

LUDLOW JUNIOR

SPORTS NEWSLETTER

What an incredible year it has been for sport! Throughout 2025/26, our pupils have represented the school with enthusiasm, determination, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship. From city championships and county finals to development festivals and friendly competitions, over 240 children have enjoyed opportunities to compete, develop new skills and experience the excitement of school sport. This newsletter sums up all of the amazing events and activities we have done this year, as well as our sports awards evening.

FOOTBALL

Football has once again been one of our biggest successes this year.

Our Boys A Team were outstanding, becoming League Champions, winning every league match, scoring 42 goals and conceding just 2 goals all season before finishing as County Runners-Up.



The Girls A Team continued to develop brilliantly, finishing 4th in the league and 9th at the City Tournament.

Our Boys B Team improved throughout the season, securing 3rd place in the league, finishing strongly with several excellent victories.

The Girls B Team enjoyed valuable competitive experience, finishing 11th and 15th at the City Tournament, giving the team a fantastic platform to build on next year.

Almost 30 Year 5&6 pupils also represented the school in friendly football fixtures, giving many children the opportunity to wear the school shirt before moving on to secondary school.

HOCKEY

Our hockey teams had a phenomenal year.

The Year 5 & 6 team became City Champions, with one team winning every single match on their way to the title with our other team finishing 6th in the City Finals. In the County Championships our team finished 5th in the whole county, which was incredible achievement.



SWIMMING

Our Year 5 & 6 swimmers produced our best-ever City Swimming Gala result, finishing 4th overall with some outstanding individual performances throughout the competition.

TAG RUGBY



Our rugby teams demonstrated fantastic teamwork throughout the year.

The Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby Team finished 5th in the County, scoring some outstanding tries along the way.

Both our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournaments were packed with exciting matches, excellent teamwork and plenty of tries.

BASKETBALL, NETBALL, HANDBALL & DODGEBALL

Our pupils enjoyed success across a range of invasion sports.

- Year 5 & 6 Basketball - 3rd, 9th and 17th in the City out of 30 teams!
- Girls Basketball Festival - a fantastic festival hosted by Itchen College with plenty of fun and learning.



- Year 6 Netball - 3rd in the City in what was a very competitive tournament.



- Year 5 & 6 Handball - 5th in the County, competing on the Isle of Wight.
- Year 4 Dodgeball - 2nd and 4th in the City, showing brilliant teamwork in one of the first competitions of the year.

ATHLETICS

Athletics has gone from strength to strength this year.

At the City Athletics Championships, the team achieved our highest-ever finish of 5th and 12th place.

Every athlete competed in a 75m sprint, 600m run, howler throw and long jump, with Will finishing an incredible 3rd overall boy in the city.



Indoor athletics also brought fantastic success:

- Year 3 & 4 - 2nd in the City
- Year 5 & 6 - 3rd and 5th in the City, narrowly missing qualification for the county finals and being the first school ever to take 2 teams!

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country was another highlight.

Our City Championship teams both finished 2nd overall, while our league teams placed 3rd (boys) and 6th (girls).



Individual achievements included:

- Lincoln - 2nd - City Championships
- Darcey - 3rd - City Championships
- Kai - 2nd - League
- Maro - 3rd - League

Will, Kai, Maro and Darcey all proudly represented the school at the County Finals.

Our Year 3 & 4 Cross Country team also impressed:

- Boys finished 7th and 12th
- Girls finished 3rd

Individual achievements included:

- Leo - 5th - City Championships
- Anna - 4th - City Championships
- Lily - 18th - City Championships

CRICKET

Cricket continued to grow this year with excellent performances from both boys and girls.

Our Girls Cricket Team enjoyed a fantastic season, finishing 2nd and 8th in the City and 6th in the County, with some exceptional bowling and batting performances, with the girls getting to play at The Utilita Bowl.



The Mixed Cricket Team finished 4th and 6th in the City, including an impressive draw against the eventual tournament winners.



The Year 4 & 5 Girls Cricket Festival, held at Westhill School, provided another brilliant opportunity for younger players to develop their skills ready for next season.



RUGBY

Our rugby teams demonstrated fantastic teamwork throughout the year.

The Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby Team finished 5th in the County, scoring some outstanding tries along the way.



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RACKET SPORTS

Our pupils embraced a variety of racket sports this year.

The Year 6 Table Tennis Team finished 3rd, 5th and 6th in the City, with Brooke and Elene winning every one of their matches.

The Year 5 & 6 Badminton Team finished 5th in the City, alongside 5th and 7th place finishes in the league competitions.

Our Year 3 & 4 Racket Skills Festival gave pupils the opportunity to develop tennis skills, agility, reactions and racket control.

BASKETBALL & NETBALL

Year 5 & 6 Basketball - 3rd, 9th and 17th in the City out of 30 teams! The children played some fantastic basketball in league matches and then knockout rounds, securing our best finish for over 5 years!

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HANDBALL & DODGEBALL

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FESTIVALS AND SPORTING EXPERIENCES

Alongside competitive sport, pupils enjoyed a huge range of festivals designed to introduce new activities and develop teamwork.

These included:

- Year 5 & 6 Multisport Festival including indoor axe throwing, football & team games
- Year 3 & 4 Multisport Festival including parachute games, indoor curling & basketball
- Target Festival featuring archery, axe throwing and golf
- Striking & Fielding Festival which included tennis, cricket, golf and rounders
- Link-Up Multisport Festival giving children the chance to play sport with year 7's
- Dance Festival with a theme of 70's, 80's and 90's music
- Young Athlete Development Programme with Solent University students
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These events allowed children to experience exciting new sports, build confidence, develop teamwork and most importantly, have fun.



SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

We held our annual Sports Awards Evening celebrating an outstanding year of sporting achievement and participation. Children who had represented the school in any sporting competition, festival or activity were invited to attend with a parent or carer to recognise their commitment and success throughout the year.

The evening's awards were presented by former Ludlow pupil Ellie Blunt, an accomplished basketball player, who joined staff and families in celebrating the achievements of the school's young athletes. Several individual awards were also presented.

Florence and Evie received the Spirit of Sport Award for their enthusiasm, passion and love of sport.

Dylan and Isaac were named Ambassadors of Sport in recognition of their outstanding sporting values, respect and honesty.

The prestigious Year 6 awards, which are presented to two children from the year group for their exceptional performances, leadership and commitment across a wide range of sports, went to Will and Brooke .

A FINAL SUMMARY

This has been one of our most successful sporting years yet.

Highlights included:

- 🏆 League Champions in Boys A Football
- 🏆 City Champions in Hockey
- 🥈 Girls Cricket City Runners-Up
- 🥈 Year 3&4 Indoor Athletics City Runners-Up
- 🥈 Year 3&4 dodgeball runners up
- 🥈 Cross Country City Team Runners-Up Boys & Girls
- 🥈 Basketball team
- 🥈 Netball team
- 🥈 Numerous individual City medal winners
- ★ Highest-ever City Athletics finish
- ★ Highest-ever City Swimming finish
- ★ 242 pupils representing the school across more than 30 sporting events.

A huge thank you goes to all of our pupils for their commitment, parents and carers for their continued support, and staff who have helped coach, organise and encourage our teams throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of everything our young athletes have achieved and can't wait to see what next year brings!