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Main Headlines:

Welcome to the spring/summer 2025 edition of Bank Quay Rovers FC newsletter. We hope the players and the parents enjoyed 2024/25 season that is now coming to an end and would like also to welcome all the new players and parents who recently joined our club. It's good to see the children settling in and enjoying the training sessions and playing the matches.

Oakwood Avenue primary school field (Home pitch)

The club new home pitch for training and matches is now at Oakwood Avenue primary school in Warrington. We had to move to this school because the previous school (St. Benedict's Catholic primary school) headteacher complained that the field was left untidy with litter scattered everywhere. The headteacher from Oakwood Avenue primary school agreed to hire the field to our club on the condition that the field will be left tidy and all the litter collected and removed at end of training and matches, when we start playing matches there. So we would like everyone to please make sure the field is always left tidy and inform all the parents in your teams and opposition coaches too. The field has no pitch marking yet but it has been ordered and the council will mark the field at end of July/August to be ready for matches to be played before the new season starts in September. The other major issue at this school is security, the fence is quite low and there have been reports that the children from the neighbourhood are jumping the fence and using our equipment. Unfortunately that will be an issue until we get storage unit in the field to store our equipment and keep it safe. The school headteacher has agreed to allow the club to put a cabin or storage unit at the school so we can store all our equipment to use for the matches and also the training sessions. We appreciate the parents' understanding about this as we have just moved in to this school. The club is paying a fee to the school to hire the field but the field doesn't belong to our club, we share it with the school that uses it for PE and their sports day.

The school headteacher is very happy to continue supporting the club and to form a strong partnership going forward, but she has asked for everyone to make a big effort to keep the pitches tidy and collect any litter that is left behind by our players or the opposition teams' players and parents.

Trial Days

The club is planning to hold a trial day in the coming weeks for new players. There are several players on the waiting list for every age group/teams. The club has asked the coaches to enquire with the parents who intend for their children to continue playing for our club and who will be leaving at end of the season. The trial days will allow the coaches from each team to assess how many players they will require to replace the players who will be leaving and also to recruit players for the positions they feel will strengthen their teams. At same time it will allow the coaches to observe the players and make an informed decision if they wish for these new players to join their team or not.

Spring/Summer football training sessions outdoors:

All the teams are currently training at Oakwood Avenue primary school field until end of September. The training times for each age group are as follow under 7s and under 8s on Thursdays at 5.30pm until 6.30pm, under 9s Thursdays at 6pm until 7pm and under 11s at 6.30pm until 7.30pm. As the age groups will change for the beginning of the new season the new under 7s team will start training together with the current under 7s on Thursday too at 5.30pm.

Winter training will start from October 2025 until April 2026. The under 7s, under 8s, under 9s and under 10s will train and Orford Jubilee but we need to find a bigger venue for the under 12s as the 5v5 pitches at Orford Jubilee are now quite small for this age group. If the coaches from that team or any of the parents could help us to find a suitable venue with 3G pitch for the under 12s winter training we would appreciate.

End of the season presentations

We are fast approaching the end of 2024/25 season. The league season is due to officially end at end of May. The club is planning to hold an end of the season presentation event. This year venue for the presentation will be at Brooklands Pub at Lovely Lane near Warrington hospital. It will be a joint presentation day for all the age groups and the date is on Saturday 28th June from 2pm until 5pm.

Like on previous years a buffet will be provided (hot and cold), please inform your coach of any allergies so we can notify the venue. After the food each team will then do their presentation and give every player a small trophy and there will also be special trophies that was voted for by the coaches and the parents. The coaches from each team must have asked the parents for their vote for one of the special trophies.

Summer tournaments

The under 7s and under 8s are taking part again this year on the Eagles tournament on the 6th and 7th of July. The information has also been shared with the coaches from the other teams and if they wish their teams to enter any tournament please let the club know so space can be booked. Some of these tournaments are oversubscribed and on a first comes first serve basis so if any of the other teams wish to participate on a tournament please inform the club as soon as possible.

Teams WhatsApp groups

The WhatsApp groups were created with the purpose of keeping the parents informed regarding the training and the matches. If any of the parents have a personal comment or complained to make can you please address it first with the coach in your team and if the situation still persists please send DM to the club (or send a message on the club website), so a reasonable solution can be found to resolve whatever the situation it is. We do not wish the WhatsApp groups to become the platform for complain and misinformation board and be a source of confusion. Also, if anyone isn't happy with the communication shared in the groups and wish to leave the group can you please communicate to the coaches in your team so they can remove you from the group and find alternative ways to communicate and share information.

Volunteer coaches and club committee

Our club will have at least one new team next season (new under 7s team). Depending on the number of children we will have for each age group we will then decide if we have multiple teams per age group or only one team per age group.

We are looking for new coaches to join the club to manage some of the new teams. So if any of the parents would be interested or know anyone who would like to become a grassroots football coaches please let us know. For anyone interested will need to do an online coaching course plus submit documents for the DBS certificate. The online coaching course is free and the DBS certificate is paid by the club as it will need to be FA certified DBS certificate.

We are also looking for new members to join the committee. We are currently looking for Parents representative amongst other committee roles. They are all volunteer roles but as the club is expanding we feel that we will also need to have new members joining the committee to help us run the club and make things more transparent and fair for everyone. We would like also to have a Players Representative to be part of the committee and represent the players and give us their views on certain things from the children point of view. We as a club feel that it's important to empower children and hear their voice to help shape the future of the club.

Sponsorship

We are very grateful for the sponsorship we received from Weststone Construction Ltd for the under 9s team, Ideal Industries Ltd for under 11s team, Colours Body Repair for under 7s team and Swan Properties for the under 8s team.

But we are now looking for sponsors to sponsor our new teams for next season. If anyone is interested or know a company interested to sponsor please speak to one of the coaches and we will give you the details on how to sponsor.

Standing orders and subs payments

Thanks for everyone who set up the standing order for the subs payments. Unfortunately we have parents owing several months subs; that situation isn't acceptable and unless those subs are brought up to date those players won't be allowed to take part on any of the club activities. Several reminders have been sent via the coaches and the situation still persists.

We know times are tough and these days it's an absolutely privilege to be able to pay for your child (children) to play football or any other extra curriculum sports or activities. But as a grassroots football club we won't be able to move forward or invest into the facilities without the support from all the parents.

If any of you are struggling financially please speak to the coaches in your team and together with the club we will try to find the best solution possible to allow every child (children) to continue enjoying playing football in our club.

Team Fee Pay Platform

We will start soon players' registrations process for next season 2025/26. We are planning to have all the players registered in June.

Our club will no longer use paper registration forms to register the players. The whole process will now be online through a platform called Team Fee Pay. Each team will have their own page to register the players and submit the registration so it can be forward to the FA and to the League. It will be streamline and better organised so no need for the coaches to hand out paper work. The details have been passed to the coaches, which we hope they shared it with you all.

But in case they haven't yet please see below the links for each of the teams and we would appreciate if you could start the registration process as soon as possible as the new system will go live from June.

Under 7s Jedis (New team)- <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapp.teamfeepay.com%2Fs%2FwNHlpKhM4M&data=05%7C02%7C0nb...>
Under 8s Royals - <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapp.teamfeepay.com%2Fs%2Fu8STCs1o2O&data=05%7C02%7C0nb...>

Under 9s Galaxy - <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapp.teamfeepay.com%2Fs%2FaszMMkr0u7&data=05%7C02%7C0nb...>
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Website and Social media

All the pictures taken during training and the matches with the children are published on our club website and social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) if you have any objections towards this, please let us know and we will make sure we will not include your child in the photos. Otherwise if you wish to find us on Facebook and Instagram, please like or follow our Page If you'd like to follow us – Facebook Bank Quay Rovers FC and Instagram Bank Quay Rovers FC (@bankquayroversfc)
The website is: www.bankquayroversfc.co.uk

There's a contact form and email address on the website and parents can send us a message via the website too if they prefer.