

Hertfordshire Digital Barclays Girls Football in Schools Newsletter



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Welcome to the spring edition of our Hertfordshire Barclays Girls Football In Schools Newsletter.

Keep up to date with all things girls football by logging onto www.girlsfootballinschools.org. If you have not used the site in a while, you may need to re-register.

Please see enclosed for all the exciting opportunities available to your school.

Send through any updates about what you are doing in school to c.mccawley@longdean.herts.sch.uk—The newsletter will be sent out termly.

I hope you enjoy reading all of our activities from this term.
Happy Easter.





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MADE FOR THIS GAME: BREAKING BARRIERS

Bring the conversation into your classroom. Change the game for girls.

Made for this Game: Breaking Barriers is designed to help schools tackle the barriers that girls face in football, sport and across school life. By opening up honest conversations with pupils, teachers can play a vital role in creating environments where every girl feels confident, included and ready to take part.

What insight tells us

Research shows that many girls still face challenges when it comes to sport and physical activity:

- 71% of girls feel excluded by boys when playing football in primary school
 - 63% of girls disengage from sport in secondary school due to low body confidence
- These barriers affect participation, confidence and belonging. But schools have the power to change that.

Free resources for your classroom

Access our FREE primary and secondary teaching resources to bring these barriers to life in your classroom:

- Teacher Guidance
- Assembly PPTs
- Worksheets



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Barclays Girls' Football in Schools Equal Access Survey 2025-26

Welcome to the Barclays Girls' Football in Schools Equal Access Survey.

The Football Association, supported by Barclays and in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, have a vision to deliver equal opportunities for women and girls to play football. The survey will ask you about your school's curricular and extra-curricular girls' football offer. This year the survey also has a new question asking about your football provision for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

This is the opportunity for your school to give us an insight into the footballing opportunities you provide. Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge, for this academic year. **There are no right or wrong answers, we simply want to understand the current landscape.**

Equal Access Unique Links will be sent to all schools after the Easter holidays.

Deadline to complete the survey in order to be entered into the prize draw to win 10 footballs for your school is 22nd May 2026.

A reminder—Primary schools should all be achieving equal access in the curriculum if PE lessons are delivered as a class.

Single Sex Schools should be completing the survey based on the answer 'Girls Only', or 'More for Girls'



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Barclays Game On – GO Teach

Barclays Game On part of England Football was developed by the Youth Sport Trust (YST) in partnership with England Football. Barclays Game On is designed to support secondary schools to engage girls in curriculum physical education through a life skills approach, using football as the vehicle.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Secondary

Several options available to support with curriculum delivery, from Barclays GAME ON—Go teach—to FA resources and training.

Visit your girlsfootballinschools.org website to get more information and download the resources

Barclays Game On – GO Teach training

Register your place on our virtual training today

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



Secondary curriculum resources

England Football Learning have created a variety of resources to support and enhance the delivery of high-quality PE in the curriculum. These on-demand resources are available to view and use straight away in your schools. Don't miss out on training opportunities across the academic year too!

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Get involved with Game On—Go Play—engaging your young leaders to support with delivering play activities for non team players.

Or have a look at the extra curricular toolkit to get some more resources to use.
Lots of competitive opportunities too for you from school games.

Visit girlsfootballinschools.org to get more details.

Barclays Game On – GO Play

A physical and digital resource to support schools to set up an extra-curricular football offer for girls in KS3. All of the activities, games and practises in the pack have been designed specifically to engage girls aged 12-14. Sessions focus on fun, team-building, and growing girls confidence with a football and offer simple and clear content for teachers to pick up and deliver.



[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Competition

Find out more about providing safe, enjoyable and positive experiences of competition within your schools and across School games.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)





NEW PROGRAMMES— Go Coach—Go Referee.

Log onto your girlsfootballinschools.org account to access the training calendar and book your slot



📅 21 Oct 2025

GO Coach and GO Referee - Bookings now open!

Bookings are now open for the Barclays Game On GO Coach and GO Referee virtual training dates.

Barclays Game On offers KS4 girls the chance to build confidence, develop leadership, and gain life skills, through football. Whether they lead from the side of the pitch or the centre of it, GO Coach and GO Referee offer two different ways to grow, both designed to help girls believe they belong in football, and in leadership.

Bookings are now open for the virtual training for both of these new programme, more information, training dates and booking links can be found at the following links.

Limited Dates Left!



GO COACH



Date: Tuesday 30th June 2026

Time: 3.30 – 5.00pm

REGISTER

Download Resources

Confident to deliver GO Referee without attending the training? No problem! Simply download the resources below to get started.

DOWNLOAD THE RESOURCES

LEADERSHIP



Barclays Game On – GO Lead

Barclays Game On – GO Lead empowers girls with the tools and training to become girls' football activators to design, create and deliver football activities to their peers to engage new and different girls.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Barclays Game On – GO Lead Registration!

All spaces have been allocated to schools for the full Barclays Game On – GO Lead experience this academic year. However, you can still register via the 'Digital Only' offer which will allow you as the teacher, having access to all GO Lead resources digitally but your girls' football activators unfortunately will not receive any kit or equipment. We hope this is an opportunity some schools will still take up to enable girls to experience this fantastic leadership programme.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



INCLUSION

SEND



SEND Disney inspired Shooting Stars

Using the power of storytelling, bring this engaging, fun and supportive programme to life in your school for SEND pupils.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Why Comets?

Many pupils with SEND can find the pressures of sport overwhelming. England Football and the Premier League are excited to offer a solution to this.

Comets in schools creates a fun, pressure free environment where pupils can be themselves and belong. We have created a short online training module for school staff. After completing the training, schools will receive a kit and equipment pack which provides everything required to deliver successful Comets sessions.

Alongside the Youth Sport Trust and Lead Inclusion Schools we look forward to seeing the school network engage with this programme, helping provide a positive experience of football for pupils with SEND.

If you are interested in delivering this programme at your school, speak to our team for more information.

[CONTACT US](#)

Comets in the Community

We launched Comets in the community in 2024 and have seen firsthand the impact it can have on children with SEND. There are currently over 400 Comets opportunities nationwide for pupils to continue their Comets journey outside of school.

[COMETS IN THE COMMUNITY](#)



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Find out more about what's going on in your community by visiting the Pathways Page on your girlsfootballinschools.org website.



Community

Find out more about community links including County Football Associations, Wildcats Girls' Football, England Football Accredited Clubs and Disability Football.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Talent

Have you got a young talented footballer in your school? Find out the routes available to support them into the England Women's Talent Pathway.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Education

Check out the programmes available for Further Education and Higher Education students to access, including apprenticeship and leadership programmes.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



PLAY ON FROM PLAYGROUND TO PITCH

The England Football Play On initiative encourages the movement of girls from school to community football by supporting clubs in delivering taster sessions for girls at their local school to recruit players.



HOW CAN YOU HELP CLUBS AND SCHOOLS IN THE DELIVERY OF PLAY ON?

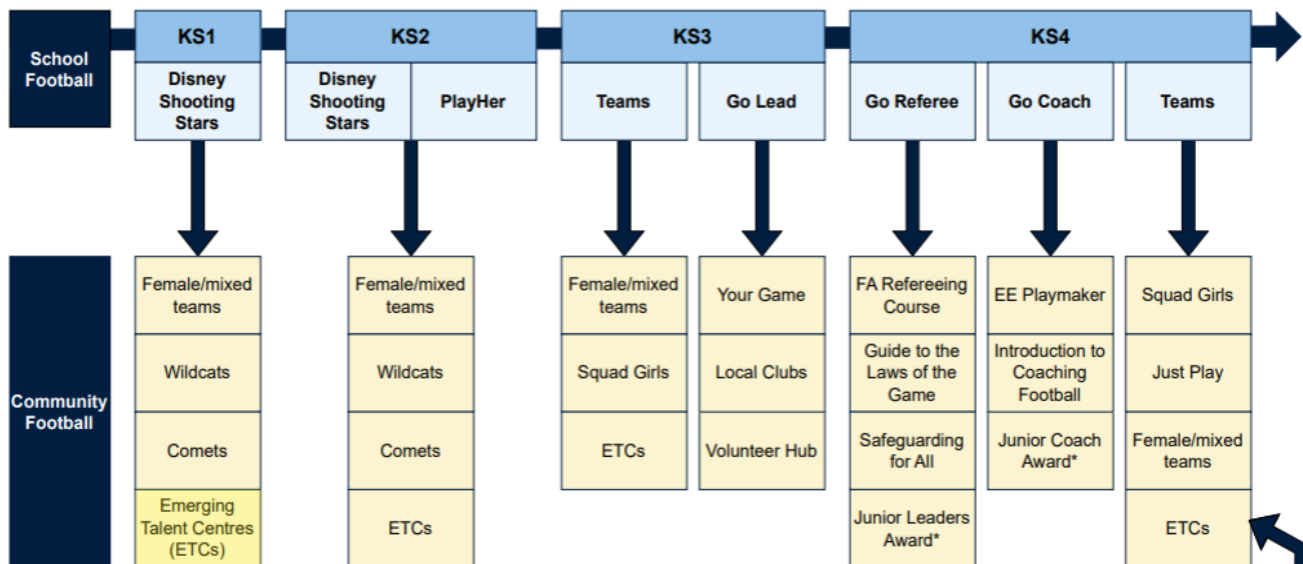
- You can help by identifying schools which you know might be interested in Play On.
- Help to identify the relevant school contact so that the club has a point of contact to liaise with.
- By working with the County FA, can you help to broker the relationship between the club and the school?
- Are there schools in your area that are new to girls football in school, and would benefit from engaging in the Play On initiative?

**FIND OUT MORE
 ABOUT THE PLAY ON
 INITIATIVE HERE!**



PLAY ON SIGN UP PROCESS FOR CLUBS AND SCHOOLS:

FINDING A PARTNER SCHOOL Clubs are interested in delivering sessions in their local primary or secondary school.	ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP The club speaks with the school, obtains the appropriate contact and agrees a start date.	SIGNING UP The club completes the first section of the Sign Up Form, which automatically sends to the school contact for completion.	DELIVERING PLAY ON The club receives the equipment pack and starts delivery on the school site for the agreed number of weeks, with a teacher present.	PLAY ON: SUCCESS The club and school inform the girls about the club opportunities and the girls attend the club site for sessions. The aim is that the girls join the club!
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Click on the boxes to learn more about the opportunities!

Play On is an FA initiative to support the transition of girls from school to community football. Find out more information here: <https://www.EnglandFootball.com/participate/leagues-and-clubs/Female-Football-at-Your-Club/Play-On/>

Interested in Play On or have any questions? Please reach out to contactus@hertfordshirefa.com

*These are opportunities for all genders.



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Herts Sports & Physical Activity Partnership offer a broad range of opportunities to support both young people and coaches. Please see below for details of opportunities, or visit [Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership](https://www.herts.gov.uk/sport-physical-activity-partnership)

Children & Young People

Our mission is to encourage healthy lifestyles for young people of all ages by enabling them to fulfil their potential through providing safe sport and physical activity which engages and inspires.

Get Active

- ▶ Book HAPpy Camps
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- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Early Years
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- ▶ Older Adults

Get in touch...

If you have a question about our Children's page, please email: 1eq@herts-smash@herts.co.uk

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 Activities and resources for staff working in Early Years settings.
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Children
 Activities, resources and courses for people working with children.
[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Young People
 Activities, resources and courses for people working with Young People.
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What is No Limits 2026?

The year-long campaign aims to **break down barriers and create lasting change** in how disabled people access and experience sport and physical activity in Hertfordshire.

[Find out more](#)

Sign up for the No Limits Newsletter



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Hertfordshire's Year of Disability Sport & Physical Activity



Campaign Ambassador - Ella Beaumont



Ambassador Programme

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Showcasing individuals in Hertfordshire whose lived experience of disability demonstrates the transformative power of sport.