

# January Newsletter

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## Main Headlines

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2026 edition of Bank Quay Rovers FC newsletter. We hope the players and the parents are enjoying the matches so far and the season is going well. We 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 hopefully playing the matches too.



## Oakwood Avenue Primary School Field

The club home pitch for matches is at Oakwood Avenue primary school in Warrington. 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. 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 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. We now have a storage container and can safely store the equipment for our teams to use for

training and matches (goals, corner flags and poles and amongst other essential equipment). A coach from each team has a cut of the keys to lock the container so all our equipment is kept safe. We are grateful that the school headteacher has agreed to allow the club to put a storage unit at the school field. We appreciate the parents' understanding about this as it's our first season at 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 field tidy

and collect any litter that is left behind by our players or the opposition teams' players and parents.

## **Winter Football Training Sessions at Orford Jubilee**

All the teams are currently training at Orford Jubilee Hub until end of March 2026. From April the training for the teams will move back to Oakwood Avenue primary school field until end of September. All the teams are training on Thursday evenings, but when we move back to the school field the training date and time may change for each team. Please check with the coaches as they will be sharing the correct information regarding the training sessions.

## **Players rain jackets**

Every registered player in our club will receive a rain jacket with their name initials. With the cold weather we felt that the rain jackets are more appropriate for the players to wear for training and matches. If your child is registered with our club and hasn't received the rain jacket, please let the coach in your child team know so we can then order a rain jacket.

## **Recruiting New Players**

We are now halfway through the season, and most teams are almost to full capacity. The only team we are actively recruiting players for are the under 9s team who require at least 4 new players to join the team to complete the season. So, if you know any children of 8 or 9 years old (school Years 4 or 5) please let the coaches know. We are offering free trials so the players can train to see if they like it and then if they would like to join the team.

From April or May, we will start forming a new under 7s team and perhaps a new under 8s team too as we have quite a few numbers of children on that age group. These new teams will be formed to play matches next season, which will start in September 2026.

## **Team's 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 addressed 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 then 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.

## **Volunteer Coaches and Club Committee**

We are looking for new coaches to join the club to manage some of the new teams. 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 fairer 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 and Fundraising**

We are very grateful for the sponsorship we received from Zeytin restaurant for the under 9s team, Ideal Industries Ltd for under 12s team, Business – Ology for under 8s Peacemakers team, continued sponsorship from Colours Body Repair for under 8s Royals team and from Heathwave for the new under 7s 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.

## **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 our Page and leave a review (hopefully a positive one haha).

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](http://www.bankquayroversfc.co.uk)

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