

BPSS Secondary Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 1 • 2026/27



Welcome! to our latest BPSS Newsletter including the latest updates and opportunities from BPSS.

BPSS Updates

Our 2025/26 Impact

We're proud to share a summary of our 2025/26 impact below:

20,282	9,763	10,523	1,744	1,648
young people	boys	girls	pupils with SEND	Pupil Premium pupils

In addition, BPSS has:

- Delivered 98 festivals and competitions across 25 different sports, engaging 22 community clubs
- Trained 574 secondary student leaders to support and deliver events
- Coordinated 39 secondary school sports leagues
- Coordinated 15 primary school sports leagues
- Delivered the Dance Festival in March, involving 82 schools and 2,640 students performing at Artsdepot across six days
- Engaged 86 schools in the Barclays Girls' Football programme from Key Stage 1–4
- Delivered a three-year School Rugby Manager programme in partnership with the RFU, enhancing CPD opportunities and increasing participation in Tag Rugby across primary and secondary schools
- Supported 36 schools in achieving the School Games Mark
- Engaged five schools in a Physical Literacy pilot project
- Hosted the inaugural Young Leaders Engagement Day 2026, providing dedicated experience for more than 90 young carers

BPSS Buy In 2026/27

We are pleased to confirm that our usual BPSS buy-in package will continue to be available for all schools during the 2026/27 academic year.

CONFIRM YOUR SCHOOL'S PARTICIPATION

Complete the buy-in form: www.koboca.co.uk/bpss-buy-in-survey-202627/?q=86205a89

What's Coming Up

BPSS 2026/27 EVENT DATES

BOOKING WINDOWS

Events up until February half term are bookable now.

Events from February half term onwards are bookable from 4th December 2026.

Please note this is for ALL events – there are no separate sign ups for any events next year.

Autumn Term

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
3rd November	"Come try it" Boccia	8:30 - 3pm	Copthall LC
18th November	BBN1	8am - 3pm	Hendon LC
3rd December	Barnet Champs	1pm-4pm	Copthall Fields

Spring Term

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
7 th January	Secondary SHA - Y7&8 Girls	3:45-6pm	Ashmole
13 th January	Secondary SHA - Yr7&8 Boys	3.45pm – 6pm	Ashmole
14 th January	Boccia	12.30 – 2.45pm	Burnt Oak LC
21st January	HOD	pm	TBC
2 nd February	KS4/5 Volleyball	12.30 – 2.45pm	Hendon School
3 rd February	New Age Kurling	12.30 – 2.45pm	Burnt Oak LC
9 th February	Year 11 / Senior Netball Tournament	3.00 – 4.30pm	Copthall School
22nd February	KS4 Netball Mixed	9-11.30	CCF

Leaders at our events

Thank you so much to the following schools who have provided leaders for our events this half term: **Clarion, Copthall, Saracens High & St James High**. If your school would like to provide leaders please contact your SGO.

Event Spotlight

EVENT WRITE-UPS

Barnet PE Team Meeting – 17th September

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. There are notes available on our website - [Barnet Partnership for School Sport - PE Subject Leaders](#).

First Aid

Please ensure the member of staff attending events/fixtures has a first aid certificate and brings a first aid kit, to be able to do first aid on your pupils.

Year 11/Senior Netball Festival – 15th September

This year's secondary netball season got underway with our Year 11 and Senior Netball Festival! Teams took to the courts to play a series of matches against different schools, with the focus firmly on **increasing participation, bringing girls together through sport and, most importantly, having fun!**

The festival was bursting with positivity, enthusiasm and team spirit, with players creating a brilliant atmosphere throughout. It was fantastic to see so many girls getting involved, enjoying their netball and embracing the opportunity to play against new opponents.

Our next Year 11 and Senior Netball Tournament will take place on **Tuesday 9th February**. Remember to book your place via the BPSS website!

Secondary Panathlon Inclusion Festival – 8th October

So much fun was had at Copthall Leisure Centre last week, for the Secondary Panathlon event. Pupils from The Compton, SMSJ and Copthall took part in 7 stations, where they had to work as a team to get as many points as they could. Supported by the leaders from Copthall school, the pupils were able to apply themselves in a new environment and be fully engaged for the whole event. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part, and good luck to The Compton (Gold team) who will represent Barnet at the North London Panathlon finals.



Secondary Cross Country – 15th October

Congratulations to pupils from Henrietta Barnett, The Compton, Hendon, North London Grammar School, Belmont, Totteridge Academy, Archer, East Barnet, Mount House, Mill Hill CHS, QE Boys, Ashmole, St Michael's, JCOSS, Finchley Catholic & TTA for attending the borough cross country event on 15th October. All students who achieved a top position in their race were given a letter regarding the LYG. We will see you at Champs on Thursday 3rd December.

Secondary T1 Rugby Leadership Training

Pouring rain did not stop the 24 Saracens High Yr9 Sports Leaders from engaging in the new T1 Rugby Rules, ahead of the Primary Festival at Barnet Elizabethan's RFC. They recapped their touch rugby knowledge, before adapting to the Yr5 T1 rules. They all got a chance to use a whistle and referee their peers, which was great learning for them. Lots of fun and learning was had. We look forward to seeing them in action.

Secondary Netball League

We've also seen the **highest number of netball league games ever played before half term** — an incredible achievement and a brilliant reflection of the enthusiasm and commitment across our schools!

A huge thank you to all the schools who have embraced this year's new league format and helped make such a positive start to the season possible. Your support and flexibility are greatly appreciated.

We're already looking forward to the second round of netball league fixtures after half term, alongside the exciting launch of our football league. There's plenty more sporting action to come, and we can't wait to see even more schools getting involved!

Partner News & Updates

CPD • APPRENTICESHIPS • OPPORTUNITIES

British Dodgeball Opportunities

Entries are now open for the British Dodgeball Championships. The full rules, regulations and details for the day are on the links but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

James@BritishDodgeball.com

Opportunities for Barnet Schools are:

[West London Secondary Champs](#)

[Essex Secondary Champs](#)

A team entry includes access to our online introduction to dodgeball course, which provides teachers with an understanding of the rules and some coaching tips. We have further resources available on our website, Youtube channel and our Lesson Plans are free to download from our website [here](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities for your Students and Staff

Please see a range of educational and sporting apprenticeship opportunities below for your school staff and students. Please pass onto any students and staff who would be suitable. For more information please contact Jo: j.eames@qegschool.org.uk

OPPORTUNITY	LEARNER LINK	EMPLOYER LINK
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	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

Schools Libraries Resources Service

The Schools Libraries Resources Service provides a high-quality loan service of books, artefacts and story sacks to primary schools in Barnet. Our book loan boxes support curriculum topics and encourages reading for pleasure. We are passionate about the book stock we select; we want children to be excited and engaged by the books they receive from us. Our Guided Reading set collection is one of our most popular resources. We have over 200 titles to choose from and it is continuously updated to satisfy the growing demand from teachers for quality texts.

For information on our current fees and terms and conditions, please call us on 0208 359 3931 or email

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RUGBY CPD



WHAT IS THE GALLAGHER TOUCHLINE ACADEMY?

A free, accessible rugby teaching programme designed to upskill 2,000 teachers by 2028 to help shape the next generation of rugby players and fans.

All teachers, no matter the age you teach or your pre-existing rugby knowledge, will benefit from the Gallagher Touchline Academy.

ABOUT US

Gallagher is one of the world's largest insurance brokerage, risk management and consulting firms.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME AS A TEACHER?

- First hand training from the Saracens community team on how to deliver a rugby session
- 6 lesson handbook to take away for you to bring rugby to your school, and access to our resources hub
- CPD accredited hours to add to your CV
- A chance to win tickets and money can't buy experiences





SIGN UP TO THE NEXT SESSION

SARACENS

Date: Wednesday 04 November 2026
Time: 16.30 - 18.30
Location: StoneX Stadium

[Register here](#)

RED STAR

Date: Wednesday 09 June 2027
Time: 16.30 - 18.30
Location: StoneX Stadium

[Register here](#)




CONNECT WITH BPSS

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