



FALKNER HOUSE

Match report

On Saturday 3rd October, selected boys from Year 5 and 6 took part in a 5 aside football tournament at Hampton School.

Year 5

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
FHB: 1	FHB: 2	FHB: 1	FHB: 4	FHB: 3
Surbiton Boys Prep: 2	Kings College Prep: 1	Twickenham Prep School: 3	Milbourne Lodge: 3	Donhead Prep School: 3

The Year 5 squad delivered an exhilarating and spirited campaign throughout their recent tournament, displaying fantastic football, grit, and team spirit from the very first whistle.

They kicked off the day against a strong Surbiton Boys Prep side. Falkner House started on the front foot, pressing high and taking a well-deserved early lead. However, Surbiton showed their quality by battling back to equalise before snatching a second, handing Falkner House a narrow 2-1 defeat in a tightly contested opening fixture.

Showing tremendous adaptability, the boys took the lessons from their opener straight into match two against Kings College Prep. Playing with confidence and fluency, Falkner House controlled the tempo, passing smartly through midfield to establish a commanding 2-0 cushion. Kings managed to pull one back late on, but the boys held firm until the final whistle to lock in a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

Tournament scheduling gave the squad no time to rest, forcing them back onto the pitch immediately for match three against a fresh Twickenham Prep side. Despite fighting through obvious physical fatigue, the boys struggled to keep pace, with Twickenham capitalising on the quick turnaround to claim a 3-1 win.

Undeterred, Falkner House saved their performance of the tournament for match four against a formidable Milbourne Lodge team. In a relentless, end-to-end thriller, both sides traded spectacular goals in a match that looked destined to end in a 3-3 draw as time ran out. But with seconds remaining, Hugo produced a moment of magic, slotting home a last-minute winner to seal an unforgettable 4-3 triumph.

Carrying that momentum into their final match, the Year 5 boys engaged in another high-scoring, entertaining clash against Donhead Prep. A thriller from start to finish ended in a hard-earned 3-3 draw, with both teams taking a point.

That final draw sealed an impressive 3rd-place overall finish in the tournament standings. Every single player left everything on the pitch, competing with heart, sportsmanship, and determination. They represented Falkner House with pride and perfectly embodied the school's core values throughout the day.

Team	PLD	W	D	L	PTS	GF	GA	GD
1  Twickenham Prep School	5	3	2	0	11	11	7	4
2  Surbiton Boys Prep	5	2	3	0	9	8	6	2
3  Falkner House Boys	5	2	1	2	7	11	12	-1
4  Milbourne Lodge	5	1	3	1	6	10	8	2
5  Donhead Prep School	5	1	3	1	6	11	11	0
6  Kew College Prep	5	0	0	5	0	3	10	-7

Year 6

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Game 6	Game 7
FHB: 1	FHB: 2	FHB: 3	FHB: 1	FHB: 0	FHB: 1	FHB: 1
St George's School Windsor Castle: 0	Kings College Junior School: 1	Durston House School: 2	Surbiton Boys Prep: 0	Orchard House: 5	Barnes Primary: 4	Upton House: 1

Arriving at 10:45 am, the Year 6 boys were chomping at the bit to get their tournament campaign underway. With several regular Year 6 players unavailable, four Year 5s; Hugo, Rohan, Damien, and Yuvi - stepped up to double down on their playing time and support the squad.

Falkner House opened their day against St George's School Windsor Castle in a tense, physical encounter. The boys dug deep, showing grit from kick off to secure a hard-fought 1-0 victory to get points on the board early.

Match two presented a fresh challenge against King's College Junior School, who struck early to put Falkner House on the back foot. Showing impressive composure, the boys refused to panic. They pressed forward, dictating play and scoring two unanswered goals to turn the game around and claim a deserved 2-1 win.

Next up was an explosive, back-and-forth thriller against an attack-minded Durston House. With both teams trading high-quality goals to leave the match deadlocked at 2-2, the tension was high. In the closing stages, Falkner House capitalised on a swift counterattack: Damien broke through the opposition line and calmly slotted the ball past the keeper to clinch a dramatic 3-2 victory.

The fourth game brought the sternest test yet against Surbiton Boys Prep - one of the standout sides of the entire tournament. Surbiton's rapid, one-touch football initially put Falkner House under siege. Demonstrating brilliant tactical intelligence, the boys adapted by dropping into a disciplined defensive block to restrict Surbiton's sight of goal. Out of nowhere, an opportunity to break presented itself to Jad, who kept his cool under intense pressure to put Falkner House ahead. Surbiton threw everything forward in response, but an inspired performance in goal from Hugo, combined with a relentless defensive effort, sealed a monumental 1-0 win and three huge points.

However, that heroic effort took a heavy physical toll. Depleted of energy, the boys faced eventual tournament champions Orchard House in match five. Orchard House ruthlessly capitalised on Falkner House's fatigue, putting five goals past the tired side despite the boys' brave efforts to fight back.

Still battling exhaustion, the squad immediately met another top-tier side in Barnes Primary, who would go on to finish as runners-up overall. Barnes pushed their advantage to claim a 4-1 victory, though Falkner House fought valiantly to get on the scoresheet.

For their final fixture against Upton House, the boys summoned every remaining ounce of energy. Leaving every last bit of effort on the pitch, they battled through to a well-earned 1-1 draw to finish the day on a positive note.

Thanks to their fiery start and resilient finish, Falkner House secured a fantastic 3rd-place overall finish. A massive thank you goes to the Year 5 boys who stayed on to support the squad, and huge congratulations to all the Year 6 boys for making the school proud with their outstanding play, sportsmanship, and core values throughout the day.

Team	PLD	W	D	L	PTS	GF	GA	GD
1  Orchard House	7	7	0	0	21	22	1	21
2  Barnes Primary A	7	4	1	2	13	13	7	6
3  Falkner House Boys	7	4	1	2	13	9	13	-4
4  Surbiton Boys Prep	7	3	1	3	10	7	4	3
5  Upton House	7	2	3	2	9	4	6	-2
6  King's College Junior School	7	2	1	4	7	5	11	-6
7  Durston House School	7	2	0	5	6	7	13	-6
8  St George's School Windsor Castle	7	0	1	6	1	0	12	-12