

On the 14th October, the year 5 and 6 boys football team finished off their league matches with an away game against St. Norberts. The boys started the game slowly with neither side taking control of the ball. Then, after 10 minutes the John Harrox team began to keep possession of the ball and were much better with their calm touches and composed passing. Following these passages of play, chances were created, and the opposing goal was then peppered with shot after shot. The deadlock was broken following an excellent corner by George to Harry, who smartly volleyed the ball into the net. Following this success, Freddie and Teddy played some lovely football down the left-hand side resulting in many saves and blocks by opposition's defence and goalkeeper keeping the score at 0-1 at half time.

In the second half, the boys were playing the ball well and used the width of the pitch to stretch the play very effectively. Harry, who was a constant threat to the opposing defence, chased down every ball and kept twisting and turning past the defenders. This pressure that applied paid off when he pounced on a loose ball to slot home his second of the game to make the score 0-2. They created many more chances but to no avail as the St Norberts' keeper produced some fine saves especially a fantastic free kick by Teddy that was tipped away. As well as the excellent attacking play, the boys worked tirelessly to keep a clean sheet with some superb crunching tackles from Jake, Caleb and Archie in the second half to prevent the opposition having shots on goal. Also, the couple of times the opposition attackers did get their shots away Keaton made a couple of fine saves making himself a big as possible to stop the ball going in. The match finished 0-2, and the boys should be proud with their performance. The player of the match was Teddy, who covered every blade of grass and was excellent in midfield breaking up play and creating chances going forward.



