

BPSS Secondary 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 over 500 secondary students across three athletics competitions, one rugby festival and three SEND festivals. 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!

Our primary events would not be possible if it was not for the help of the brilliant leaders from Barnet secondary schools. A huge thank you to the leaders from CCF, Clarion, Compton, Copthall, King Alfred, QE Girls, Saracens High, St James who have helped at the BPSS events this half term.

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 Girls Basketball, Boccia and New Age Kurling! 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

8th January

Year 11 Girls Basketball Tournament

14th January

Boccia competition

15th January

Year 10 Girls Basketball Tournament

22nd January

Secondary HOD Meeting

29th January

Year 9 Girls Basketball Tournament

4th February

NAK competition

5th February

Trampolining Competition

27th February

Year 7&8 Girls B/C Football Festival

3rd March

KS4/5 Volleyball Festival

Recent Events

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.

Barnet Bar No One

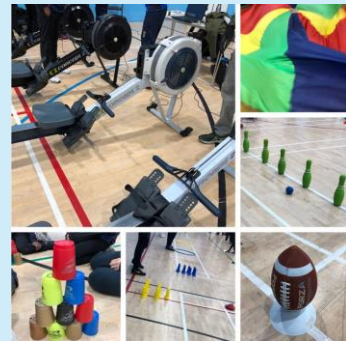
Wow! What an amazing day! 172 young SEND pupils took part in dance, basketball, parachute games, rowing, flag football, new age kuling, boccia, rugby, alterics and speedstacking at Hendon Leisure Centre. Guided by expert coaches from the community and supported by the leaders from King Alfred, Clarion, 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

Rugby/Multi Sport – Saracens Foundation – OliviaPatten@saracens.net

Flag Football/Multi Sport – xlperformance9@gmail.com

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



SEND Panathlon

The Panathlon events are always exciting for young people (and staff). Nine schools took part in the event at Hendon LC. Delivered by Panathlon coaches. Schools rotated around stations collected as many points as they could for their team. It was a very close finish with the leaders from Clarion taking control of the scoring. All teams went home with medals and Copthall School with the winner trophy. Congratulations to all who took part.

Yr 7 & 8 Sportshall Athletics

It was evident how much effort went into preparing for the event by both teachers and athletes.

A special thanks to Ashmole school who hosted and delivered the event!

Boys Winners:

Year 7 – Wren Academy

Year 8 – Wren Academy

Girls Winners:

Year 7 – Wren Academy

Year 8 – Wren Academy



Barnet Champs

Took place at the start of December with the individuals winners going on to represent Barnet in the Middlesex Schools Championships!

A big well done to all the athletes who competed in such challenging conditions!

School points:

	Year 7 Boys	Year 7 Girls	Year 8&9 Boys	Year 8& 9 Girls	Year 10&11 Boys	Year 10&11 Girls
1 st	Belmont	Belmont	Compton	Belmont/Mill Hill	Finchley Catholic	Wren
2 nd	FCH	HBS	Belmont	St Michaels	Mill Hill	JCOSS
3 rd	Wren	Compton	TTA	QEGS	JCOSS	HBS

Yr 7 T1 Rugby Festival

T1 Rugby was coached to 25 new rugby players at TTA by the RFU coaches. Yr 7 pupils from St James' and TTA had a great afternoon learning the rules and then putting them into action in small sided games, alongside the coached from the RFU and Barnet Elizabethan's RFC. The rugby leagues and competitions will commence in the new year and it is great to see schools getting on board with the new format.



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.



London Youth Games – Cross Country Championships 2025

We were lucky enough to get very pleasant weather for the time of year at the London Youth Games 2025 cross country championships at Parliament Hill fields on Saturday November 8th. Over 1,000 children from the various London boroughs participated in this annual cross-country event. Athletes were chosen to represent the borough based on the school they attend (after racing in borough school cross country league meetings) or by residency within the Barnet borough. Age groups were under11,13,15,17 with both boys and girls races in each age group category.

The girls had an amazing day, finishing 3rd overall of the 32 boroughs participating. Stand out individual performances for the girls were Posie Shaw u17 (TTA) 4th, Alice Clements u13 (Ashmole) 9th, Grace Rooney u13 (Archer) 15th.

The boys also finished an excellent 6th over all despite losing a couple of key athletes at the last minute. The Highlight was Dennys Pascal u13 (Ark Academy) getting a silver medal and helping the u13 boys to an age group victory along with Harrison Henderson (TTA) 4th and Asser Yousri (Compton) 6th.

It was great to see so many Barnet borough primary and secondary schools represented at these championships. Many of the athletes who ran at this event will also be representing Barnet schools at the Middlesex schools cross country championships at Harrow school on Tuesday February 3rd.

Ty Holden

Borough team manager



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 Cophall 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>.

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 - 13 January 2026

Dodgeball - 13 January 2026



CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE SUPPORT

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