



# GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club  
Surrey FA's: Grass Roots Club of the Year 2025

*Can we have our ball back please...*

May 2026



## GUILDFORD SAINTS FC GRASS ROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR 2025

Dear Members,

### Membership Fees 25/26



Following on from the previous reminder an urgent request that all outstanding fees are now settled:

A reminder that **all fees to be paid** by the **end of April 2026** please. Thank you to all who have responded to my reminders via Commentary Box. Please check your accounts and settle any fees due by the end of the month.

It has been an exciting time at Saints over the past couple of weeks with 4 League Cup Finals taking place. **Congratulations** to our teams reaching the finals, match reports follow:

### U16 League Cup Final : U16 Cobras 2 v Rushmoor Community 3

A dramatic cup final saw Guildford Saints U16 Cobras produce a spirited second-half comeback, falling just short in a thrilling contest that truly was a game of two halves.

The Cobras started the match below their usual standards, struggling to settle into their rhythm. Possession was given away

too easily, allowing the opposition to apply relentless pressure. Their direct approach—frequently playing the ball over the top—caused problems, exploiting space in behind and putting Saints on the back foot. By half-time, the Cobras found themselves 2–0 down.

At the break, the message was clear: trust in our football. The focus shifted to playing through midfield, finding players in pockets of space, and being brave enough to slide passes through the lines. The response was immediate. Saints came out with renewed composure and





purpose, controlling possession far more effectively. Within minutes, they were back in the game—winning a penalty confidently converted by Harry Shelton to make it 2–1.

Momentum had shifted. The Cobras began to dominate, pinning the opposition deep into their own half for sustained periods. While clear-cut chances remained limited, the control and intent were evident. However, football can be cruel—an intercepted pass while building from the back allowed the opposition to break and extend their lead to 3–1.

Refusing to give in, Saints responded once more. A superb team move carved open the defence, and Dimitri finished brilliantly to make it 3–2, setting up a tense finale.



Despite relentless effort and pressure in the closing stages, the equaliser just wouldn't come.

In the end, it was a performance of resilience and character. While the slow start proved costly, the second-half display showed exactly what this team is capable of when they play with confidence and composure. A tough result—but plenty to be proud of. On another day, with a calmer start, the outcome could have been very different.

Heads held high, Cobras.

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### **U15 League Cup Final : Elite Magic 3-1 Guildford Saints Jaguars**

What a performance from the boys. Thanks for all the fantastic support from parents and family. You were equally brilliant throughout. We played some great stuff, particularly in the first half and the last 15 minutes of the 2nd half. On reflection we needed to have taken advantage of the early superiority but just couldn't get the goal our play deserved. 1-0 at half time, turned to 3-0 but how brilliant was it to see the lads come back, grab a deserved goal through Casper and go close with two or three other chances. A case of what might have been, but I know the lads left with heads held high knowing there was nothing much between the teams despite the difference in league standings. Onwards to 2026/27.



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## U15 League Cup Final : U15G Diamonds 0 - 1 Aspire



It was always going to be a tight contest between two strong and well-matched sides, and the League Cup final lived up to expectations.

Diamonds started the brighter of the two teams and looked the more threatening throughout the first half. They created the better opportunities, registering three shots on goal, with Evie coming closest to breaking the deadlock.

Her powerful strike from inside the box forced an excellent save from the Aspire goalkeeper. Defensively, Diamonds were solid and disciplined, restricting Aspire to no shots on target before the break.

The second half, however, proved more challenging. Playing on a large 3G pitch in warm conditions, and with only one substitute proved a bit too much. Aspire gradually grew into the game as Diamonds found it harder to maintain their earlier intensity.

Midway through the second half, Aspire capitalised on their moment. A chance from inside the box was taken well, giving them a 1–0 lead.

To their credit, Diamonds continued to push forward in search of an equaliser. A half chance from outside the area showed intent, and in the dying moments, a last-minute corner saw all 11 players committed forward in a final attempt to level the score. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and Aspire held on to secure a 1–0 victory.

Despite the result, it was an outstanding effort from the Diamonds. They controlled much of the first half and showed tremendous determination throughout, giving everything right to the final whistle. On another day, the result could easily have gone the other way but Aspire just edged the second half with fresher legs.

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## **U12 League Cup Final U12G Lynx 3 - 2 Worcester Park**

An outstanding performance to secure a well-deserved League Cup Final victory, capping off what has been a remarkable season for the team.

With six new players joining the squad this year, the Lynx have shown incredible growth, determination, and unity. Their development was on full display in the final, where they proved too powerful for a highly skilful Worcester Park side. From the first whistle to the last, the Lynx dominated with energy, teamwork, and attacking intent, scoring a series of excellent goals that reflected both their talent and hard work.

Every player gave their all, working tirelessly across the pitch and supporting one another in every phase of the game. Their commitment and resilience shone through, making the victory not only impressive but thoroughly deserved.

The final was played in a fantastic atmosphere, with supporters lining the pitch and cheering the team on throughout. Their encouragement undoubtedly played a key role in lifting the players and creating a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

A special thank you goes to the team's sponsor, SG Ford Construction LTD, whose support this season has been invaluable. Not only did they provide the team's kit, but their presence at the final demonstrated their continued commitment to the girls and the club.

This League Cup triumph is a testament to the players' hard work, the coaches' dedication, and the unwavering support from families and sponsors. A truly fantastic achievement for Guildford Saints U12 Lynx and a day that will be remembered with pride.

### **U12G Lynx – League Cup Champions**



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## GOAL OF THE SEASON 25/26

The results of our GOTS poll posted on social media are as follows:

**Congratulations** to : **Beau, U11 Tigers & Jodie U15G Emeralds**. Video's of the goals can be seen on our website: [www.guildfordsaints.org](http://www.guildfordsaints.org) along with the trophy presentation to Beau.



## Congratulations U13 Tigers : League Champions 25/26

A win yesterday saw our U13 Tigers crowned as Premier League Champions. A fantastic achievement for Anthony and his team – well done.



## Other events @ GSFC

### Futsal Sessions @ Kings this half term:

Sessions on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May @ Kings College 6.15 – 7.30pm

Age groups: U9 – U13

Spaces available. To book a place contact: [info@guildfordsaints.org](mailto:info@guildfordsaints.org)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Touch sessions for 5- & 6-year-olds: starting Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

At Guildford Saints, we follow the TOVO philosophy – developing confident, intelligent, and creative young players in a fun and supportive environment.

6 weeks structured programme of training to be held at Kings College School on the 3G pitch with our professional coaches UEFA A/B licenced.

Session time: 9.30 – 10.30am

Places limited: to book [info@guildfordsaints.org](mailto:info@guildfordsaints.org)

Cost: £50

What Your Child Will Learn:

Master first touch and ball control

Improve dribbling & change of direction

Develop passing & receiving skills

Build confidence in 1v1 attacking & defending

Learn finishing techniques

Grow game intelligence through fun activities



Why Join?

Perfect introduction for young beginners

Small-sided, engaging sessions designed for early development

Opportunity to be selected for Guildford Saints teams next season

Start Their Football Journey the Right Way!

## May Half-Term Football Course – Attack & Defend Like the Best

Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th May 2026

**Looking for a fun, high-quality way to keep your child active this half term?**

Give them the chance to learn, improve, and love the game even more with our exciting 3-day football course.

Inspired by the world's best players:

Cut inside, beat defenders, and score like Lamine Yamal and Semenya

Create chances with vision and precision like Jude Bellingham and Fernandez



Defend confidently in 1v1 situations like Gabriel and Saliba

Move smartly and finish calmly like Haaland and Ekitike

Why parents love this course: Your child won't just "play matches" — they'll learn how to play better. Each session is carefully designed to build real skills used at the highest level, all delivered in a fun, supportive environment.

What your child will gain:

Confidence on the ball  
Better decision-making in games  
Creativity in attacking situations  
Stronger defensive awareness  
Improved finishing and composure



Every day includes a mix of engaging practices focusing on:

Defensive skills and positioning - Midfield creativity and passing - Attacking from wide areas - Finishing in and around the box

Course Details:

Venue: Guildford County School (MUGA pitches)

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Pricing:

£30 per day

£55 for 2 days

£70 for all 3 days



Spaces are limited to ensure quality coaching and individual attention.



**Book now to secure your child's place:**

**Email: Kevin Wilson-Wild**  
**[freestylefutsal10@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:freestylefutsal10@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Give your child a half term they'll enjoy, learn from, and remember.**



## New for 26/27 – Future Fit 3v3 for U7's



Next season, 3v3 match play will be introduced for U7 teams. To help prepare for this new format, we will be holding a practical workshop in conjunction with the Surrey Football Association at King's College School on Tuesday 16 June, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

The workshop is open to coaches, managers, and parents. While coaches from other clubs are welcome to attend, priority will be given to GSFC members.

If you would like to attend, please contact me to reserve your place:  
[secretary.gsfc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.gsfc@gmail.com)

## Introducing the Guildford Saints Junior Ballers League 🔥

For the final weeks of the season, we're bringing something brand new and exciting to training — our very own Guildford Saints Junior Ballers League.

This is a chance for players to experience the excitement of match days, compete with friends, and put all their training into action in a fun, high-energy environment.



League Dates

Match Day 1 – 9th May

Training & Team Prep – 16th May

Match Day 2 – 23rd May

Players will be placed into squads of 5 and compete in a series of fast-paced matches across each match day. Every game will matter as teams battle it out to climb the league table.



Points won't just come from results... Players can also earn bonus points for:

Brilliant team goals

Skills and creativity leading to goals



Clean sheets and strong team defending

The Junior Ballers League is designed to reward exciting football, confidence, creativity, teamwork and competitive spirit.

- Expect:
- ✓ Lots of touches and game time
  - ✓ Fast, exciting matches
  - ✓ Competitive challenges
  - ✓ Team celebrations
  - ✓ Player awards and league standings
  - ✓ A brilliant end to the season

We want every player to feel the excitement of competing, improving and representing their team while enjoying the game with their teammates and friends.

**This is going to be a fantastic way to finish the season — energetic, competitive and full of fun football moments for all Guildford Saints players.**

**AGM 2026** : Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ The Urnfield 7pm.

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