

ETONBURY ACADEMY SPORTS SUMMER TERM BULLETIN

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Short introduction from head of PE

Miss Hilton (Head of PE):

This summer term has been a fantastic celebration of sport, with students throwing themselves into athletics, cricket, rounders, and volleyball with real enthusiasm. A particular highlight for me has been watching students develop their confidence in athletics events, with so many whole school records broken this school year. I am so proud of the way in which the students have supported each other through every sport, event and race. The level of participation this term has been exceptional, not just in lessons but across extracurricular clubs and fixtures too. It's also been brilliant to see more students stepping into leadership roles, whether by umpiring, leading warm-ups, or helping to organise and run inter-house, competitions and our upcoming Sports Days. Looking ahead to the Autumn term, I'm excited to return to our core sports like basketball, gymnastics, football and netball, while continuing to embed leadership opportunities and inclusive practices across all year groups. I'm also looking forward to launching some new initiatives aimed at engaging students who are less confident in sport, and working with the department to keep raising the profile of PE right across the school. A goggle form has gone out to hear from all students giving them a 'student voice' about all things PE at Etonbury and the team cannot wait to reflect on these. I am so proud and grateful for the dedication across years 5-13 to sport at Etonbury. This includes the HUGE commitment to Sport from the PE Department and parents. Thank you everyone!

Highlights of the term from the PE teachers

Miss Royall- The summer term is definitely my favourite of the year! I've really enjoyed seeing the students get stuck into rounders and athletics, showing great energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm. The sunny weather has helped lift everyone's spirits, and it was fantastic to see so much progress and participation across all year groups. I'm really looking forward to my first sports day at Etonbury.

Mr Bamford- This summer term I've particularly enjoyed watching the year 7s take part in the tennis tournament. There have been lots of fixtures for both boys and girls with some extra matches arranged to make sure everyone had a chance to take part including those who don't usually get involved in fixtures which has been great to see. It's also been brilliant to see the range of sports the students have taken part in this term from cricket, athletics and rounders. It has been great to watch all of the students focus on athletics records and really challenge themselves to beat them. I am also really looking forward to the start of the Euros competition it will be fantastic to see all year groups get involved.

Miss Kay- As this has been my first year at Etonbury it's been a fantastic experience becoming part of such an enthusiastic and active PE department. This summer term I've really enjoyed being involved in rounders and volleyball both playing and organising fixtures. It's been fantastic to see students getting stuck in, showing great team work. Watching so many pupils take part in athletics has also been a highlight and seeing their effort, progress and determination has made the term especially memorable. I've also been impressed by the brilliant turnout at rounders club, with students regularly showing up and getting involved beyond lessons. As we look ahead to the new term I'm especially excited to get started with football and netball. We'll be entering several competitions across different year groups and I'm looking forward to seeing our students represent Etonbury with pride.

SUMMER SPORTS ROUND UP

This Term!

As the sun came out so did the energy in these PE lessons! This term has been all about getting active outdoors, trying new sports, and building skills through fun fast-paced games and competitions. Whether it's been smashing serves in tennis or sprinting across the tracks in athletics, every year group have shown brilliant effort and team spirit. Here's a quick round up of what they have been getting up to.

Rounders

A summer favourite. Students have enjoyed practising catching, throwing and batting in fast-paced competitive games. Fielding has improved massively across all year groups with some impressive catches and tactical plays.

Cricket

From bowling basics to full matches, cricket has focused on technique, timing and fielding. It's been great to see communication and tactical thinking during class games.

Tennis

This term students have practised forehand, backhand and serving with lots of fun activities like rallies and mini matches. Doubles play helped develop teamwork and tactical awareness on the court.

Volleyball

New to some students this term, volleyball has focused on teamwork, communication and coordination. Students have learnt how to serve and lots of fun mini tournaments and great rallies were on show.

Athletics

Athletics has been all about speed strength and self improvement! Students have taken part in sprinting, long distance running, shot put javelin, long jump and more with many beating their personal bests!

what a term!

It was so nice seeing so many different sports events with every single student getting involved



Super Stars

SPORTS LEADERS

This summer term the sports leaders from year 9 to year 11 have shown excellent commitment, growth and leadership across range of events and responsibilities. Year 9s leaders have made an impressive start to their leadership journey by demonstrating enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. They have been reliable helpers when helping with sports day preparations, local primary school events and have gained valuable experience and confidence. Year 10 leaders have built on last year's foundation stepping up as role models for the younger students. They have taken on more responsibility - from leading warm-up to helping out with key stage 2 PE lessons which has developed their communication skills and ability to engage with participants of all ages. Our year 11 sports leaders have shown fantastic teamwork, responsibility and dedication throughout the term. Their efforts have had a positive impact on the school and local community. They should all be so proud of themselves. Overall the sports leaders have shown fantastic teamwork responsibly and dedication throughout the term.



Muddy runners

This term students and staff took on the challenge of the muddy 5K powering through mud hills and obstacles with big smiles and even bigger team spirits! It was a fantastic event full of energy laughter and a lot of mud! All together students and teachers raised more than £1000 for Cancer Research.



SUCCESS STORIES OF THIS TERM

Celebrating a term of fantastic different sports at Etonbury with students all across the school achieving amazing things in a wide variety of competitions. Here are just a few of the celebrations Etonbury achieved this term!

Dance Champions

Our year 5 and 6 dancers took 1st place at the Bedford University Dance competitions with a brilliant routine full of energy and creativity. Not to be outdone, our year 7 and 8 team also performed exceptionally, securing 2nd place in their category. A huge well done to all involved

Cricket Success

The year 5 and 6 boy's cricket team smashed their way into the county finals showing fantastic skill and sportsmanship throughout.

Golf Glory

Huge congratulations to our Etonbury golf teams years 8, and 10 who were crowned county champions and will now go on to represent the school at national finals at Woodhall Spa. An incredible achievement!

Football Round Up

The year 5 girl's football team had an impressive season fighting hard to reach the league finals an outstanding achievement. The year 9 boy's football team played consistently well throughout their season, showing great teamwork and resilience to become league winners.

Netball Champions

The year 5 and 6 netball team went the whole season undefeated showing brilliant teamwork and determination. A fantastic effort from all players.

Rounders Highlights

Our year 10 rounders team also enjoyed an undefeated season showcasing excellent skill and communication on the pitch. Meanwhile the year 5 rounders team made it all the way to the county final A brilliant result for this talented group of players.

SUMMARY OF THE TERM

It's been an action-packed term, full of incredible achievements across all sports from dance competitions and league wins, to county finals and an unforgettable pretty muddy run for race for life out students have truly shown what Etonbury spirit is all about! We have seen teams go undefeated with trophies lifted and amazing participation from both students and staff. A huge well done to everyone who has took part - whether you were playing ,cheering friend on or just having fun.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming up next ...

As we head into the final weeks of terms theres still plenty to look forward to including junior sports day a full day of fun friendly competition and athletic talent for our younger students this is happening on the 14 of July 2025 to our senior sports day a chance for the older year groups to battle it out across track and field events and maybe break a few records! This is the 15th July 2025.

Lets finish the term strong and keep celebrating sport so spacial.

NEXT TERM REMINDERS

Just a reminder next term all students need shin pads and football boots for safety reasons when taking part in the football curriculm.



From all PE teachers have an amazing summer. Keep active and send in photos of any exciting sporting events that you get up to this summer to Miss Hilton. For now have a great summer and see you next term! shilton@bestacademies.org.uk