



BOTLEY C of E (Controlled) PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of our units of work in PE for this half term (Spring 1) in Key Stage Two will be Invasion Games using hockey equipment.

We will predominantly be using wooden hockey sticks. As such, you may wish to provide your children with additional equipment in the form of a mouth guard and shin pads (with long socks) for this unit of work. The children will be participating in hockey on the following days:

**Hedgehog and Rabbit Class:** Tuesday

**Fox, Badger, Woodpecker and Eagle:** Wednesday

**Deer Class and Otter Class:** Friday

Please note that it is **NOT** essential for children to bring in mouth guards or shin pads and the lessons are thoroughly planned to minimise any risk and the chance of injury. The units of work are planned on children **not** having the extra safety equipment, but you may wish to make a choice as a parent to provide your children with this equipment in case of any accidental contact with a stick and to further lessen risk.

This week, the children will be working individually, but will start working with other children from next week (the 12<sup>th</sup> January) and it from that point that you may wish to provide the additional equipment.

I look forward to this unit of work and would like to ensure your children have to best opportunities to enjoy and learn throughout.

Yours sincerely,

George Ayres  
Primary PE Specialist