

# L.J.S SPORTS

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## CHEATLE FIELD

Plans for the new Cheatle Field continue apace, with different parties putting forward their suggestions for developments. The time will shortly be upon us where plans are submitted. If there is anybody who still wants to contribute or simply look at what has been decided so far then please pop and see Mr T.

## FOOTBALL

**LJS U 9 A      0      Kimbolton U9A      1**

In a tight opening encounter of the season, these two sides traded chances throughout. Both defences were well organised and Freddie Stewart marshalled the home side well until a late break by Kimbolton stole the win.

**LJS U9 B      0      Kimbolton U9 B      1**

The B team suffered a similar fate to the A's as the away team sneaked a 1-0 win. For the B's William Parkinson showed boundless energy in defence while Marcus Stewart made a promising debut at left midfield.

**Copthill U9 A                      5      LJS U9 A      1**

The LJS boys gave a tireless performance against a fine Copthill team. Patrick Boyle and Rufus Sumner tried desperately hard to find a way through but it was left to Dan Poulter to score with a fine left foot drive.

**Copthill U9 B                      2      LJS U9 B      1**

LJS came within a post of achieving their first result of the season. Marcus Stewart scored a cracker to even the score up and with Guy Poulter and Ed Corker strong in defence things looked good. A Copthill breakaway resulted in a shot that just evaded William Baird in goal.

**Grantham U9 A      1      LJS U9 A      2**

LJS produced a super performance in freezing conditions and snow. With Alfie Peterson showing good hands in goal, the defence quickly grew in confidence and, from midfield, Rufus Sumner looked to pull the strings. It was left to Patrick Boyle to produce two fine right footed goals to win the game.

**LJS U11 A      0      Copthill U11 A      5**

The match started quite evenly with breaks and shots from both teams. Copthill were first to score halfway through the first half with a shot high into the left hand side top corner from the edge of the area. At half time the score line was 1-0. In the second half Copthill had a brilliant spell of about ten minutes that produced four goals. With about one minute left in the game Angus Raby played a great ball through the Copthill defence for Will Connellan but he couldn't connect with the ball and the chance went. The whistle was blown and the final score was 'Copthill 5-0 Laxton'.

This was a good team effort against a strong Copthill side. Everybody tried their hardest with tough tackling throughout the game. We need to work on our finishing though.

By James Foreman Y5

**LJS U11 B      2      Copthill U11 B      1**

In a really close encounter, LJS secured a fine result. With Alex Efford dominating the midfield alongside Ed Jinks, the home side created many chances of which James 'Doyle' Tonks managed to score two. In defence Patrick Edwards impressed.

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## NETBALL

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February we took 3 Under 11 netball teams to play both Stamford Junior and Witham Hall (hosted by Stamford). The girls played really well and we won 5 out of the 6 matches.

### Under 11 A

**won 8-1 v Witham Hall and 10-6 v Stamford JS**

We thought the match v Witham would be a close game as our ex pupil Emily Grace was playing for her new school, and she was obviously keen to do well against her old team mates! However, our girls played so well as a team and the shooting by Miranda Poulter and Jenna Borley was so accurate, that we thoroughly deserved our comprehensive win. Against Stamford we started well and then lost concentration a little so this enabled Stamford to use their extremely tall GS to score some goals! However, we still held on to win quite comfortably.

### Under 11B

**won 1-0 v Witham Hall and lost 1-2 v Stamford**

Although not such a high scoring game as the U11As, we still managed to beat Witham due to good teamwork throughout. Against Stamford we should have won easily as we had most of the play but our shooters were not as successful as we would have liked!

### Under 11C (U10 team normally!)

**won 7-0 v Witham Hall and 6-2 v Stamford**

Again our girls played well as a team to win easily against both schools. Our match v SJS was played in their sports hall so this was a new experience for our players and one they enjoyed.

### Under 9's

Against Witham the result was Witham 4 LJS 3 - the girls just ran out of a bit of steam at the end and were pipped in the final quarter. They put up a good fight, demonstrating excellent footwork and good sportsmanship.

The match against Copthill was a fabulous win for our girls. The result was Copthill 1 LJS 4. There was some excellent play and LJS took an early lead- we were 2 up in the first quarter. From a squad of 10 all girls played at least half a match - many experienced different positions.

### Olivia Murphy

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, LJS were lucky enough to welcome Olivia Murphy. Olivia has played no less than 95 times for England, captained them and managed Loughborough Lightning netball team. Olivia was delighted to take training sessions with Years 4, 5 and 6 and then made an appearance at the school assembly in which she presented her two Commonwealth bronze medals to the audience. LJS are very grateful to the senior school, and especially Mrs Raby, for organising this event.



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## SWIMMING

### LJS Gala - Away at Bishop Stortford

The first away gala of the school year was slightly delayed starting due to traffic congestion on route, but after a quick warm-up everybody was ready to go. The first events saw year 5 and 6 compete in the 4 x 25 metre medley relay, in which the boys just beat the girls in year 5 and the results were reversed with girls beating the boys in year 6. Next came the individuals which all swimmers performed excellently in, with the vast majority of swimmers gaining personal bests. Outstanding performances came from Peter Langsdale in the 25 metres Breastroke, Maddy Farley in the 25 metres Backstroke, Henry Orlebar in the 25 metre Breastroke, Katherine Warwick in the 25 metre Butterfly, Ruth Warwick in the 25 metre Butterfly, Freya Jones in the 25 metre Freestyle and Jason Parker in the 25 metre Freestyle. A special mention goes to Patrick Boyle and Katherine Warwick who competed for the year group above their own. The gala finished with the 4 x 25 metre freestyle relays, which saw the boys just beating the girls in both years 5 and 6. Overall this was a very enjoyable and successful experience for all the participants.

### IAPS National Prep School Swimming Championships

Our second gala of the year saw us take part in the IAPS National Independent Prep School Swimming Championships for the first time, at the Leys pool in Cambridge. Results will be announced when all the regional rounds have been completed by the end of February. Yet again the whole teams performance was outstanding, even though 3 swimmers unfortunately had to drop out on the day of the gala. The swimmers included; Katherine Warwick from Year 4, Peter Langsdale, Sam Ratcliffe, Ben Pathak, Toby Learoyd, , Ruth Palethorpe, Freya Jones , Katie Crowther and Emmi Beeston from Year 5 and Henry Orlebar, John Stubbs, Ruth Warwick and Ruby Goodall from Year 6. Overall this was a very enjoyable and successful experience for all the participants with some outstanding performances. Results to be announced as soon as we receive them from the regional office.

### Junior Swimming Lessons – Trinity Quarter

We are delighted to announce that, from now on, the juniors will have the opportunity to swim during the Trinity Quarter as well. Athletics lessons will take part during Games lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 20th January, 24 intrepid runners braved arctic conditions at Spalding Rugby Club to produce a series of outstanding runs. Both Boys teams came second whilst both girls teams came first. With over 50 runners in each year group there were a whole host of outstanding performances.

### Under 9 Girls

Phoebe Ashby	2nd
Amy Ratcliffe	3rd
Lois Dunning	5th
Hiromi Taylor	7th
Gemma Raby	9th

### Under 11 Girls

Ruby Goodall	1st
Katie Crowther	3rd
Daisy Baker	5th
Nel Johnson	10th

### Under 9 Boys

William Parkinson	4th
Freddie Baker	6th

### Under 11 Boys

Angus Raby	2nd
Sam Jinks	3rd

Many congratulations to every runner and thanks to Mrs Allen and Mr Worthington for organising and supporting such enthusiastic runners.

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## CHESS

Another UK Chess Challenge arrived immediately after Christmas and, once again, the race for prizes and mascots has been frenzied. An Infant Chess Club of almost 40 children has quickly seized upon the competitive nature of this event and by Half Term some front runners have established themselves as serious contenders for first place. The Junior Leagues have also warmed up quickly and each division has thrown up some good, aggressive chess. Leaders have emerged and the chasing packs have until Easter to catch up.

### Infant Division

Georgia Poole 12  
Joseph Meisner 11  
Sam Blair 10  
Sean Buckley 10

### Division One

Christian Bland 12  
Jessica Attah 10  
Ethan Sears 10  
Oliver Bould 10

### The Championship

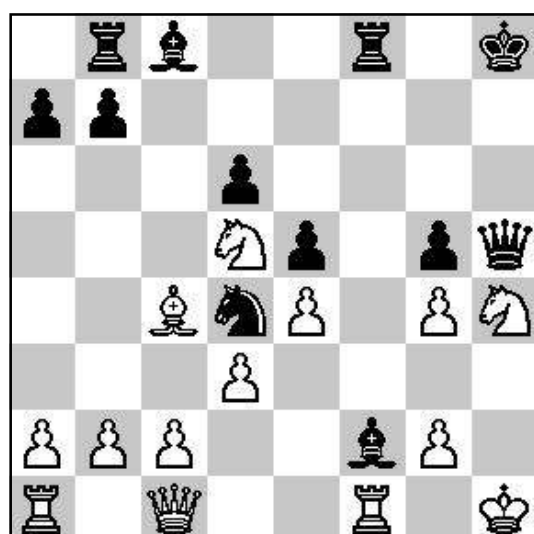
Peter Langsdale 12  
William Allinson 10  
Michael Heys 10  
Olivia Harper 10

### Premier League

Alex Speechley 12  
Sam Jinks 12  
Jeremy Leong 12  
James Tonks 10

## LJS 6 v Stamford Junior 6

On Monday 1st February, LJS under 7's took on Stamford Junior Under 9's. Over 12 boards, LJS lost some early games but some gutsy performances from some of the younger players earned the team a creditable 6-6 draw. A daring checkmate by George Worthington was the highlight of the match, although congratulations also go to Sam Blair, Rhett Bianchi, Joseph Meisner and Carlos Trotter for winning their games.



## Puzzle

Angus Thorpe v Edmund Corker

Plenty to look at in this game but for now the challenge is to find the checkmate in one move for Black. If you can't do it ask Edmund (because he can!)