

AUTUMN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2025



We are currently accepting registrations for our Autumn Development Programme. The ADP is tailored for cricketers across the county (U9 - U12) providing an opportunity to spend eight weeks with our Level 3 & 4 pathway coaches to acquire new skills.


Piggot CofE school


Waingels School, Woodley

 Age groups:
U9 - Year 4* U10 - Year 5 U11 - Year 6 U12 - Year 7
*Dependent on interest



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AUTUMN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FAQ



What is the Autumn Development Programme

The primary focus of the programme is to develop a strong and comprehensive foundation of cricketers across the county. This involves nurturing talent, enhancing skills, and fostering a love and connection to the game.

Sessions are held across Piggot & Waingels school run by Level 3 & Level 4 coaches. Although the majority of sessions are scheduled on the weekend to accommodate participants' busy schedules, we also offer some weekday options to provide flexibility and ensure that everyone has the chance to engage with the programme at a time that suits them best.

Is this a hardball programme?

At U9 and U10, although there are aspects of the programme where we may explore hardball play, we primarily build the programme around tennis and hardened-incrediballs. The reason for this is, at these ages, it allows the boys the confidence required to explore some of the technical aspects we work on, without the fear of being struck by the ball.

The U11 - U12s programme is a mixture of both hard and softer balls, allowing the children to work on the technical aspects of the game where required and also ensuring they are building confidence in executing those technical aspects against a cricket ball.

What happens after the programme?

Provided your son attended the majority of the sessions, you will be provided with feedback to allow you to understand where he is as compared to those who progress in to our pathway.

We also use the programme to highlight those who we think are ready to be part of our performance pathway after Christmas.

Is this the only way to progress into the pathway programme?

No, although we talent ID from a number of environments, the primary method of entry is through our free to attend observations held in December.

What is the eligibility criteria?

In order to be eligible for the Berkshire EEP programme, you must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- Live in Berkshire
- Play for a Berkshire affiliated club
- Be schooled in Berkshire

I want my child to participate but I am not sure I can afford the programme in full, can you help?

Berkshire Cricket is dedicated to providing support to those in need to the best of our ability. While the Autumn Development Programme is not part of our pathway, we have made our hardship fund accessible for individuals who may require assistance. This typically takes the form of a means-tested percentage discount. For further details, please visit our website.

Does my club need to nominate my son?

There is no need for club nomination you are welcome to seek advice from your club should you be unsure. Generally, this is the framework we encourage people to work from:

U9 - U10 : We encourage all those children who have shown interest in cricket regardless of whether they have hardball experience or not.

U11 - U12 : Designed for those who are excelling in their club environments with some experience of hardball cricket.

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U9S



As part of our continued commitment to developing young cricket talent across the county, Berkshire CCC is excited to launch a brand-new Under 9 Autumn Development Programme – an extension of our successful U10–U12 open programmes. We believe in laying strong foundations early. By introducing this programme at the U9 age group, we aim to positively impact players at a younger age, giving them the tools, movement skills, and confidence to enjoy and thrive in cricket as they progress through their clubs and into more competitive environments.

Why an U9 Programme?

- Early engagement builds long-term success. Starting earlier allows us to support young players in developing core movement patterns that are essential for cricket and wider physical development.
- We'll be using a softer ball, which creates a safe and confidence-boosting environment for children to experiment, move freely, and begin to understand key cricketing movements whilst batting and fielding without fear of getting hurt.
- Our sessions will be fun, dynamic, and movement-rich – with a focus on developing agility, balance, coordination, and cricket-specific skills, all in an age-appropriate setting.

Who is it for?

This programme is ideal for Year 4 children (typically aged 8–9) who already have some experience of the game – either through their club, school, or All Stars/Dynamos programmes – and are showing a growing interest and enthusiasm for cricket.

What comes next?

Players who show promise and progression through the autumn sessions may be invited to join a match play programme in the summer, offering an exciting opportunity to put their skills into action in a supportive and developmental match environment.