Brightwalton Sports' Report - Alternative Olympics year 5/6
Tuesday November 18th 2025

Our team of 6 assembled at St Bart's school, Newbury for the Alternative Olympic Festival. We were transported to and from by the local Downland minibus (Handyebus) which is now available for booking and this went very smoothly.
There were 16 school teams and we were placed in a smaller group of 4 schools and so we played 3 others at Curling, Archery, Boccia and Seated Volleyball, all sports represented in The Winter Olympics, Summer Olympics and Para Olympics. According to the assembled children, seated volleyball was the most fun. However, from the wonderful inclusive atmosphere within the sports' hall, all children and sports were very well received with great gamesmanship and enthusiasm.
Our team started very strongly with 6/6 wins in curling. We consistently slide the curls accurately into winning positions on the bullseye. A great start. Then to seated volleyball and trickier as the lightweight ball skidded off or hit the net and so more inconsistent play. We won one, drew one and lost one game. Next was archery and for some reason, not our sport that afternoon. Our usual accuracy deserted the team. However, all good fun. Finally, Boccia and again we very skilfully positioned our balls into winning positions, sometimes from the last throw of the game. Again 6/6 wins. Once all results were in, there were medals only for 1st place in the group and we were hopeful, but not our team this time. It was a pleasure to accompany the children and we all had a great afternoon.

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