

STEPGATES SPORTS NEWS

Spring Term 2025

It has been another very busy and exciting term for Sport at Stepgates, and we are incredibly proud of all the children, especially those who have participated in competitive events.

Physical Education at Stepgates

This term, we have been able to participate in a wide range of sports in school, such as; gymnastics, dance, ball skills, basketball, bench ball, hockey and badminton. We are now looking forward to the warmer weather so we can begin swimming lessons and make better use of our school field. We are also beginning to prepare for Sports Day, which is due to be held on the morning of 22nd May (weather permitting), where we hope you will join us on the school field (further details to follow).

Clubs at Stepgates

We are delighted that we have been able to begin expanding our provision of clubs across the school. This term, the children have enjoyed dance and football and those in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have started Athletics training during a Wednesday lunchtime. We are aiming to expand our sport provision in the Summer term, adding rounders, netball and infant ball games to our clubs itinerary. Club letters will be sent home before Easter, and collected upon our return to school, so keep an eye out for our new clubs on offer!



Panathlon



On Tuesday 21st January some of Robins went on a sporting trip to NESCOLT College to take part in a Panathlon Challenge. We left school just after 9am to get on the mini-bus to drive to NESCOLT College, Epsom. When we arrived, we were given our area and put into teams. Once all the schools had arrived, we listened to the coach who told us about how the morning would go. We then went to our first activity. The activities included Skittles, Basketball, Bean Bag Throw, Curling, and Target Throwing. We all had different favourite activities. After all the activities were finished, we got together in a big group to see how each team did. Our team came 3rd out of the six teams and we each got a medal! Although we felt nervous, we worked together as a team and we all had a fun time.

**3rd
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DANCE NEWS



SURVIVOR

On 6th March 2025, Dance Crew went to Notre Dame school to compete in the ERPSSA Dance Festival. Our dance was to *Survivor*, but was a violin cover version. The theme we were given for this competition was determination, so we decided our dance would be very dramatic and intense, demonstrating the struggles we sometimes encounter when working hard to achieve something. We all wore red, as this is the colour that represents determination.

The standard of dance at the competition was incredibly high, so we were delighted that we came second, missing out on first place by just one mark! That's three years in a row now that we have been placed in the top two! We had an amazing time and it was an enjoyable experience, being able to watch the other dances and for some of us, perform on stage for the first time!



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Swimming News

Surrey Schools Primary Teams - Saturday 15th March

The swimming at this event is all about speed and there were some super fast competitors, most of whom have the advantage of all year round indoor swimming available.

Our swimmers swam brilliantly in a freestyle race and a medley race. Our aim was not to be disqualified (the rules are very strict) and to have fun. Both aims were achieved!

Taking part were Dylan, Oliver and Bella B from Year 6, plus Joey, Ellie and Bella from Year 5.

Huge thanks to Miss McKinnon for assisting poolside and of course to the parents/carers who came to support the children.

It's a Fish Out - Saturday 8th March

Stepgates took part in this competition for the first time last year, the team enjoyed it so much that this year we entered two teams!

This annual life saving/water safety event is organised as a circuit around the pool and consists of eight activities; sculling, rope throw, diving for a brick, underwater baton relay, head up width swimming, ball throw, straddle jumps and water safety questions. Points are awarded for the skills shown in each sector.

All tasks must be accomplished without goggles!

Taking part were Maggie, Victoria, Isla, Bella L, Dylan and Freddie from Year 6, plus Ellie and Bella from Year 5. Both teams did incredibly well, especially as all the training had to take place on dry land! The teams placed 15th and 23rd.

A huge thank you to Miss McKinnon and Mrs Blankert for giving up their time to train the children and for their support at the competition. Thanks also to the parents/carers who battled with the traffic (M25 was closed) to come and support the swimmers.

Football News



On Wednesday 19th March, both the Year 5 and Year 6 football teams played their final league fixtures away at Holy Family School. The season ended with fantastic wins from both teams. Our Year 5s won 3-2 and Year 6 also won 3-1.

This season, our teams have played a number of different schools including: St Charles Borromeo, Sayes Court, Holy Family, Ongar Place and St Cuthbert's.

We are very pleased to announce that the Year 6 team placed 2nd overall and the Year 5 team finished joint third in their league.

It has been a very successful season for all our football teams at Stepgates and we have competed in both league matches and friendlies. Several children have played in their first matches ever and everyone must be proud of the contribution they have made to our success as a school. We are proud of the children not only for their sporting achievement and ability, but also for their positive attitudes and demonstration of our school values. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the children, parents and carers and of course, Mr Williams for all of the time and effort that he dedicates to our football teams.

Miss Aira

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Thank you

As always, a final thank you to everyone who has supported sport at Stepgates this term. We look forward to introducing even more sporting opportunities in the Summer Term.