

# Parker's Story

**Parker participated in our Fusion Summer Camp 2024, where he explored new sports while enhancing his longstanding passion for football.**



*"Since joining our Fusion Summer Camp, Parker has made incredible progress, discovering new sports and forming friendships with children from other schools."*

**Daisy Guttridge, Education and Community Sports Coach**

Seven-year-old Parker joined Fusion Camps at Ivanhoe Primary School for the first time during the Summer holidays of 2024, calling it the "highlight of his week." Reflecting on his experience, Parker shared, "If I wasn't here, I'd just be bored at home or playing in the streets and that's not really fun." Fusion Camps are designed to give children like Parker the chance to try new sports, learn fresh skills, and build friendships, creating an enriching environment for growth and exploration.

## **A Perfect Fit for Boundless Energy**

Parker, who is full of energy, spends about two hours a day being active, playing football with friends in his back garden or at the park, and training a few times a week. For Parker, the Fusion Camps have been an ideal outlet to channel his love for activity, offering him a variety of engaging options each day.

Since joining, Parker has discovered exciting new games like four-corner hockey, kin-ball, splat, and sharky-sharky, which he's thrilled to teach his friends back home. His enthusiasm for the camps has even inspired his peers to join in, contributing to increased physical activity and fostering a love for staying active. Parker's story is just one example of how Fusion Camps are positively impacting young children, inspiring them to embrace an active lifestyle and build lasting friendships along the way.

## The Coaches Impact

For Parker, the coaches at camp are truly special and have made a lasting impression on him. He enthusiastically shares, "They're fun because they show us new games, and we get to try different ones all the time." Through their energy and dedication, the coaches have helped Parker grow more confident and curious. Their positive influence has not only made camp his "happy place" but sparked a newfound love for sports, especially hockey, which he's excited to keep exploring. Parker looks forward to reuniting with these role models, diving into new activities, and sharing the joy they bring with friends, because, for him, the coaches make camp a place where he feels supported, motivated and ready for fun-filled challenges every day.



## Transformation Through Teamwork

When Parker first joined camp, he was a quiet and reserved individual, hesitant to socialise with other children. Through our encouragement and engaging team-building games, Parker gradually came out of his shell, even making friends with children from other schools. With each passing day, his confidence blossomed. He began to take on leadership roles, proudly stepping up as a team captain, sharing creative ideas to enhance camp activities, and inspiring other students to get involved. The transformation in Parker's character since he first arrived has been remarkable, and we're thrilled with his growth here at Active Fusion. Parker is eagerly looking forward to returning to Fusion Camp, and we can't wait to see even more of his progression, as well as the joy of him reuniting with friends from other schools in the area.

Read more stories like Parker's here or discover more about Fusion Camps here.



**"Camps are fun because you can make friends with people from other schools and play new games with them."**



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