

## **The English Primary Schools Chess Association Championship**

On Saturday 14th January, James Moreby and William Wilkinson made the long trip to Liverpool to play in the English Primary Schools Chess Association Championship. In the Under 9 A section that was made up of the strongest 24 players, James played well and after winning some very tough games, including beating last year's champion, ended the day with 5 points out of 6 and overall 2nd place. In a nail biting finish, the winner of the tournament ground out a win in his final game for a score of 5.5 points meaning that James then had to settle for the runners-up trophy.

Meanwhile, William was competing in the Under 11 section. After a difficult start, William did really well and won his last 4 games in a row to score 4 points out of 6. This was the score William needed to achieve his goal of progressing his qualification for the England Under 11 Team Trial to take place later in the year. William will now compete in a further tournament near Reading in 2 weeks time in an attempt to secure his place at the trial. Good Luck, William!

*James Moreby*