



SEND TENNIS

INSPIRE STORY

We partnered up with the Leicestershire Tennis and Squash Club (LTSC) in April with the vision of transforming schools' tennis for special educational needs and disability (SEND) students. Tennis coaches went into schools to deliver sessions as well as hosting a festival at LTSC.

During the first year of the project, we have worked with 7 schools including 2 special schools and 1 school with a designated special provision (DSP), resulting in over 100 Key Stage 2 SEND children playing tennis.

The sessions in school and the festival were a massive success and this is just the start of an impactful programme looking to support budding tennis players and overcoming obstacles needed to get them into tennis. LTSC now have sessions for these children to book onto at the club so the children have exit routes to continue playing and enjoying tennis.

LTSC tennis coaches went into Stokes Wood Primary School once a week for 6 weeks to work with children from their DSP. At the end of the school year, they all attended a SEND fun tennis festival at LTSC with all the other children from schools who had received the same coaching offer in their school.

Headteacher from Stokes Wood Primary School said "The tennis sessions were really good and something different for these children. They were all were engaged in the sessions which were inclusive and helped to improve their skills. The coaches were great with our children who have language and communication disabilities".

The children who took part in the sessions equally enjoyed them. They said things like "We loved doing tennis" " I liked it, it was good fun" "Is it tennis today? When can we do it again?".

