



Sport at Calmore

I thought it a good idea to explain a little more, our sporting provision at Calmore as we've had a few parents asking questions regarding competitions and how their child may or may not be involved in events throughout the year.

Our new partnership with Team Spirit who are now based at the school means that we are able to provide even more sporting opportunity than before. It's an exciting time for the school, staff and most importantly, the pupils.

Firstly, it is important to explain that all competitions that take place alongside other local schools are as a result of our membership to the New Forest School Sport Partnership (NFSSP). Schools from the area pay into this provision and are offered support in the development of PE at their schools as well as being provided with a calendar of sporting competitions and events that span the academic year. These events are planned and scheduled by NFSSP and we are able to select as many of these events as we want to attend. Last year we participated in 31 events; this year we have signed up to be at 40 of the 48 with netball, rounders, dance and gymnastics adding to our existing list.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Y3/4 Football Festival Y3/4 Inclusive Multi-skills Y5/6 Orienteering Y5/6 Cross Country Y5/6 Boys Football Y5/6 Girls Football Y5/6 Boys Football Y3/4 Orienteering Y5/6 Dodgeball Y5/6 Boys Football Y5/6 Athletics League 1/3 Y5/6 Girls Football Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Y5/6 3v3 Basketball Y3/4 Dance	Y5/6 Athletics League 2/3 Y5/6 Gymnastics Y3/4 Can Do Festival Y5/6 Cross Country Y3/4 Gymnastics Y5/6 Girls Football Y5/6 Boys Football Y5/6 Netball Y5/6 Handball Y3/4 & Y5/6 Tri-Golf Y5/6 Athletics League 3/3 Y3/4 Cross Country Y3/4 Netball Y3/4 Tag Rugby Y5/6 Tag Rugby	Y3/4 Tennis Y5/6 Girls Cricket Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Y3/4 Cross Country Relays Y3/4 Mixed Cricket Y3/4 Quaddkids Y5/6 Athletics Championships Y5/6 Tennis Y5/6 Rounders KS2 Dance

Across the year, these events can be boys, girls and/or mixed groups and are tailored for Y3/4 and/or Y5/6. We make sure that we try to strike a balance for all pupils but there do tend to be slightly more Y5/6 competitions. Not all events are held at the same time of year so even though we have recently had a Y5/6 Cross Country Relay, the same Y3/4 event is not until June next year (we are entered into that already!)

Last year we had 65% of all pupils participate in one or more events (2022/23 had been 55%) and this year we naturally want to increase that number again - we have set ourselves the target of 75%. We look to take as many teams to each event as we can so that we can include 'elite' teams as well as 'participation' teams. A detailed record of all those that have represented the school enable us to keep track of children who have and have not yet 'worn the school badge!'

At this point it is worth stressing the importance of parent support in terms of transport to events. Where possible, we have been able to borrow the Testwood minibus, however this is often unavailable. To have our own would be wonderful but an expense we can not afford. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Away from these inter-school events (school vs other schools), we have ensured that all pupils are able to compete in intra-school competition (within Calmore Junior School) with the PE lesson in the final week of each half term being given over to House Competitions. This term for instance, Mr Eaton has been coaching handball in PE so there will be a handball competition within each year group to promote healthy competition as well as providing an opportunity to test those skills that have been taught and learnt.

Every day, sport and physical activity is on offer for all children. Lunchtimes are now structured so that the playground is zoned: there are areas that are organised by young leaders; Mr Cron also leads social groups and oversees games; Mr Eaton provides a different club each day that is open to all but targeted at improving skills ahead of competitions that we have targeted as priorities this year.

This half term he runs handball on Monday, Cross Country on Tuesday, Football on Wednesday, Lego on Thursday and *Record Breakers* on Friday. This final club is an opportunity for children to come along and attempt to beat any of our existing school athletics records.

For those of you that have attended our previous End of Year Celebration at Testwood Baptist Church, you will know that we celebrate our sporting achievements with a series of special awards including, Team of the Year, Sportsman/woman of the Year, Most Competitions, Most Clubs and Sporting Moment of the Year. It is a wonderful occasion and highlights the importance we place on sport and the benefits of keeping fit and healthy.

Most importantly, we want to provide every child with the opportunity to experience the positivity, reward and life lessons that sport brings. Through teamwork, supporting each other and living by the motto that we 'Win with Modesty and Lose with Dignity', we aim to give every child, every chance, every day.

Mr Darch