

TEAM TALK

Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership CIC Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to our Spring Term 2 Newsletter. At last we have some sunshine! I hope you are all managing to get outside a lot more with the children.

As a team we are feeling a little uncertain about future funding. As you will know the Prime Minister announced in June 2025 that he would fund School Sport Partnerships fully again across the country. In September 2025 the government announced a market engagement test for a national organisation(s) to lead the new network. This cost is £45M. However, since then the full tender has not come out. It was due out in January 2026 and then we were told it was delayed by one month and now we still have not heard anything. We understand the partnerships may be rolled out in a pilot phase starting in Sept 2026 but nothing else. No announcement on how much money either. Local MPs have written to government departments asking for clarification and have been told it is imminent.

So at the moment we are carrying on, hoping we will get selected to be a pilot but planning for the same as this year if not. I will let you all know as soon as we hear anything.

For now, we hope you enjoy reading our updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

RESSP team.

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Parental Engagement Sessions

Engaging parents is key to a child's development. We know you are all excellent at doing this already. Over this academic year we have supported partnership schools to do sessions in PE or physical activity. You are great at telling us that children are active in school but we need to support parents knowledge to do it out of school too.

Over Spring term we have worked with Dormanstown Academy and Teesville Academy to deliver parental engagement sessions specific to their needs. At these sessions we have talked about the need for children to be active for 60 minutes a day and given them ideas to try at home.



- **Dormanstown Academy** - We worked with Y5 pupils and their parents/carers to play active games. Teaching them games they can play together. It was great to see them all engaged and having fun together.
- **Teesville Academy** - We worked with EYFS and KS1 to show parents the motor competency screening programme. This was a good opportunity for parents to see the competency levels of their children against a national age appropriate test. They went away with activities they can be practicing with their children at home to develop their physical skills.

If anyone else is looking at choosing PE or physical activity as a parent engagement session then please get in touch with Louise or Claire.

National School Sports Week 2026



National School Sports Week 2026 invites schools, families and communities across the UK to get moving together, inspired by a landmark year of global sport and the everyday moments of encouragement that happen in playgrounds, classrooms and communities.

Watch the National School Sports Week 2026 Hero Film and join a nationwide celebration supporting the Chief Medical Officers' recommendation of 60 active minutes a day!

Register for your chance to win some FREE equipment for your school.



RESSP EVENTS



Thank you to everyone that has participated in the events this term. If you have any feedback that you could share with us, from staff or pupils, that would be amazing - thank you to those schools who have so far!

You can access the events calendar [here](#). Event Posters / Risk Assessments for Summer Term events will be linked to the calendar by the end of March and will also be sent out to you via email along with the booking form. If you have any questions on any events please contact: competitions@ressp.co.uk

SPRING TERM 2 SUMMER TERM 1

APRIL 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
30	31	01	02	03 GOOD FRIDAY
06 07 08 09 10 EASTER HOLIDAYS				
13 14 15 16 17 EASTER HOLIDAYS				
20	21	22	23 Event Poster SKILLS FEST: STRIKING & FIELDING (Year 3 & 4) @ Redcar College AM or PM Sessions	24
27	28	29 Event Poster Y1&2 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS FESTIVAL @ Redcar College AM or PM Sessions	30 Event Poster FUNKY MONKEY FESTIVAL (Reception) @ Redcar College AM or PM Sessions	01

RESSP EVENTS CALENDAR 2025/26

Click on this icon to access the event poster.
 Click on this icon to access the risk assessment for that event.

SSP COMPETITION

These events provide those children who have the experience, the skills and confidence the opportunity to compete.

SSP SKILLS FEST

These events focus on building confidence through further development of skills and the opportunity to put skills into practice.

SSP FUN FESTIVAL

These events provide an introduction to develop core skills, focusing on engaging children within a fun, non-pressured environment.

PATHWAY / TV FINALS

These events follow our pathway competitions.

OTHER / PARTNER EVENTS

'Save the dates' for other events / popular partner events / other key dates.



SUMMER TERM 1

MAY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27	28	29	30	01
04 BANK HOLIDAY	05	06 Event Poster SKILLS FEST: QUADKIDS ATHLETICS (Year 3 & 4) @ M'boro Sports Village AM or PM Sessions	07	08
11 12 13 14 15 SATS WEEK				
18 Event Poster SEND KS2 ATHLETICS @ M'boro Sports Village 10:00 - 13:00	19	20 Event Poster OAA FESTIVAL (Year 5 & 6) @ Redcar Town FC AM or PM Sessions	21	22
25 26 27 28 29 HALF TERM				

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Early Years Motor Screening (Reception age)

The Motor Competence Screening programme has now successfully rolled out across every school in the partnership. We have screened a lot of schools again this academic year. Unfortunately this cohort is proving to still have low levels of movement competence which is highlighting the need for the interventions to be carried out in school.

Poor motor competence can affect a child's development within the classroom. Play and movement in the early years helps to develop a child's brain and integrates their primitive reflexes.

We are therefore glad to see that most schools in the partnership now have a member of staff successfully qualified to deliver the screening in their own school. We have a couple of spaces left on the next qualification (6th May). Please get in touch with Claire if you want to send a member of staff.

Please note that the partnership will no longer deliver the screening free of charge after this academic year.



2 - 4 Year Old Motor Screening

Due to the success of the Motor Competence National Screening programme being rolled out in Redcar & Eston partnership, and the lack of competence from our local children, we have sought additional funding to develop a younger screening programme with interventions for this age group.

Many feel that screening at 5 years old is a little too late as we all know most children develop their basic motor competence by the age of 6 years.

We have therefore sought out Dr Vanessa King, who specialises in childhood movement development to write a new 2 - 4 year old motor screening and intervention programme. (Dr King wrote the initial motor screening programme in collaboration with the association for PE).

Thanks to the funding from 'You've Got This', our local Sport England Place Partnership, we will be rolling a pilot phase out between June and December 2026. If you would like to be part of the pilot phase then please get in touch with Claire.

Staff Training

One of the most sustainable improvements you can make to your PE, school sport and physical activity provision is to invest in staff confidence and competence.

We can help:

- Self Review tool for teachers - how confident & competent they are.
- One to one support with staff that would like support.
- Lesson observations with a development lens,
- Whole staff training
- Central staff training

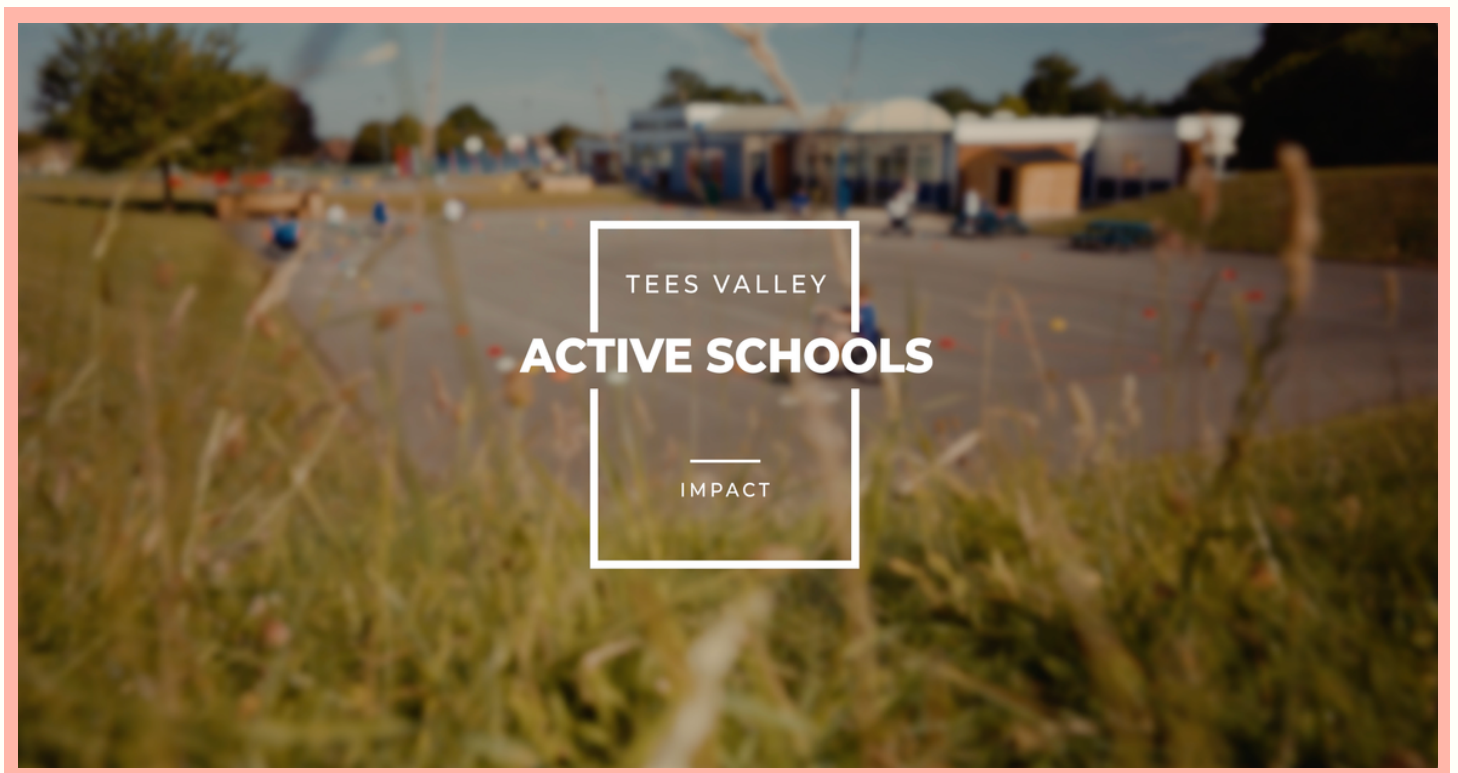
All FREE as part of the partnership. Just book us in.



Tees Valley Active School Framework

It is great to see all of our schools completing the Tees Valley Active School Framework self review tool to assess their current status and select some development areas. Using the framework helps give schools direction to embedding physical activity into their school. The video below shows the difference this has made in our pilot schools.

Click on the photo to access the impact video



Access to the framework, the self-review tool and the guidance document is FREE. Please get in touch if you would like a copy.

