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The Dog Mentor

Paws for Thought...

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Sports Day with Your Dog Mentor

Let your school dog join in the Sports Day magic! Dogs are brilliant motivators and bring calm, confidence and a whole lot of joy to the field.

Your Dog Mentor could be a doggy warm-up leader, reward assistant, paw-sitive cheerleader, chill-out zone buddy, photo booth star or even a mascot in a novelty race!

Don't forget, we also have Sports Day resources available on our Padlet, including Sore Loser support activities, Sports Day certificates and winner certificates to help make the day even more inclusive and enjoyable for all children.

Access the resources here:



The Dog Mentor Conference

What an incredible day! A huge thank you to everyone who attended this year's Dog Mentor Conference and helped make it such a successful event. It was fantastic to welcome schools from across the UK and bring our Dog Mentor community together to share ideas, celebrate achievements and learn from one another.

The day was filled with inspiring speakers, practical takeaways and valuable discussions, all highlighting the incredible impact school dogs have on children, staff and whole-school wellbeing.

Congratulations to all of our award winners: Heronsbridge School and Charlie – Dog Mentor of the Year 2026, Barnhill Community High School and Milo – Impact in Action Award, Willow Dene School and Milo – Exceptional Dog Mentor Award, and Bramley Grange Academy and Clemmie – Embedded Practice Award.

We would also like to give a special mention to Robina Baird from St Saviour's Catholic Primary School, who received the Commitment to The Dog Mentor Award. Unfortunately, Robina was unable to join us on the day, but we wanted to recognise her ongoing enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to The Dog Mentor programme.

Throughout the day, delegates also received a range of practical resources and takeaways to support their work back in school, including a first look at our brand-new Dog Mentor booklet. We can't wait to share this exciting new resource with the wider Dog Mentor community very soon.

Thank you once again to all of our delegates for joining us!



Upcoming CPD

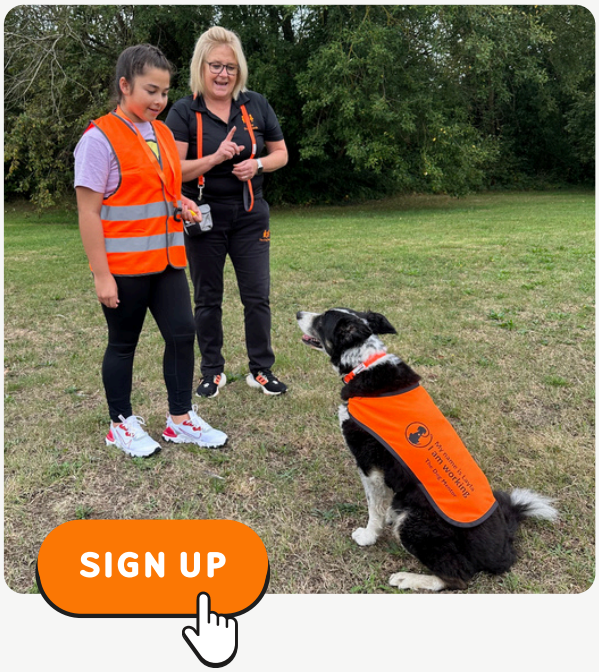
This Month's CPD: Dog Training Tips with Jenny
Thursday 9th July, 7pm

Do you have questions about your school dog's behaviour? Are you looking for practical dog training tips or advice to help support your Dog Mentor in school?

This month, we are delighted to invite you to join a live CPD session with Jenny, who will be sharing her knowledge, experience and practical strategies to help you feel more confident when working alongside your school dog.

This session is a great opportunity to explore common behaviour challenges, gain a better understanding of dog body language and learn simple training techniques that can be implemented within your school environment.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from Jenny, share experiences with other Dog Mentor schools.



June Highlights



It looks like Bear was making sure the Dog Mentor shop was fully stocked at the conference... or perhaps he was just searching for the treats!



Vinnie is taking a well deserved break and making sure to keep cool and hydrated!



Happy birthday Maggie! The children in Nursery made her a card and gave her some treats to celebrate!