

BPSS Primary Newsletter December 2025



WELCOME

...to the final BPSS Newsletter of 2025! This month's newsletter includes the latest news from BPSS, including updates and opportunities from our partners.

It has been an action packed half term full of opportunities for young people across Barnet. We welcomed 1701 primary students across three tournaments, two SEND festivals, one KS1 festival and an athletics competition. Well done to every student that has been selected to represent their school at a BPSS event.

We have received some brilliant scores in the primary leagues and cup games with the ability improving each year!

The virtual league started last half term with the year 6 skipping challenge. 14 schools entered their top 10 results with record breaking scores! Congratulations to Summerside with the top scores.

Teachers across Barnet took part in Rugby and NFL training this half term in the lead up to our upcoming tournament and festivals. It was great to see so many teachers involved and we look forward to seeing the impact it has on the young people in Barnet.

The new year kicks off with the Boccia and Basketball! Please see 'Upcoming Events' for the list of upcoming dates.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact if there is anything we can support you with.

All the best,

The BPSS Team 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

14th January

Boccia competition

16th January

WUMA Yr 4&5 Basketball Festival

21st January

Yr 3&4 Badminton/Golf Festival

22nd January

PESL Training

30th January

3v3 Basketball Training

4th February

Yr 3&4 NAK competition

10th February

Primary Panathlon

12th February – Cross Country

Recent Events

Yr 3 & 4 Dodgeball Festival

18 primary schools attended this year's dodgeball festival at Copthall leisure centre. Pupils arrived with excitement and nerves ready to play dodgeball for the morning. All of the students and teachers created a wonderful atmosphere, demonstrating teamwork, honesty and respect!

Y5 Rugby Festival

It was fantastic to see so many children on the Barnet Elizabethans pitches playing with passion, teamwork and great sportsmanship. Many attending had never played rugby before, but the energy and enthusiasm from every pupil was truly inspiring and a great reminder of why we love growing rugby in the community. Barnet Elizabethans are committed to helping local schools introduce and develop rugby, whether that's through tag festivals, coaching support or helping pupil's transition to club rugby. Please email Dermot for further details – minischair@berfc.co.uk



Boccia "Come Try It" Festival

Congratulations to the 156 pupils who came gave Boccia a go at Burnt Oak LC. With nerves on arrival, the St James' leaders soon put the participants at ease, showing them how to play and encouragement throughout the matches. By the end of the event, teams were working on tactics to beat the other teams. A really lovely atmosphere created by everyone.

Yr 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament

The sun was shining at this year's girl's football tournament at Compton School. It was fantastic to see so many teams take part with a total of 35 schools participating across the morning and afternoon. The atmosphere on and off the pitch was inspiring with warm cheer from fellow pupils as well as opposition. The standard of football on display was a joy to watch. As well as the individual ability on show, it was great seeing the teamwork and encouragement your pupils showed towards each other and their opponents throughout. Congratulations to Martin and Livingstone who took home the gold medals for their tournament! The leaders from Compton and QE girls did a brilliant job referring the games, a big thank you to them!



Yr 5 & 6 Netball Tournament

The cold winter's day did not dampen the energy and enthusiasm from the 23 schools that attended the year 5 & 6 netball tournament at Copthall School. Players took part in competitive games, showcasing their shooting and passing skills. Well done to all of the teams that took part and to our AM and PM winners; Church Hill and Alma. Thank you to the brilliant leaders from Copthall School who umpired all of the games.



Barnet Bar No One

Wow! What an amazing day! 172 young SEND pupils took part in dance, basketball, parachute games, rowing, flag football, new age kuling, boccia, rugby, alterics and speedstacking at Hendon Leisure Centre. Guided by expert coaches from the community and supported by the leaders from King Alfred, Clarion, Christ College Finchley, the pupils were able to sample all the sports and see what they can take part of at school or in the community. Thank you to those who volunteered their support:

Rowing – Gareth – ministryofrowing@gmail.com

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Flag Football/Multi Sport – xlperformance9@gmail.com

I Can Dance – Juliet@icandance.org.uk – ourania@icandance.org.uk



SEND Panathlon KS1

The Panathlon events are always exciting for the young people (and staff!). 10 schools took part in the event at Hendon LC, delivered by Panathlon coaches and the fantastic leaders from Clarion School. Schools rotated around stations collecting as many points as they could for their team. It was a very close finish with Moss Hall winning the trophy. All teams went home with a smile and a medal! Congratulations to all who took part.

Yr 5 & 6 Mixed Football Tournament

It was brilliant to see so many top teams compete at this year's tournament. 36 schools across Barnet put on a fantastic display of football! Congratulations to Brookland (AM) and Akiva (PM) who took home the gold medals and will have a play off to decide who represents Barnet at the Pokémon Cup! Well done to the Compton leaders who did a brilliant job refereeing all day!

Yr 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

Sports Hall Athletics took place this month with over 400 participants across the morning and afternoon. It was evident how much effort went into preparing for the event by both teachers and athletes. A special thanks to the leaders from Copthall school who were officiating throughout the day. Well done both Martin and Monfrith who were won the morning and afternoon competition.



KS1 Winter Festival

KS1 Winter Change 4 Life Festival 18 schools took part in the KS1 Winter festival at StoneX Stadium. The day had an exciting atmosphere with pupils taking part in winter themed stations like snow ball throw, over the ice and fill the sack. For many this was their first time attending an event outside school, and they all definitely tried their best. Thank you to the energetic leaders from Queen Elizabeth Girls' School for ensuring everyone had a great experience



CPD Training

Rugby T1 Teacher Training

With rugby shifting to the new T1 format, it was great to see 13 teachers at the training at Finchley RFC. The attendees learnt skills, drills and rules needed to pass onto their colleagues and pupils. They also got a chance to ask the RFU and BPSS invaluable questions to support them going forward. If you need rugby support, please contact Caroline (cconnell@st-james.barnet.sch.uk) and visit the [RFU website](#)

NFL Flag Football Training

After a successful first year of flag football last year, it was great to see 25 teachers at the training hosted at Clarion school. Led by NFL Flag Football experts, the teachers were taken through the rules, skills, drills and tactics of the game. It was fantastic to see how engaged the teachers were and we look forward to seeing their teams at the summer term competitions.



PARTNER NEWS AND UPDATES

Young Carers Action Day

Colleagues from Barnet Partnership for School Sport, Barnet Council, Barnet Young Carers & Better Leisure have come together to devise a **new celebration day** for our young carers across Barnet:

Date: Monday 16th March 2026

Age: 8-16

Time: 10am - 2.30pm

Venue: Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre

This will be a fun, sports and activity themed partnership day for young carers who are registered with Barnet Carers.

Please can all schools know who their young carers are and also ensure the school and the YC is registered with Barnet Carers? For more information on the celebration day please contact Jo Eames j.eames@qegschool.org.uk





Youth Sport Trust Inclusion Live week - REGISTRATIONS NOW LIVE!

We are pleased to share that the Youth Sport Trust will once again host Inclusion Live 2026 – a week dedicated to supporting practitioners ensure PE, school sport and physical activity provision is inclusive for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This free online event runs from 26-30 January 2026 and includes expert-led sessions focused on practical strategies to support pupils with SEND.

For more details and to register, visit: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/inclusion-live-week>.



Get Set for Milan

Get Set for Milan is Team GB and ParalympicsGB's official Milano Cortina 2026 activity programme for schools, families, and local communities. It's designed to help children and their families get active together, try new things, and most importantly, have fun!

Children across the country are challenged to make a virtual journey between all the major sporting venues of Milano Cortina 2026, following Team GB and ParalympicsGB athletes as they make the trip in real life. Teachers, group leaders, and families create teams, then everyone gets active at home, in school, or at local sport and community groups, logging their physical activity on the Get Set for Milan website, where each active minute becomes virtual kilometres powering the team from Milano to Cortina.

To find out more and register a team, visit the [Get Set website](#).

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Apprenticeship Opportunities for your Students and Staff

Please see a range of educational and sporting apprenticeship opportunities [HERE](#) for your school staff and students. Please pass onto any students and staff who would be suitable. For more information please contact Jo Eames (j.eames@qegschool.org.uk)

	Learner Links	Employer Links
Level 2 Community Activator	Level 2 Community Activator	PE Apprenticeship: Level 2 Community Activator - Educational and Sporting Futures
Level 3 Teaching Assistant (with a PE focus)	Level 3 PE Teaching Assistant (with a PE focus)	Teaching-Assistant with PE, Health and Well-Being Focus - Educational and Sporting Futures
Level 4 Sports Coach	Level 4 Sports Coach Learner Information	Sports Coach Apprenticeship - Educational and Sporting Futures
Level 3 Classroom Teaching Assistant (with a SEND focus)	Level 3 Teaching Assistant Classroom Focused	Level 3 Teaching Assistant including specialist SEND training - Educational and Sporting Futures
Level 3 Early Years Educator	Level 3 Early Years Practitioner	Early Years Apprenticeships - Educational and Sporting Futures
Level 7 Senior Leader + NPQSL		Level 7 Senior Leader with NPQSL
Advanced SEND Leader Level 7 Senior Leader Apprenticeship		Advanced SEND Leader Level 7 Senior Leader Apprenticeship
Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant		Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant

SEND Shooting Stars training

As featured in the roadmap, SEND Disney-inspired Shooting Stars is an inclusive, extra-curricular programme designed to motivate primary school pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to develop their physical literacy. The Youth Sport Trust are hosting virtual training sessions to upskill practitioners nationwide in how to deliver this extra-curricular club, and on completion, will send the resources to support delivery.

Schools can book a place on the final virtual teacher training session and find [more information here](#).

FINAL date: Thursday 12 February 2026, 2:30-4:30pm.

Supporting Pupils with SEND in School Swimming

Date: Monday 9th February 2026

Time: 9.40am – 4.40pm

Target audience: Teachers and teaching assistants delivering swimming to children with SEN in Primary, Secondary and special schools

Venue: Waverley School, 105 The Ride, Enfield, EN3 7DL

Cost: FREE for school staff

Please find further information attached.

To register a place on the course(s), please click on the link below and complete the online registration form:

https://youthsporttrust.my.site.com/YST_EventRedirectUpdate?id=a4ON2000002CMoP

Inclusive PE CPD

Inclusive PE CPD support school staff to develop engaging physical activities that support all students to take part and make progress.

Date: Thursday 22nd January 2026

Time: 12.30 - 3.30 pm

Target audience: Teachers and teaching assistants delivering PE and/or school sports in Primary, Secondary and special schools

Venue: Willow Tree Primary School, Priors Farm Lane, Off Abbott Close, Northolt, Middx UB55FE

Cost: FREE for school staff

Please find further information attached.

To register a place on the course(s), please click on the link below and complete the online registration form:

https://youthsporttrust.force.com/YST_EventRedirectUpdate?id=a4ON20000027gXd

Deadline for registrations: Thursday 15th January 2026

Motor Activity Training Programme

An introduction to Special Olympics and the Motor Activities Training Programme (MATP) including theory, available resources, implementation and the national participation pathway available. MATP Is a sport and training programme for people with Profound and Multiple Learning and Physical Disabilities and Complex Support Need.

Click on '[select tickets](#)' on this link to see the sessions available throughout the year.

Inclusive Education Hub

Here you will find lots of support for you as teachers or school staff to review and improve your inclusive physical education and school sport delivery. It is all made possible through the Department of Education-funded, Inclusion 2024 project.

Once [registered](#), you will be able to complete the Inclusive PE self-assessment. Then you will be directed to relevant resources based on your answers and receive tips to continually improve the way you work.

Please click on the link below: <https://education.activityalliance.org.uk/>

Hockey & Dodgeball: Online Teacher Training

Teachers, boost your hockey teaching with free online CPD workshops. Learn inclusive, engaging games, curriculum-linked activities and practical tips. Register for an account and book via the links below

[Hockey - 12 January 2026](#)

[Dodgeball - 12 January 2026](#)



CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE SUPPORT

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