represent SJW in any of the above events or would like to further develop your skills learnt within PE lesson this term please speak to a member of PE 😊**

#### **National sports week - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Team PE are working hard in the background to start to make plans for how this will look this year! Last year the focus was football due to the Euro's, this year we would like MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION from all students! Watch this space.....

National School Sports Week is an annual UK initiative run by the Youth Sport Trust to promote physical activity and the importance of PE, sport, and play in schools. It aims to encourage young people to be more active and to celebrate the benefits of sport and physical education.

## Sports Leadership

### Girls Football Go Lead Project



The "Girls Go Lead" project, a component of the Barclays Game On initiative, focuses on empowering girls to become football leaders within their schools and communities. It aims to equip girls with the skills and confidence to design, deliver, and market football activities for their peers, fostering a culture of participation and leadership.

6 year 8 students have attended the training at Alexander Stadium & Aston Villa Ground to develop their leadership skills through football. Mrs Ratcliffe will be in touch with local primaries to discuss when the leaders can lead a session to hopefully promote girls football at grassroot level.

### LTA Tennis Leaders



8 Year 9 students have complete their LTA Young Tennis Leaders Award, following a session at King Edwards Trinity Road, Sports Playing Fields. They developed leadership skills and identified different qualities required to be a good leader. All students were active and engaged, some playing tennis for the first time. They are now confident to lead a skills session with primary level students. Mrs Ratcliffe will be in touch with local primaries to see when they are able to deliver some tennis skills session to other students!

**If any of the above leadership session take your interest please let me know 😊**