



DELGADO TENNIS

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What a great year!

This term we have continued to see player improvement in all ages from Mini Reds to our adult groups. The turnout to our sessions has been great, even with the cold weather approaching.

Great attitude guys, let's keep it up going into the new term!

Our **Mini Reds** are improving their technique and shape of shot well. Their coordination and understanding of how the ball moves is developing each week. Well done to **Charlotte Ferguson** who has been hitting some amazing forehands this term.

Our **Junior Hitter 1's** have been showing a great competitive attitude on court. We have been focusing on movement towards the ball to help with their rallying. Well done to **Billy Frederick Regan** who has been competing very well in his group achieving some great rallies with coach Ellis.

Our **Junior Hitter 2's** have been developing their tactical understanding. We have been getting our orange players competing against each other in both singles and doubles, working on how points are conducted. Well done to **Emma Mendoza** who has played some brilliant points this term.

Our **Big Hitters** have continued to improve their overall game and tactical decision making. The attitude from our Big Hitters has been great and it's so nice to see how much they are all enjoying their tennis. Well done to **Liam Taylor** whose tennis, not only this term, but over the whole year, has developed brilliantly.

Keep it up all!



Some of you will have received an invitation to represent **Delgado Tennis** against other clubs in Berkshire for the Summer term (starting in April 2025). Our teams will consist of an orange ball squad, green ball, Under 12 Yellows, Under 14 Yellows & Under 16 Yellows.

We ask players in these squads to attend 2 coaching sessions per week and a match play session. We will be creating our schedule for these lessons in the Spring Term and we will keep you posted with updates!

Don't be disheartened if you didn't make these squads; keep working hard in our lessons and you will all be in contention for match selection!

Coach Jack will be away in the Spring term as he is going traveling. He will be back in April for the start of the Summer term where he and coach Ellis will lead the sessions for the match players.

Joining us next term is **Coach Justin Stanger**. He will be taking coach Jack's lessons while he is away.

Coach Justin has been in tennis since he was 4 years old and is a level 2 LTA Accredited coach. He has been coaching since he was 16 and likes to make his lessons fun, engaging as well as technical. He can coach from beginner to performance level. He really enjoys tennis coaching as he loves to help improve others as well as increase the participation of tennis.

The world of tennis

There have been some great matches and results throughout the 2024 tennis season, including big wins from Aryna Sabalenka, Jannik Sinner, Carlos Alcaraz, Iga Świątek, Barbora Krejčíková, Zheng Qinwen and Novak Djokovic.

Novak Djokovic beat Carlos Alcaraz in thrilling fashion to secure a long-awaited Olympic title and complete the career 'Golden Slam'.

This year there were two legends of the men's game who retired. Andy Murray's final tournament as a professional tennis player was at the Olympic Games where he played doubles. He reached the quarter finals with Dan Evans and competed brilliantly saving 6 match points in the 2 previous rounds. Jamie Delgado was Murray's coach from 2016 – 2021 where Murray won an Olympic Gold medal and a Wimbledon title with Jamie. Jamie Delgado is also currently the coach of world number 9 Grigor Dimitrov.

Rafael Nadal also retired this year. The 22-time grand slam champion competed in the Davis Cup in his last match representing Spain. This was a fitting tribute as Nadal started his tennis career playing in the Davis Cup back in 2004.

These two legends will be very missed and inspired so many of us!



Player of the Term

Congratulations to Mila Granil who is our player of the term!

Mila's attitude has been amazing this term, she listens and focuses hard to improve her tennis game.

Her strokes have a good shape to them and is competing brilliantly.

She is a great example to all mini reds!



Rules on court

We recognise how important it is to be both concerned about and actively supporting the well-being and personal safety of our young partners on the courts.

At the beginning of each term we will be spending a few minutes discussing with each group the critical standards and expectations we have of each other.

- **Respect your racquet!**

Don't throw it, don't use it as a weapon, don't leave it lying about.

- **Do not touch the net!**

Respect for the protocols we observe in tennis, including that we do not lean on the net, strike the net with our racquets or crawl under/climb over the net.

- **Do not sit on the court!**

We remain attentive, embrace our energy and stand strong.

- **Respect your fellow players!**

We encourage and enjoy each other, we help and participate, we do not bully or name-call, and most certainly do not use inappropriate or offensive language in talking in the group.

Please can parents of our reds also remind their children of these on court rules when needed!

Well done to all players!

We would like to thank you all for playing with us this year and we look forward to seeing you all again in January.



Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025!

Delgado Tennis Camps

We have 4 days of camps at Braywick in February half-term.

Monday 17 to Thursday 20 February 2025

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