

National Prep Schools Tennis Finals 2019

The 2019 National Prep Schools Tennis finals was held at Hazlegrove School, Taunton in Somerset, from 15th to 17th July. St Faiths pupils competed with over 140 pupils from other schools. Nikita and Jack competed in the Under 13 Boys' category, Lucie and Phoebe in the Under 13 Girls, and Alex and Freddie represented the school at Under 11 Boys. The tournament was played over three days with Doubles on Monday, Singles on Tuesday and the knockout stages of either on Wednesday.

Being a national tournament, it was incredibly tough to make it through the qualifying rounds, but our children surpassed their own and our expectations. Nikita and Freddie both reached the quarter finals of the Singles, whilst Jack made the round of 16. Phoebe lost 14-12 in the Plate Semi-final, whilst Lucie reached the quarter finals of the Cup event. Alex acquitted himself admirably being still in Year 5, coming third in his pool group, but didn't quite make the knockout stages. In the Doubles, all our pairs won through to the end stage of the first day, but then all lost the final game of the day to get through to the knockout day.

All in all it was a hugely successful effort enjoyed by children and parents alike. Many thanks to organisers for a fantastic tournament and organization. I also must say huge thank you to all the parents for taking and looking after their children and supporting school tennis. We are already looking forward to having another try next year.

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