

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery



October 2024

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs C Reece

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the autumn term, I am delighted to share with you some of the wonderful events and achievements that have taken place at our school recently. It has been a busy and productive time, filled with learning, community spirit, and exciting opportunities for our pupils.

Our Year 3 children led a beautiful harvest celebration, showcasing their understanding of this important tradition and demonstrating their growing confidence in public speaking. Their thoughtful presentations and enthusiasm were truly inspiring, reminding us all of the importance of gratitude and sharing.

In keeping with the spirit of harvest, I am immensely proud of our school community's generosity in donating to our local food bank. Your contributions will make a significant difference to families in need within our area, thank you.

Recently, we welcomed the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspector to our school. This inspection is a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on our distinctive Christian character and its impact on our pupils' education and well-being. We eagerly await the final report and look forward to sharing it with you as soon as it becomes available.

Our pupils have been actively participating in various sporting events, demonstrating not only their physical skills but also their teamwork and sportsmanship. The Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a multiskills festival, which provided an excellent opportunity for them to develop their fundamental movement skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils represented the school admirably at a tag rugby festival. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing understanding of the game. The mixed team of Year 5 and 6 pupils also made us proud at a recent football tournament, showcasing their skills and collaborative spirit on the pitch.

Wishing everyone a happy half term holiday!

Mrs C Reece
Headteacher

Our vision is to:

Inspire Embrace Succeed

"I came so that they may have life and life to its fullest" John 10:10

Christian Values

Our Christian value this half term was
'Compassion'



'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32

Time to reflect:

Compassion means kindness. Our world would be a much more difficult place if we didn't show acts of kindness towards one another!

Do you demonstrate kindness to others, including those you do not know?

Think of some practical ways that you show compassion to each other in your family.

Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for OCTOBER 2024
94 %

Our school target is 96 %

Whole School Attendance to date is 95 %

Reception		95 %
Year 1		91 %
Year 2		93 %
Year 3		95 %
Year 4		96 %
Year 5		95 %
Year 6		95 %

Attendance winners: Well done to Year 4

DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality at St Oswald's is about making meaningful connections. This can evoke positive emotions within us such as: **thankfulness**, **feeling at peace**, **feelings of awe and wonder**, **contentment** and **a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves**.

Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Wednesday 25th October	Nursery & reception open day
Tuesday 8th October	School individual photographs
Thursday 10th October	Year 3 Harvest assembly
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 trip Bewdley Museum
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening
Thursday 24th October	Parents Evening
Friday 25th October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 4 th October	School Reopens

TERM DATES and TED DAYS 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

TED Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
School reopens	8.40am Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
School Closes	3.15pm Thursday 24 th October 2024
TED Day	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2024 to Friday 1 st November 2024
School reopens	8.40am Monday 4 th November 2024
School Closes for Christmas	3.15pm Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

TED Day	Monday 8th January 2025
School reopens	8.40am on Tuesday 7th January 2025
School Closes	3.15pm Friday 14th February 2025
Half term	Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21 st February 2025
School reopens	8.40am Monday 24th February 2025
School Closes for Easter	3.15pm Friday 11 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

School reopens	8.40am Monday 28 th April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2025
School closes	3.15pm Friday 23 rd May 2025
Half term	Monday 26th May 2024 to Friday 30 th May 2025
School reopens	8.40am Monday 2nd June 2025
TED Day	Monday 30th June 2025
School closes	3.15pm Friday 18th July 2025
TED Day	Monday 21st July 2025



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Farewell Mrs Goodman

I write with a mixture of gratitude and sadness as we bid farewell to a truly exceptional member of our St. Oswald's family.

Mrs Goodman, who has been an integral part of our school for an impressive 25 years, will be leaving us. Her dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our pupils have left an indelible mark on our community. Mrs Goodman's creativity has inspired countless young minds, nurturing their imaginations and encouraging them to explore their potential.

Her presence in our classrooms and corridors has been a source of joy and inspiration for both pupils and colleagues alike.

We will miss Mrs Goodman and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Sports News

We have had a very busy few weeks! At the start of the month Year 1 represented our school fantastically at the Wolverley KS1 multiskills festival. On Friday 18th October a Year 3/4 team took part in a Tag Rugby festival, showing fantastic teamwork and perseverance skills. The Year 5/6 Football Tournament took place on Monday 21st October – our mixed girls and boys' team again showed determination and teamwork, placing 4th in their group. A huge thank you to the staff who facilitated these trips (especially Mrs Broadhead and Mrs Calcutt who stayed after school for the football) and to Mr Hough who stepped in to referee the football matches!



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Our Learning in Nursery

This month we have been learning 'all about me'. The children in nursery have been looking at family photos to identify who is their family. We have made houses out of lollipop sticks and used printed photos or drawings to put into their family homes and they have also made self-portraits.

During October we have also celebrated space week. The children have created planet sun catchers, played in moon sand, made rockets out of shapes and used a cardboard box to design our own nursery rocket.

To end the term we have had a fancy dress party and focused on activities linked to our book of the week 'Room on the broom'.



Next month, our topic is 'I wonder what you are'. We already have a weekly nursery rhyme but this month we will be planning our focused activities around nursery rhymes and traditional fairy tales. On our first week back, we will be talking about bonfire night and Guy Fawkes, we have lots of sparkly activities for the children to enjoy.

Our Learning in Reception Class

We have been learning all about each other and what makes us unique. The children have enjoyed the story the colour monster and created our own colour monster adding a new colour and emotion to the story. To do this children explore colour mixing and exploring a range of emotions we may experience. We will continue to develop self-regulation skills throughout the year so that we become independent in managing our own feelings.

Next month, will be all about the place we live. We will explore Kidderminster as a historical town and decide what sort of place it is. Children will develop geographical skills by using photos and maps, including the globe to investigate Kidderminster and the people who live here.

Our Learning in Year 2

This month we have been learning about living things and their habitats in science. We compared the homes of different animals and explored why not all environments are suitable for all animals. In English, we have finished the story 'The Dragon Machine' and wrote our own set of instructions based on this. In Maths we have been learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. It would be great if you could practise these over the half term break!

Next month, we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be continuing with our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Maths. Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. In Science we will be exploring different materials. Have a lovely half term break!

Our Learning in Year 1

This month we were lucky enough to go to Wolverley High School to participate in their multiskills festival. We had great fun trying all the activities and games! In writing we have begun our unit on Little Red Riding Hood. We have written WANTED posters to try and catch the Big Bad Wolf! In our maths, we have been telling number stories and representing them with whole-part models. In geography, we have learnt all about extreme weather and we tracked the hurricane that arrived in Florida a couple of weeks ago.



Next month, we will be starting our history theme all about Rowland Hill, who was born in Kidderminster and was famous for inventing the stamp. We will begin by finding out about the modern post office and comparing it to how letters were sent a long time ago. We will continue to work on our story sentences, working towards an extended piece of writing based on Little Red Riding Hood. In art, we will look at the work of Andy Warhol and create some pieces in his style, using printing.



Family Halloween Garden Trail

🕒 5 Oct 2024 @ 10:00 – 3 Nov 2024 @ 16:00

📍 Whitlence Gardens and Café,
Whitlence Lane, Hartlebury

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Our Learning in Year 3

This month, we have been learning more about our local area, which culminated with a walk to Broadwaters Park to survey and map the area. It was a very exciting morning, and the children were excellently observant Geographers. As writers, we've been looking at the text *The Stone Age Boy*, which has fed into a narrative about a child stuck in Neolithic Britain. The children have also enjoyed their first full month of ukulele; hopefully, they haven't been playing them too loudly at home! Everyone gave a brilliant performance in the harvest assembly too, which garnered many donations to Kidderminster's Food Bank. Well done!



Next month, we will be carrying on with the Stone Age period as we move into our first History unit. As mathematicians, we will be continuing with formal column Addition and Subtraction with numbers up to 1000, and then we will move on to Multiplication and Division. It may be useful to practise the 3s, 4s, and 8s at home, as these will be our focus.

Our Learning in Year 5

We have been learning about World War 2 during our history lessons and using the video 'The Piano' and the book 'Rose Blanche' to inspire our writing. We went on a trip to Bewdley Museum where we experienced a real air raid shelter and had a go at making rag rugs.

As part of our RE unit learning about Judaism we celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year, by tasting traditional foods that Jewish people might make to celebrate this festival.



Next month, we will be beginning our new topics, learning about Earth and space in science and rainforests in geography lessons. We will continue to practise the four operations in maths, focussing on multiplication and division.

Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have been learning about Living things and their habitats in science and the children have loved it especially the lesson they got to research an endangered animal. Some children even went home and continued their learning which is fantastic to see!

In our writing lessons we have been watching the film 'The Lost Thing' based on the book by Shaun Tan. The children have absolutely loved it and written their own stories based on their own lost thing that they created themselves. In maths we have moved on to addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers.

Next month, we will be learning about Europe in our geography lessons and linking it to our writing where we will be looking at holiday brochures. In maths we will be consolidating our learning on addition and subtraction and moving on to multiplication.

Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have been learning formal written methods for multiplication and division in maths. We have been using Harry Potter as a stimulus for our writing and most recently wrote informative non-chronological reports about magical creatures. We have completed our Tudors topic in history and found out all about the monarchs that reigned during this era, the Reformation, Tudor exploration and conflict with Spain. In RE, we have completed our topic 'Creation versus Science – Conflicting or Complementary' and found that it is possible to be a Christian whilst also believing the science of The Big Bang and evolution. In science, we have found out about our circulatory system and investigated the effect exercise has upon our pulse rate.

Next month, we will continue to use Harry Potter as our Guided Reading text. We will move on to fractions and decimals in maths and in science we will move on to electricity. In geography we will begin learning about freshwater biomes: what they are, where they are found and the creatures that live in them. Our PE days will remain as Monday and Wednesday and homework will still be due in by Friday each week.

SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

COME ALONG FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT

DATE: TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024
TIME: 9:30AM - 12PM
LOCATION: WYRE FOREST LEISURE CENTRE, SILVERWOODS WAY, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER DY11 7DT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL STARTING WELL PARTNERSHIP ON 01562 827207/01299 877920 OR EMAIL ADMIN.WYREFOREST@BARNARDOS.ORG.UK

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TOWN ON TOUR

KIDDERMINSTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Kidderminster on Tour Project Presents

Asian Women Haberdashery Henna Hair & Beauty Class

Every Monday from 1 pm-2.30 pm at Kidderminster Carpet Museum Green Street Kidderminster, DY10 1AZ

FREE

For Information and Help Call
 Lindsey - 07756 135187 (English Speaking)
 Sobia - 07756 135187 (Urdu Punjabi Hindi English)
 Nancy - 07551294322 (Bengali Hindi English)
 Email: sobia.shaw@kidderminsterbid.co.uk
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TOWN ON TOUR

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KIDDERMINSTER TOWN ON TOUR PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COPPICE COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

PRESENTS DRUMBEATABLES!

Come and have a go at playing the djembe hand drums and percussion it's great fun!!

45Live 4-5 Oxford Street Kidderminster DY10 1BB

Wednesday 6 November Time: 1pm-3pm

Anyone under 14 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult

CONTACT LINDSEY TO BOOK NOW
 TEL: 07756 135187 EMAIL - lindsey@kidderminsterbid.co.uk

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WELCOME TO THE CHATTY CAFÉ

The Chatty Cafe Scheme

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9AM TO 11AM

VISIT TILLY'S CAFE AT THE SWAN CENTRE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY10 2BA

AT A LOOSE END? FANCY A CUPPA?

THE 'CHATTER & NATTER TABLE' IS A GREAT WAY OF ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CHAT WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE DAY AND TIME ABOVE, THE TABLE WILL BE HOSTED BY A FRIENDLY VOLUNTEER INSIDE TILLY'S CAFE. IF YOU A FANCY A CHAT, COME AND JOIN US.

STAY FOR FIVE MINUTES OR LONGER IF YOU'RE ENJOYING CHATTING! HAVING A CHAT CAN BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY.
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TOWN ON TOUR

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KIDDERMINSTER TOWN ON TOUR PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COPPICE COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

PRESENTS Voice Squad Rock/Pop Choir

Singing for fun Everyone's welcome whether you can hold a note or not

St Peter's Community Church Meredith Green, Birchen Coppice Kidderminster DY11 7EJ

Every other Thursday starting from the 10th of October 8:30pm-10pm

For more info contact Lindsey on Tel:07756 135 187 or Email lindsey@kidderminsterbid.co.uk

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Community Information

NHS – Free Flu Vaccination

If you are eligible for a [free flu vaccination](#) via the NHS, please contact your GP or a pharmacy offering the service and ensure you receive your vaccination.

Free Girls Rugby Taster Sessions

Bromsgrove RFC are calling all girls aged 10-12 years old to come along and give rugby a try at their free girls rugby taster sessions.

The sessions take place every Sunday at Bromsgrove RFC, B60 3DH.

For more information please download their [Girls Rugby Taster Sessions Flyer](#) or contact Phil Cotton on 07855 448583 or email Philc_72@hotmail.com.

Worcestershire Music Education Hub

Severn Arts is the lead for Worcestershire's Music Education Hub (WMEH), providing music tuition and music education in formal education settings, offering music opportunities for all children and young people in the county. Their work supports schools and teachers to work to the objectives outlined in the [National Plan for Music Education](#) and the principles outlined in the [Durham Commission's report](#) on Creativity in Education.

[Worcestershire Music Education Hub](#) is funded by the Department for Education, administered by [Arts Council England](#).

Find out more below about Severn Arts different music offers for schools, designed to encourage more children to play instruments and have fun with music.

[Music in school | Severn Arts](#)

Severn Arts are still offering Free instrument hire for Children Looked After or Previously Looked After

[Free instrument hire | Severn Arts](#)

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Kidderminster
Town On Tour

KIDDERMINSTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Have you heard; Kidderminster is changing...

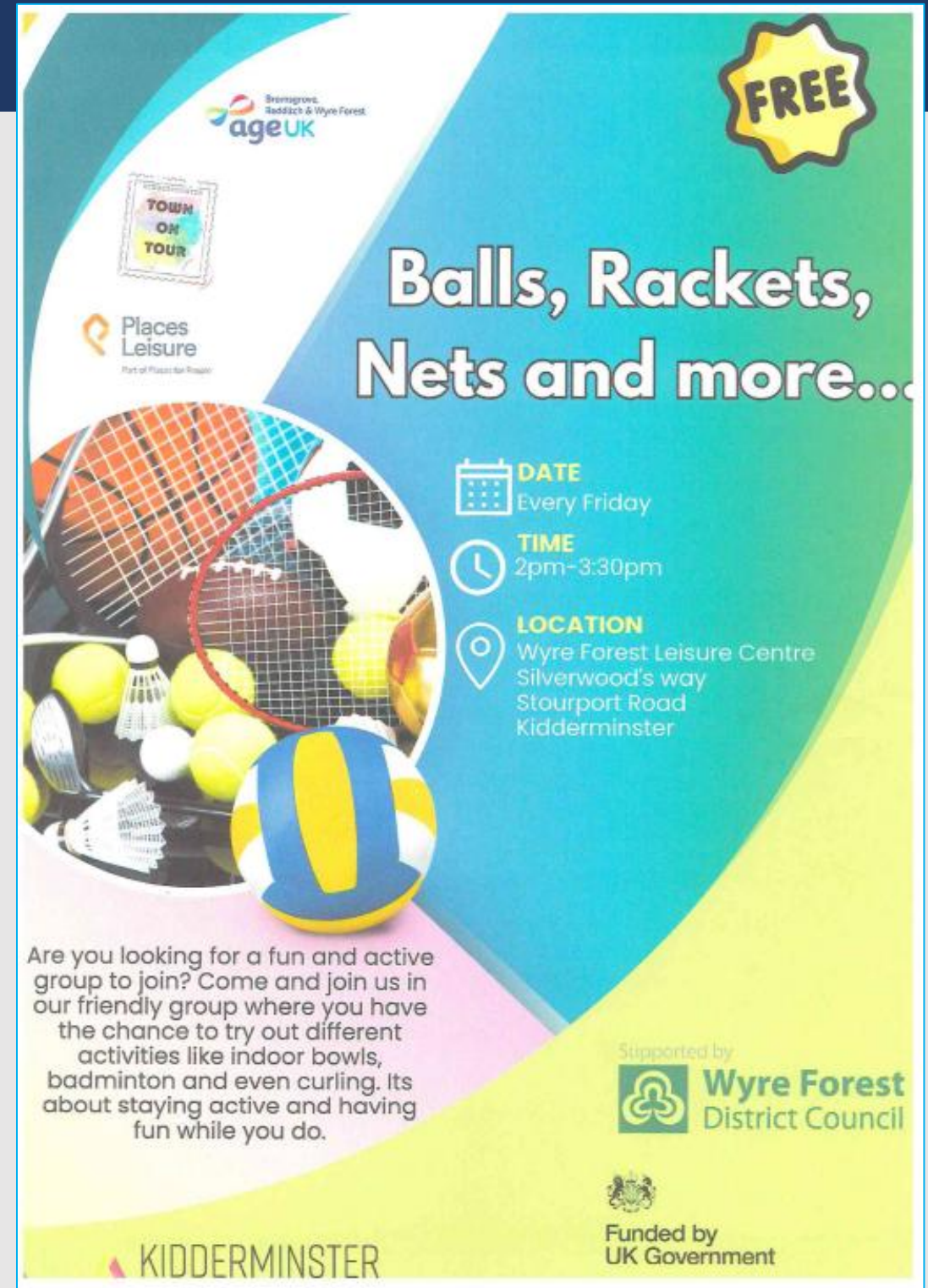
Exciting projects are taking place to transform the way the town looks, but what about how it feels and what it has to offer to local communities? Our project called 'Town on Tour' wants to celebrate the town's arts, heritage, culture, and creativity in general by bringing together people who care about what's next for Kidderminster.

The 'Town on Tour' Project wants to come into your local neighbourhood, we want to meet individuals and groups who are already doing things in their local areas or those that have an idea and want to do something about it, we want voices from every part of Kidderminster to be heard and to have the opportunity to take part in activities in and around the town, with an end goal of celebrating all that's been going on into one big finale in the Town Centre.

If this is something you are interested in and feel passionate about and would like to be part of the conversation; hearing the ideas of others and maybe even sharing some of your own,
please contact Lindsey from the 'Town on Tour' project
(Tel: 07756 135 187 or Email: lindsey@kidderminsterbid.co.uk)

This is a unique opportunity to get involved, we welcome people from all sections of the community across Kidderminster, we are keen to hear your voices!!

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Places Leisure
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Balls, Rackets, Nets and more...

DATE
Every Friday

TIME
2pm-3.30pm

LOCATION
Wyre Forest Leisure Centre
Silverwood's way
Stourport Road
Kidderminster

Are you looking for a fun and active group to join? Come and join us in our friendly group where you have the chance to try out different activities like indoor bowls, badminton and even curling. Its about staying active and having fun while you do.

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October Half Term
Kidderminster Harriers Community Scheme will be holding our holiday football courses during half term. Course run 10am-3pm and are open to children aged 5-13 years (Reception- Year 8). Younger children, 5-7 years can attend for half days if they prefer.

The courses will feature our Star Player Award and a mini soccer tournament, everyone who competes receive a prize.

Cost: Online price: 1 day = £10, 2 days = £20, 3 days= £28 .
Half days @ £5 per day 10-12.30 or 1-3pm - 10% sibling discount
Pay on the day price: 1 day = £12, 2 days = £22, 3 days= £30.
Half days @ £6 per day- No sibling discount

Kidderminster – Baxter College - Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st & Friday 1st

For more information visit
[Half-term kids soccer courses - Official Website of the Harriers - Kidderminster Harriers FC](#)



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THE FOOTBALLERS ACADEMY

Autumn Half Term
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October

Ages 6-14 ☺ Boys & Girls ☺ Late Pickup Available ☺ 9am - 3pm

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Get ready for an action-packed autumn at our Football Coaching Camp, perfect for young athletes aged 6-14! Led by professional footballers, this camp offers expert training, thrilling games, and new friendships.

Our previous camps have sold out quickly, so don't miss your chance to join this exciting experience. Sign up now to keep your football journey going strong this autumn!

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- ☺ Individual & team tournaments
- ☺ Fantastic 4G pitch
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