



## Games Smart Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that St Helens Primary School has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Accordingly we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our previous Games Smart award back in 2016/17 was a bronze medal.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Year 5 and 6 Girls football tournament winners
- KS2 Cross Country bronze medal
- Sailing Regatta winners Year 5
- Many individual medals throughout various events in a range of sports including;
- PEACH Basketball (Year 3 and 4)
- Football (Year 3 and 4 Girls)
- Cross Country (Years 3-6)
- Athletics (Year 3-6)
- Football Fixtures (Year 5 and 6 Girls and Boys)
- Swimming (Year 3 and 4)
- Sailing (Year 5)

We have also offered a range of after school activities through Mr Day and his team which Mrs Royal, Mr Popple and Mrs Sharp will continue and strengthen with her return this academic year.

There will also be the introduction of Year 6 sports leaders. This year also marks the first time St Helens will have football teams entered into the Island and Hampshire league system and cup competitions. Initially this will be just for boys year 3-6 (although girls can participate in the boys league system) with the aim the build on this in the future.

During 2024/2025 there were a total of 37/56 KS2 children who have represented the school in an event outside of school time not including after school clubs.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce, clubs, commitment to school development and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mr Day and Coach for leading PE lessons, Mrs Royal for creating our PE long term plans, Mrs Lee and Mr Enser for supporting myself at events, all parents who have attended and supported the children and most importantly the children themselves.

We look forward to more sporting opportunities in 2025/26!

Mr Popple