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Sporting Successes 2025–2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate what has undoubtedly been one of the most successful sporting years in our school's history.

While winning competitions is always exciting, our aim has always been much broader than that. We want every child to develop a love of being active, experience different sports, represent their school with pride and learn important values such as teamwork, determination, resilience and respect. This year, our children have done exactly that.

Our pupils have represented Park Schools Federation in football, basketball, netball, tag rugby, cross country, dodgeball, ten-pin bowling, athletics, orienteering, dance and multi-skills events, alongside a fantastic programme of after-school clubs and whole-school participation activities. It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying sport throughout the year.

A Record-Breaking Year

This has been another exceptional year for competitive sport. Across the year our teams achieved an incredible collection of district championships, runners-up places and county final appearances. Most impressively, seven Park teams qualified for county or regional finals – the highest number in our school's history. Although three of these finals were unfortunately cancelled due to the extreme hot weather, reaching this stage remains an outstanding achievement and reflects the quality of sport taking place across our school.

Football

Football has once again been one of our standout sports this year, with success across every age group. Our Year 3/4 mixed team were crowned Bolsover District Champions, while our Year 5/6 mixed team produced an excellent campaign to finish district runners-up.

Our Year 5/6 girls' team enjoyed another remarkable season, becoming Bolsover District Champions before qualifying for the Derbyshire County Finals for the second consecutive year. Competing against some of the strongest schools in the county at Derby Racecourse Hub, the girls demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resilience and determination throughout, alongside some outstanding individual skill.



Reaching back-to-back county finals is a tremendous achievement and one the whole team should be incredibly proud of.

The footballing year concluded in fantastic fashion when our Year 1/2 football team were crowned **Sean Lynk Memorial Trophy Champions**, providing a wonderful way to finish another memorable sporting year.



Cross Country

Our cross-country runners continued to impress throughout the season.

The Year 3/4 boys' team were crowned Bolsover District Champions before progressing to the Derbyshire County Finals.



Special congratulations go to Amarlie-Rai, who was crowned overall Y5/6 Girls Bolsover District Champion before finishing in the top ten at the county finals. Beau also enjoyed an outstanding season, finishing second overall Y3/4 Boy in the district championships before also securing a top ten finish at county level. Their achievements reflect months of dedication and hard work.



Ten-Pin Bowling

Our Key Stage 2 Ten-Pin Bowling Team were outstanding at Chesterfield Bowl, where they became Bolsover District Champions. Noah and Oscar produced particularly impressive performances, finishing as the highest scorers across the event.



The team then represented the district at the Regional Finals held at Hollywood Bowl, Sheffield, where they competed superbly and gave an excellent account of themselves against some of the strongest schools in the region.



Basketball

Our Year 5/6 Basketball Team enjoyed another fantastic year.

After successfully negotiating two qualifying rounds, they were crowned Bolsover District Champions, earning their place at the Derbyshire County Finals.

Held at the impressive Derby Arena during the inaugural Derbyshire Spring Games, the team demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and determination throughout the day. They narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals, but their performances against some of Derbyshire's strongest schools were a credit to themselves and the school.



Tag Rugby

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team produced one of the performances of the year as they stormed to the Bolsover District Championship, winning every match they played.

The team thrilled spectators with fast-flowing attacking rugby, elusive running and intelligent support play, whilst remaining disciplined and incredibly difficult to break down in defence.

Qualification for the Derbyshire County Finals was thoroughly deserved, although unfortunately the event was cancelled because of the extreme hot weather.



Netball

Our Year 5/6 Netball Team were equally impressive as they dominated the Bolsover District Championships.

Excellent passing, accurate shooting and superb defensive play saw the team control games from start to finish. Their success was built upon excellent teamwork and the commitment shown by the players during the after-school practice sessions throughout the year.

Like our tag rugby team, they also qualified for the Derbyshire County Finals, which sadly had to be cancelled.



Athletics



Our Year 5/6 Quad Kids Athletics Team completed another remarkable year by becoming Bolsover District Champions.

In a closely contested competition, a series of excellent individual performances, combined with a particularly dominant display in the long jump, helped the team secure first place overall.

Special congratulations go to Amarlie-Rai, who finished as the overall girls' champion, and Oskar, who claimed the overall boys' bronze medal.

The team also qualified for the Derbyshire County Finals, which unfortunately fell victim to the extreme summer temperatures before it could take place.

Opportunities for Everyone

Not every sporting success can be measured by medals and trophies.

Throughout the year we have continued to provide an extensive programme of extra-curricular clubs including football, athletics, dance, yoga, bushcraft, netball and multi-skills. It has been particularly pleasing to see the continued growth of our girls' football club, with increasing numbers of girls enjoying the opportunity to play and compete.



The annual Bolsover Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel was another real highlight, with our dancers performing confidently in front of an audience of more than 700 people after weeks of rehearsals.

Whole School Sport

Every child has had the opportunity to enjoy being active this year.

Our EYFS, Years 1–3 and Years 4–6 Sports Days were another tremendous success. While our youngest children focused on participation, enjoyment and having a go, our older pupils competed proudly for their houses in a fiercely contested event. Despite the sweltering temperatures, the children displayed outstanding determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. Congratulations to Hardwick House, who continued their impressive winning streak by once again lifting the Year 4–6 Sports Day Trophy.



Our whole-school Sponsored Santa Run and Colour Run also proved hugely successful, bringing the entire school community together while raising valuable funds to continue developing sporting opportunities for all children.



Thank You

None of these achievements would have been possible without the incredible commitment of our staff, parents and wider school community.

A huge thank you goes to every member of staff who voluntarily gives up evenings, lunchtimes and weekends to run clubs, coach teams and accompany children to competitions. Their dedication creates opportunities that simply would not otherwise exist.

We would also like to thank our parents and carers for transporting children, supporting teams from the sidelines and encouraging our young sportspeople throughout the year. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Finally, the biggest congratulations go to every child who has represented the school, attended a club, taken part in Sports Day, danced at the Winding Wheel, completed the Santa Run or simply discovered a new sport they enjoy. Whilst the trophies are wonderful, we are even prouder of the teamwork, respect, resilience and determination our children display every time they wear the Park badge.

Thank you for helping to make 2025–26 one of the greatest sporting years in our school's history. We look forward to building on this success next year.

Have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,

Gavin Powers

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