



FALKNER HOUSE

Hampton School Football Tournament Y5 and Y6 13th September 2025

Year 6

The start of the new school year saw the Falkner House Year 6 football team play at the Hampton School 6 a-side tournament. This was the first time FHB had been invited so the excitement was high as the boys arrived. Mr Phillips spoke to the team about having a tournament mentality and about building momentum with each game.

Falkner House were to play 6 games in their group. The first game was against the host's prep school, Hampton Prep. FHB started slow and hesitant, allowing 2 early goals. The game ended in a 2-0 loss.

The second game was against Durston House. The Yr 6 boys played with more urgency and pressed hard when on attack. Once again however a lapse in concentration at key moments offered scoring opportunities to Durston, which they took. The game ended in a 2-0 loss.

Third game saw Falkner House suffer their third loss of the tournament, a 2-0 defeat to Kings House. Even though the boys lost they were playing better football with each game. Falkner House played with more confidence leading to a few mistakes and Kings House capitalized on them.

Playing against St Mary's CE, Falkner House put the losses behind them, to win the fourth game 2-1, also scoring our first goals of the tournament. Both goals were scored by Jack. Falkner House took a well-deserved 2-0 lead, however a lapse in concentration saw St Mary's CE score a goal near the end of the game.

Looking to build on the win in game four Falkner House's fifth game against Upton House was arguably our best game of the tournament! Both teams played some great football and by the end there was no way to differentiate between the two. The score was a draw, 1-1.

The Yr 6's final game was against St George's. The boys went in confident off the back of playing some really good football in games 4 and 5. However fatigue set in for a number of the players, and

no matter how hard they tried the boys stern resistance to St George's attack was broken late in the game. This was quickly followed by another goal. Falkner House did not give up and would finish with some pride by scoring a late goal by Nathan.

Overall, the event was a huge success for our Year 6, and the experience will have a positive effect on the rest of their football term.

Year 5

Year 5 boys were very excited for the tournament at Hampton school on a Saturday afternoon. Despite the unpredictable weather, they were focused and couldn't wait to start. The boys would have 5 games and with each game 10 minutes long.

The first game against Hurst Park Primary unfortunately didn't happen and we were given a 3-0 win. The boys were a little disappointed but did play a warmup game against each other to prepare for the next game.

The second game against Donhead Prep, was a very close game. When Donhead took the lead, the boys were a little rattled but reset themselves and scored a couple of minutes later. With a minute to go, Falkner House scored the winning goal and earned 3 points. Result: 2-1.

Third game saw Falkner House suffer their first loss of the tournament, a 3-1 defeat to Kings House. It was a very even game, with both sides very attacking and both goalkeepers made a few outstanding saves. However, Falkner House made a few mistakes and Kings House capitalized on them.

Falkner House put the loss behind them, to win the fourth game 3-1 against Willington Prep. Falkner House took a well-deserved early lead, however a lapse in concentration saw Willington Prep score a goal straight away. The boys quickly refocused and scored two more goals and earned their 3rd win.

Their last game, arguably the toughest game, was against Tower House, who had won 4 out of 4 games. The game was very even with very few chances between them. Unfortunately, Tower House did score the only goal in the game. The boys did try to score, but it wasn't meant to be. 1-0 loss the final score

Overall, Falkner House finished 2nd in their group, with 3 wins and 2 losses. The boys had a lot of fun and produced very good performances in every game. Well done to all of them.