

Records tumble at primary school swimming gala

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Emilia Dunwoodie picked up the Championship Best Performance cup after breaking three records at the gala

Records tumbled as young swimmers from the district took part in a school swimming gala.

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The St Albans District Primary School Swimming Championships gala, held at St Albans School, is for pupils in Years 5 & 6.

Almost 100 pupils took part in the event, which is also used for selection of the district team to compete in the Hertfordshire Primary Schools Inter-District Championships at Watford next month.

Emilia Dunwoodie from Harpenden Academy was the stand out swimmer at the meet, achieving three records in her four events.

She also walked away with the Championship Best Performance cup.

Dunwoodie broke a long standing record in the 50m Freestyle for Year 5 girls by over a second, a significant margin.

James Atwell from The Grove Junior School in Harpenden broke two records on his way to victories in three events.

Kirsty Fuge from St Albans High School for Girls was another record-breaker.

The year 6 girls group was particularly competitive with Freya Dibley, Lucy Coia-Bell and Sarah McGrath all winning a mixture of events.

Andrew Ellis, chair of the St Albans District Primary Schools Association said: "The standard of the St Albans District swimmers was extremely high this year and this was confirmed with 6 records broken.

"The selected team will now go on to attempt to regain the Herts Championship trophy, last won by St Albans District in 2014."