



St Edmund's Prep Tournament Reports 2021-2022



U11 Football- ISFA Regional Qualifiers @ Chigwell School, 24th September 2021

U11A- W1 D1 L3

On Friday 24th of September, St Edmund's Prep took their U11A football team to play in the ISFA regional qualifiers at Chigwell School. Our first game was against **Loyola**, and after almost opening the scoring in the first half we ended up having to cling on for a draw to earn one point in the opening match. The second game was against **Gatehouse**, who scored early in the first half and with no other goals in the match we lost 0-1. Our third match was against **St Aubyn's**, we started the first half strongly and scored two goals before half-time. We held on in the second-half to win this match 2-0 and earn our first victory of the group stages. Our fourth game was an exciting encounter against **Chigwell**, they went two goals ahead before we scored to set up an exciting final five minutes. We couldn't quite find another goal but got caught on the counter attack and conceded a third to lose 1-3. We ended up finishing third in our group with four points to set up a quarter-final against **Woodford Green Prep**. In this match we held our own in the first half but were overrun in the second half as our opposition scored three goals. This is as far as we managed this time around, although it was great to be back playing on a glorious sunny day alongside lots of other schools.

U11 Netball- St Edmund's College Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 2nd October 2021

U11A- W3 D1 L1 2nd Place (/6)

On Saturday 2nd October, St Edmund's Prep's U11A team took part in the St Edmund's College Netball tournament. It was the first year that this tournament took place and the girls were excited to be a part of it as the host school. Our first game was against **Manor Lodge** and in a tight encounter the girls won by one goal, 3-2. The second match was against **St Francis College**, the girls won again, 5-2. The third match ended in a comfortable 8-0 win against **Forest School**. After this came a very close, end to end match against **Duncombe** that ended in a 3-3 draw. The final game, which was to decide the winning school, was against **Heath Mount**. The opposition proved to be a little too strong on this occasion as we ended up losing 4-7. However, the results that the U11A team secured throughout the morning was enough to earn them a second place finish and a runners up trophy.

U11 Football- St Edmund's College Tournament @ St Edmund's College, 2nd October 2021

U11A- W1 D3 L2 2nd Place (/6)

On Saturday 2nd October, the U11A football team took part in the St Edmund's College football tournament. They were excited to be the host team, taking part alongside another four schools. The first match was against a strong **Manor Lodge** team, however the boys dug in to secure a nil-nil draw despite being under a lot of pressure and having to defend for large spells. The next game was against **Loyola**, where we lost by one goal after an otherwise close game, 0-1. A 3-1 victory against **Forest B** followed, where our boys showed a lot of character to come from a goal behind to score three late goals themselves. Two goalless draws followed against **Forest A** and **Duncombe**, although we were perhaps unlucky not to win both of those games. Four points overall in the group stages was enough to secure fourth-place and a semi-final against **Manor Lodge**. Manor Lodge had won the group and were looking very strong. They put us under a lot of pressure from the start and scored three goals before we scored one in reply as the game finished 1-3. The goal that we scored in the semi-final was superb, where we moved the ball from back to front in an eye-catching passing move. Manor Lodge went on to win the tournament and the semi-final was as far as the U11A team were to go.

U10 Football- St Aubyn's Tournament @ St Aubyn's, 12th October 2021

U10A- W3 D1 L1

On Tuesday 12th October, the St Edmund's Prep U10A team travelled to St Aubyn's school to play in their annual football tournament. Our first match was against a very strong **Loyola** team. We started very well, scoring a goal midway through the game although Loyola equalised and the match finished 1-1. Our next game was against **Bancrofts**, which we won 1-0 after some great teamwork and eye-catching passing moves. The third match was against **Woodford Green Prep**, after scoring a wonderful freekick we followed this with another excellent goal from long range and won 2-0. Our final group game was against **St Aubyn's 'B'** team, this was a game where we spent the whole match in their half but their team defended with all of their players behind the ball making it difficult for us to score. However we managed to get a late goal from a corner to win 1-0. This meant that we finished the group stages with 10 points earned from three wins and a draw. This total was enough to win the group and earn a semi-final against **Forest School**. The Semi-Final was a very exciting match, we had opportunities to score in an end to end game, but unfortunately the opposition scored near the end as we lost 0-1. The Semi-Finals were as far as we were to go in this tournament, but the boys played some excellent football and we scored some great goals too.

U11 Football- NE Herts District Qualifier @ King James Academy, 7th October

U11A- W1 D0 L2

The U11A boys football team travelled to King James Academy in Royston for the district round of the ESFA U11 Football competition. They started off well, winning 2-1 against **St Mary's**. Unfortunately, the next game ended in a 0-1 defeat to **Edwinstree**. Despite our team having most of the possession, the opposition defended well and caught us on a counter attack. The final game ended in a 0-5 defeat to a very strong **King James Academy** side.

U11 Girls Football- NE Herts District Qualifier @ King James Academy, 12th October

U10A- W5 D0 L0

The U11A girls football team were in sensational form in the district round of the ESFA U11 girls football competition. They won all five of their matches without conceding a goal to go through as district champions. The results were as follows: 2-0 win v **St Mary's**, 3-0 win v **Edwinstree**, 1-0 win v **King James Academy 'A'**, 3-0 win v **King James Academy 'B'** and a 2-0 win v **Ralph Sadleir**. The team qualified for the county round by winning this competition.

U11 Hockey- Herts County Tournament @ Queenswood, 13th October

U10A- W0 D2 L3

The U11A hockey team trained enthusiastically in preparation for this tournament to play against a competitive group of schools, although they didn't manage a win they played extremely well against some excellent teams. They drew their first match 0-0 against **York House** in an end to end match where we had the majority of possession but could not quite find the back of the net. The second match finished with a 0-1 loss to **Belmont**, although the match was very close. A 1-2 loss to **Bishops Stortford College** followed, although in this game we did manage to score our first, well deserved, goal of the tournament. A super 0-0 draw against **Heath Mount** was next before finishing with a 0-2 loss to **Beechwood Park**.

U11 Netball- Forest Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre, 15th October

U11A- W3 D2 L1 2nd Place (/12)

The St Edmund's Prep U11A netball team travelled to Forest to play in their annual tournament. They started off with a narrow 2-3 loss to **Forest**, but went on to win 8-1 against **Mossford Green** and 9-0 versus **Berkhamsted 'B'**. These results were good enough to progress into the top group of the competition in the next round as best runners-up. In the next round, our team seemed to go from strength to strength claiming lots of very impressive results along the way. They lost their first match to the eventual winners by just one goal, 4-5 to **Berkhamsted A**. However, they went on to win 5-4 against **St Aubyn's** before drawing 3-3 to **Forest**. These results were enough to claim silver medals and a second place finish.

U11 Netball- IAPS Regional Qualifiers @ Ipswich Prep, 26th January

U11A- W5 D0 L1 **3rd Place (/16)**

On Wednesday 26th January the St Edmund's Prep U11 Netball team had an early start to the day as they travelled to Ipswich Sports Centre to take part in the IAPS BEE Netball Regional Netball Tournament. On arrival they prepared for the group matches. Looking strong and comfortable with their rotation of positions they began with three comfortable wins against **Littlegarth** 8-3, **Barnardiston Hall** 12-1 and **Ipswich Prep** 6-1. These three wins meant that St Edmund's Prep U11A qualified for the knockout round in the Cup competition. They played against **Framlingham College Prep** in the Quarter finals. After an exciting second half and a final score of 8-0 they secured their place in the Semi finals. There was an exciting, yet tense, start to the match with St Edmund's Prep playing against **Duncombe**. The half time score was 2-1 to St Edmund's. However, in an end-to end game the balance tipped in the opposition's favour and the final score was 5-4 to Duncombe who also went on to win the competition. St Edmund's Prep team went on to play **Highgate** for 3rd and 4th place, with a 6-3 win St Edmund's Prep brought home medals for 3rd place. It was a great performance on the day and with the top two teams qualifying for the National Finals, our girls missed out by just one goal in the end.

U11 Girls Football- ESFA County Cup Finals @ Parmiters School, 29th January

U11A- W2 D0 L1 **1st Place (/3)**

On Saturday 29th January, the U11A Girls' Football team competed in the ESFA Primary 7 a-side Football competition. They had qualified for this competition by winning the North Herts district competition earlier in the year. Despite narrowly losing their first game against **William Ransom Primary School** from Hitchin, 0-1, the team claimed a draw against **Haberdashers' Aske** to earn a spot in the final against their first opponents. This time there was to be no repeat of the earlier defeat as the girls battled their way to a memorable 2-1 victory thanks to two goals from Chloe R and some inspired goalkeeping from Kiki B. They will now go forward to represent Hertfordshire at the South East region finals later in the year.

U10 Netball- Queenswood Netball Festival @ Queenswood School, 10th February

U10A- W3 D1 L0 **=1st Place (/5)**

The festival began with a first match against **Heath Mount**. It was a close and exciting game ending with a win, 5-4. In the next match, some superb shooting led to an impressive 10-1 win versus **St Francis College**. The following match against **Stormont** was a tougher contest ending in a draw, 3-3. The final match versus **Abbots Hill** secured another super win, 15-0. As this was a festival, no winners were announced. However, a record of 3 wins and a draw was very impressive!

U11 Girls Football- ESFA South England Finals @ Thamesmead, 11th March

U11A- W1 D1 L1

On Friday 11th March, St Edmund's Prep U11A Girls' Football team set off for Thamesmead on a long journey to represent Hertfordshire in the ESFA South England football finals. They were representing Hertfordshire after winning the North Herts District and then the Hertfordshire county rounds earlier in the year.

On arrival in Thamesmead, the girls warmed up before having some lunch and waiting for the boys' tournament to end so that they could begin their own. St Edmund's Prep U11A Girls Football team excitedly took to the pitch for their first game against Dame Bradbury. It was a close game, but in the end one goal to the opposition settled it as we lost 0-1. The next game was against Chalfont St Peter, in a game that followed straight on from our first. Unfortunately the opposition took the lead, but our girls didn't give up and kept battling until the end where they managed to grab an equaliser from a corner to settle the score at 1-1.

The final game was a real spectacle to watch. The girls certainly saved the best for last. We scored an outstanding goal early in the game and also had several other chances to add to our tally. However, the one goal was all that we needed to finish with a 1-0 victory and a win for our last game.

We finished the day in second place in our group. Unfortunately, only the team that finished top went through to the final group stage, but everyone was very proud of the girls' achievements and they scored some great goals along the way.

U9 Football- Forest Football Tournament @ Forest School, 15th March

U9A- W2 D2 L1

U9B- W2 D1 L3

On Tuesday 15th March, St Edmunds Prep took two very excited U9 football teams to Forest School to take part in their annual Year 4 football tournament. The matches were played on the pitches in the middle of the school campus where a lunchtime gathering of pupils really added to the excitement and atmosphere.

The U9B team started off by losing their first two games to **Forest** 0-2 and then to **Loyola** 0-3. However, they picked up soon afterwards and won their next game 2-0 against **Normanhurst**. The next match was a fantastic 0-0 draw against **St Aubyn's**. Playing against other schools 'A' teams our U9B team did exceptionally well to finish in 4th place in the group stage, level on points with 3rd.

In the other group, the U9A team started off with a 0-0 draw against **Avon House**. It was a great performance, but despite having lots of opportunities to score we just could not find the back of the net. Our opening goal came in the next game, a 1-0 win against **Woodford Green Prep**. We also won our next game 5-0 against **Daiglen** after a superb attacking display. The final match of the group stage was against **Brentwood**. Their team looked particularly strong and had not conceded a goal whilst winning by large margins. We went behind to an early strike, but the boys kept battling and managed to claim an equaliser to level the score at 1-1. This turned out to be the only goal that Brentwood conceded, as they went on to win the tournament. This draw was enough for our U9A team to qualify for the Cup semi-final.

The U9B team were drawn against **Woodford Green Prep** for their Plate semi-final. We scored a wonderful goal from outside the area to win this match 1-0. This meant that we got through to the final against **St Aubyn's**. The final was a wonderful end to end match, but in the end St Aubyn's scored the decisive goal and we lost 0-1. This meant that we were runners up in the Plate competition and the players all received a silver medal for their efforts.

The U9A team were paired with **Loyola** for their Cup semi-final. Loyola scored a good goal halfway through the match, unfortunately we just couldn't find the equaliser despite having a great chance to level right near the end. In a strong competition, the U9A team did exceptionally well to reach the Cup semi-final and we're perhaps a little unlucky not to go any further.

U11 Netball- Bognor Regis Sports Tour @ Chichester NC, 10th April

U11A- W2 D0 L0

U11B- W2 D0 L0

The U11A netball team won their matches 15-6 v **Chichester NC** and 20-4 v **Fareham Fireflies**. The U11B netball team won their matches 6-0 v **Chichester NC** and 15-0 v **Fareham Fireflies**.

U11 Football- Bognor Regis Sports Tour @ Bognor Regis Town Youth FC, 10th April

U11A- W1 D0 L0

U11B- W0 D0 L1

The U11A girls football team won their match 4-2 v **Bognor Regis Town Youth FC 'A'**. The U11B girls football team lost their match 0-5 v **Bognor Regis Town Youth FC 'B'**.

U11 Girls Football- Wix County Quarter Finals @ Wheatfields, 26th April

W2 D1 L0

Our first game was against **Lordship Farm** from Letchworth. In a very tight game of few chances, an outstanding goal won the match for us after a great run and shot. The girls defended resolutely to defend their lead as we went in to win 1-0. The next game was against **William Ransom** from Hitchin. In a superb end-to-end match we dominated the first half and we're unlucky not to score. The opposition were then on top in the second half but thanks to our talented goalie we secured a well earned draw after a penalty save earned us a point. The final game was against **Skyswood**. We needed to win to have any chance of topping the group and getting through to the final. We scored through a penalty early in the second half to win the match 1-0. This meant finishing with 7 points, the same as William Ransom, but with the other team having scored 4 goals to our 2 they pipped us to first place on the number of goals scored! So close for our girls, but a fantastic team performance throughout the competition.

U11 Cricket- Bancrofts Cricket Festival @ West Grove, 8th June

Boys U11A- W1 D0 L4

Girls U11A- W1 D0 L5

The opening game for the U11A Boys team was against **Gatehouse**. We opened the batting and scored very well, with our captain Patrick R retiring after scoring more than the 29 run limit. Chasing a very strong score, the Gatehouse batsmen also played really well and managed to beat us in the final over by just 7 runs. The boys were disappointed, but picked themselves up for the next game which was a challenging test against a very good **Bancrofts** side. We lost this game, with Bancrofts reaching the required score in their first few overs after bowling very well indeed. However, the boys eventually got the result that they deserved with a superb victory against **Loyola** in what was almost an exact reversal of the first game. Again, Patrick R was outstanding as our opening batsmen and retired when he reached 29 runs. With 1 win and 2 defeats, we qualified for the plate section of the tournament as 3rd place in our group. In the next round we played **St Aubyn's** and despite bowling very well and limiting them to a low score, we also lost a lot of wickets when batting and eventually succumbed to defeat. Our final match was against **Bancrofts B**, this game was fantastic to watch and went down to the final ball. Needing just 3 runs to win their batsmen hit us for 4 runs to inflict a disappointing loss on our team. A great day of cricket full of superb performances from the whole team.

The girls U11A cricket team learnt so much throughout the day. Their performances improved and all of their games were very closely contested. Playing with a hard ball and wearing cricket pads for the first time in competitive games, the girls had prepared with a couple of extra training sessions in Games and Squad Practice. Even though they narrowly lost their games to **Bancrofts**, **St Aubyn's** and **Woodford Green Prep**, they won their final match against **New Hall**. The girls bowled as well as any team and took several wickets, including a fantastic wicket from the first ball of the innings by Frankie S. The fielding improved throughout the day as the girls began to back-up and limit errors from over throws. Once the girls got used to the hard ball, they improved their batting performances and were good at running between the wickets to score singles.

U11 Netball- St Mary's Catholic Schools' Tournament @ St Mary's School, 16th June

U11A- W5 D0 L0 (1st Place / 8)

U11B- W3 D1 L0 (1st Place / 5)

On Thursday 16th June, St Edmunds Prep Form 6 travelled to St Mary's in Bishops Stortford to play in their annual U11 Football and Netball Catholic Schools' Competition. On a beautiful sunny day it was lovely to see the whole year group out together playing one of their final sports fixtures for the school. St Edmund's Prep U11A netball team were in fine form, winning their group matches comfortably with a 4-0 win against **St Augustine's**, an 8-0 victory against **St Cross** and finally a 7-1 win versus **St Joseph's, Hertford**. These results qualified our team for the semi-finals and a matchup against **St Joseph's, Waltham Cross**. We won this game 7-0 to set up a final against **St Joseph's, Hertford** in a rematch from their final group game. The match was close at half-time with our team leading 2-1, but we pulled away in the end to win 7-2 and claim the shield as **tournament winners**.

The U11B netball team played 4 matches in the B-team tournament. They won their first game 3-1 against **St Augustine's** before drawing the next match 0-0 against **St Thomas of Canterbury**. However, we soon found our shooting range again as we won 3-2 in a great game against **St Joseph's, Hertford** before finishing off with a 5-0 win against **St Cross**. With three wins out of four games, we won the B-team tournament shield.

U11 Football- St Mary's Catholic Schools' Tournament @ St Mary's School, 16th June

U11A- W1 D0 L4 (6th Place / 8)

U11B- W0 D0 L4 (5th Place / 5)

The U11A football team started off with a match against **St Augustine's**. After taking the lead halfway through the match with a fine finish, we held on to win 1-0. The next match was against **St Cross**, in what was probably our best performance, we lost this game 0-1 despite having most of the chances to score. In the last match of the group stages against **St Joseph's, Hertford**, we went behind early on in the game before equalising with a long-range strike. Unfortunately, the opposition scored a late goal to win the game which meant that we finished third in the group and missed out on a semi-final place. The next match was a 5th 6th Place Playoff against **St Joseph's, Bishop Stortford**. We lost this game 0-1. The U11A finished off with a match against **St Paul's**, feeling the heat we lost this game 0-2.

The U11B team also played four times in a round robin b-team tournament, they lost their games but gained more experience of playing competitive matches.