

HWCE SPORTS NEWS



All the latest sports stories from
High Wycombe Church of England Combined School

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CHAMPIONS!

High Wycombe
C of E win the
league after
triumphing over
Chipping View

(All football reports by Mr Burgin)



High Wycombe C of E Combined School – LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2023/24.

It was billed as 'The Climax of the Season' – a double-header of games against title rivals Chipping View and West Wycombe with the championship hinging on the results between all 3 teams. Who would emerge victorious?

With the sun actually shining on us for a change, we made the short journey up to Cressex to play at Chipping View. As we were the first to arrive, the opening game would be us against the hosts.

Our line-up was Noah in goal, captain Reuben in defence alongside Finley, a midfield trio of Jerry on the left, Alfie taking the central midfield role and James playing on the right with Arthur playing as a lone striker. On the subs bench were Harry and Kevin with Toba unable to make the match.

We got off to a great start and dominated the play for the entire first half, winning tackles, making neat passing moves and creating chances. We could have easily been 4 or 5 nil up by half time having had several clear-cut chances to score. Nevertheless, we had to settle for just the one goal lead - Arthur finishing well from about 6 yards out with the Chipping View keeper who, having made a string of superb saves to keep his team in the game, was not able to keep it out this time.

The game was still on a knife-edge as we began the second half.

Harry had come on at half time for James, with Jerry switching to the right flank and Kevin came on for Finley to provide some physical strength at the back to clear the ball from our half.

From the start, it was as if we were playing a different team than the one we had faced in the first half. The half-time talk from Chipping View's manager had done the trick and High Wycombe found that they were having to weather some real pressure with us finding it tough to retain possession. Only some last ditch tackling and a couple of good saves from Noah kept us in it. Not that it was all one-way traffic; we still mounted attacks but they were far less frequent than in the first half. We needed a goal to put the game to bed. Finally, that is what we got – a sweet shot from Alfie which beat the Chipping View keeper and found the back of the net with Arthur waiting to pounce just in case it didn't.

Nevertheless, the tight game was far from over and with barely 2 minutes to go, Chipping View were rewarded for their pressure when we lost the ball just outside the area and Noah was beaten by a shot from 8 yards.

With less than a minute to go and with Chipping View pressing for an equaliser, they won a corner. The cross came in and, after a brief scramble, Wycombe C of E cleared the ball as the final whistle blew. It was a narrow, but still deserved 2-1 win which sees our team still unbeaten in the league. The team was jubilant.

With West Wycombe not making an appearance to play their 2 matches that evening, this meant that they would forfeit their points unless the matches could be rearranged in the limited time left of the season. Every attempt was made to do so, but with no success. It wasn't the way we wanted things to work out, as we would have liked the opportunity to prove ourselves against West Wycombe, but nevertheless, it can now be said that High Wycombe Church of England Combined School are LEAGUE CHAMPIONS for the 2023/24 season!

We obviously have a great squad who have started to gel together really well, With some strong Year 4 pupils moving up to Year 5, we can hopefully successfully defend our title next year and even compete to win the 2 cup competitions too. Well done to everyone involved in this season's campaign.

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS RAIN ON US?!

Great performance by football team but still an early bath.

I would really like to conduct a scientific investigation into why it so often seems to rain from 3pm onwards on days when our school football team are playing in a match or a tournament!

Tuesday 26th March was no exception as the team made its way slightly further afield to Thorpe House Playing Fields in Gerrards Cross in order to play against unfamiliar opposition in a tournament run by the sports organisation – 'Primary Sporting Development.' For both winners and runners-up a spot in the next round held at Chesham United's stadium beckoned and we were determined to give it our all.

We new that the opposition would be tough as the organisers had asked for each school to send their best players (possibly because these events are often used by scouts from clubs to search for potential talent.)

The teams we were playing were an unknown quantity as they were from outside of the Wycombe District. They were: hosts Thorpe House, near neighbours Robertswood, Chartridge from Amersham, Bierton from Aylesbury and Holtspur from Beaconsfield.

With 3 pitches in operation, named after football stadiums – Wembley, The Emirates &, to Mr Burgin's delight, Anfield (which would be the venue for our opening 2 games), the action was non-stop with barely enough time to breathe between fixtures.



A very soaked but heroic team of Year 5 and Year 6 footballers at the end of the tournament at Thorpe House Playing Fields.

Our performance in the first game vs Bierton was one of the best we have ever produced, defending really well and linking passes together delightfully. It was disappointing that we lost by only a single goal 1-0 when we deserved much better.

In our second match, we took on Thorpe House and grinded out a 0-0 draw. Try as we might, we just couldn't seem to score.

Our 3rd game, vs Holtspur at 'The Emirates' was a similar story, with the same 0-0 scoreline.

By this stage, the rain was coming down more heavily and we were carrying extra weight in the form of water-soaked kit, which may or may not have contributed to another 1-0 loss to Chartridge, which, on another day, could have easily gone our way instead.

The final match was against Robertswood, who had previously beaten Chartridge, to whom we had just lost. Determined to go out with a win, we pulled our soggy socks up and pushed hard for victory, which came in the form of a cracking goal from Jerry, beating the Robertswood keeper from a distance to give us something to celebrate.

We finished 5th out of the 6 teams in attendance but, it's definitely worth mentioning that Robertswood – the team we had beaten – were the winners of the tournament and Thorpe House were runners up. That should give everyone an indication of just how well we played and of what could have easily have been, given more luck and a few more goals in our favour.

We left feeling sodden but very proud of the way we played.

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GYM-TASTIC!

Well done to Daisy in Year 2 for a bronze medal in the vault, a silver medal for floor and a silver medal overall in her first ever gymnastics club competition in March.



MULTI – TALENTED

It's difficult to know which photograph to choose when it comes to Matthew in Year 3. A frequent 'HWCE Sports Star' in this half-termly report, Matthew continues to shine with his achievements outside of school. In hockey, at his club's recent awards ceremony, he was awarded 'Coaches Player of the year for the Under 8s, he has been a part of his rugby club's Under 8s success at the Aylesbury Rugby Club festival and continues to impress at Urban Strides Dance Academy.



HIII YAH!

Congratulations to 'karate kid' Ezra in Year 2 for winning third place in his karate tournament in March.



IN THE SWIM!

A huge congratulations to Matthew (Year 6) for his clutch of swimming certificates. Not only did he win one for swimming 800 metres non-stop, he also achieved his Gold Level 3 award and also the Rookie Award for life saving. There are multiple disciplines involved in the Gold Level 3 including being able to swim a variety of strokes over 400 metres and to perform life-saving tasks.



BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU!

Not to be outdone by younger brother Matthew, Robert (Year 5) has now taken on dance lessons at Urban Strides and was awarded the 'Strongest Dancer' award recently. He also represented High Wycombe RFC Under 10s at the Aylesbury Rugby Club festival and has continued to impress when it comes to playing hockey too!



BOYS ON TOUR

Ellis (Year 3) joined his classmate, Matthew, and his big brother, Robert on a Rugby Tour at the PGL centre at Liddington, near Swindon, over a weekend of the Easter break. 850 players and members took part in daredevil team bonding exercises such as 'The Giant Swing' & 'The Vertical Wall' before completing a rugby tournament on the Sunday morning. By all accounts they had a great time and a weekend they will never forget.

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JUDO SUPERSTAR!

Congratulations to Andrey in Year 3 who has passed his beginners' class in judo. He really enjoys his classes and one day hopes to achieve his black belt. He's certainly made a brilliant start!



GOING THE DISTANCE!

Brothers Robert (Year 5) and Matthew (Year 3) again, this time showing their swimming prowess along with Arthur (also Year 5). The trio were awarded distance certificates by their swimming club for managing to swim a longer distance without stopping. Both Arthur and Matthew achieved 200 metres, whilst Robert achieved a fabulous 400 metres. Both Robert and Arthur are members of the school's swimming team.



CUP WINNERS!

Congratulations to Jonah in Year 3 and Joshua in Year 2 whose football team – Holy Trinity Under 8s - won their cup final match beating Chalfont St Peter by 5 goals to 2.

They had to stage a dramatic comeback after trailing 1-0 at half time. It was a really exciting match from what I've been told and the result shows the grit and determination the boys and their team must have to never give up. Well done!



JOLLY HOCKEY STICKS!

Well done to Finley in Year 5 who, in his 1st season playing competitive hockey, was presented with the 'Most Improved Player' award for Marlow Hockey Club Under 10s boys. The team had a great season, winning the Bucks Cup before finishing a very creditable 5th in the subsequent Regional Competition.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Year 3 and 4 pupils cause a racket at festival!

On Friday 10th May, a group of 10 pupils from Years 3 and 4 travelled to Great Marlow School to take part in a Tennis Festival. It was a fun, non-competitive event, designed to improve skills in the sport and teamwork and inter-personal skills. The 5 children from each year group all had a great time. At the end it was game, set and match to a great event.



Our Year 3s and Year 4s at the Tennis festival at Great Marlow School

IT'S JUST NOT CRICKET! (Well, actually it is!)

Year 1 and 2 pupils reach the boundaries at festival.

On Thursday 25th April, a group of 10 pupils from Years 1 and 2 travelled to Hamilton Academy in High Wycombe to take part in a Cricket Festival. It was another fun, non-competitive event, designed to improve skills in the sport and teamwork and inter-personal skills. The 5 children from each year group really enjoyed the occasion. Howzat for a fun and exciting day!

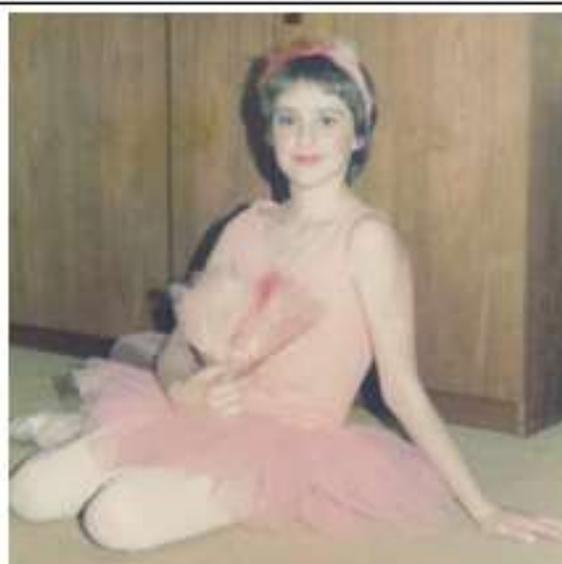


STAFF SPORTS STAR MRS ALLARD

Our school admin assistant, Mrs Allard, is very keen on physical fitness – attending gym classes regularly. Physical fitness has been important to her all her life and began with an interest in dancing where, as you can see from the photograph, she was a classically trained ballet dancer.

Beginning at the tender age of just 2 years old, she attended classes regularly and had her first part as a clockwork doll. In her 'career' she took on a real variety of roles such as: a snowflake, a pineapple, a bird of paradise, a huntsman, a Viennese lady, a Christmas decoration & a lightning bolt just to name a few! She says, "It was always so exciting to have lipstick put on in the dressing room before a performance!"

Her height meant that it became rather difficult to become a professional as there are very few ballerinas that are taller than their partners, nevertheless, she enjoyed 19 years of ballet, competing in many competitions, before 'retiring' at the age of 21. Those of us who know her well would definitely agree that she still 'cuts a dash' on the dancefloor.



Mrs Allard – a beautiful ballerina.

HOUSE TO HOUSE ENQUIRIES

Latest House- point Scores

Reception – Wrens – Relay Races



1st Surfers 2nd Skaters 3rd Bikers 4th Riders

Year One - Robins – Throwing, Catching & Running



1st Skaters. 2nd Surfers. 3rd Riders. 4th Bikers

Year Two – Swallows – Gymnastics (Balancing)



1st Skaters 2nd Surfers 3rd Bikers 4th Riders

Year Three – Kites - Archery



1st Riders, 2nd Surfers, 3rd Skaters, 4th Bikers

Year Four – Hawks – Tennis Skills



1st Surfers, 2nd Skaters, 3rd Bikers, 4th Riders

Year Five – Eagles – Problem Solving



1st Surfers, 2nd Skaters, 3rd Bikers, 4th Riders

Year Six – Owls - Rounders



1st Skaters, 2nd Surfers, 3rd Bikers, 4th Riders

HOUSE-POINT RUNNING TOTALS

1st		2425 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – JESSE & ELLA 
2nd		2037 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – LOIS & REUBEN 
3rd		1941 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KIERA & ALEX C 
4th		1814 points	HOUSE CAPTAINS – KHYAN & EMILY 

With only one half term to go of the school year, the scores are hotting up. The Mile Challenge has made a big difference to the scores with some houses embracing it more fully than others. Please can parents do everything they can to ask their children whether or not they are completing the mile challenge. Not only will it help their house to gain house points, it also provides valuable physical activity and healthy exercise to all those taking part.

We hope you are looking forward to 'Healthy Heroes' Sports Week which runs from 25th June – 1st July. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out with such events as Cross Country, Orienteering or for helping on Races Day on Monday 1st July, please let the office staff know.