Summer Grand Prix

Hello 2026,

Parents,

Thank you once again for supporting North of Tyne Athletic Network (NOTAN) firstly by entering and then bringing your child(ren) along to today's event at Churchill Playing Fields, Whitley Bay, on Sunday 7th June 2026, a windy but dry day.

66 athletes took part in the usual format of run, jump, throw and sprint with some stand out performances with several athletes producing competition best in their respective age groups including in the Year 3 group Joshua Bentil running 8.8 seconds, in the sprint, George Shotton running the 400m in 1 minute, 22 seconds, and throwing the howler 27 metres and 45 centimetres and William Dunning jumping 1 metre 71 centimetres.

We also had Sophie Dobson running 9.2 seconds for the sprint, Remi Wintrip jumping 1 metre and 61 centimetres and throwing 13 metres and 42 centimetres, and Isla Hughes running the 400m in 1 minute and 30.2 seconds.

In Year 4 category we had a dominant display from Harris Jobson producing the day's best performance in the sprint (11.5 seconds), the run (1min 56.9), and the jump (1.98 metres) with Lukas Davies heading the throw in 27.98 metres.

Ivy Johnston led the Year 4 girls in the sprint (12.5 seconds), the run (2 mins 05.6 seconds) and the jump (1.83 metres) whilst Sophie Rockcliffe gained success in the throw (22.48 metres).

Zac Bentil dominated the Year 5 sprint (11.7 seconds) and the jump (3.65 metres) whilst Joseph Kelly did the run the fastest (2 min 03.6 seconds) and Samuel McDermott threw the howler farthest (29.97 metres).

Peggy Walsh led the Year 5 girls in the sprint (12.4 seconds) and the jump (3.05 metres) and Alia Wintrip was the fastest distance running covering the 600m in 2 min 08.8 seconds) and Arna Buchapill threw the howler farthest with a distance of 22 metres and 18 centimetres).

Emily Mann has the was the fastest Year 6 sprinter clocking an impressive 14.9 seconds for the 100m. Emily also led the girls in the 800m run clocking 2 mins 34.8 seconds, and throwing 23.08 metres in the howler. Alba McCartney jumped an impressive 3.64 metres to lead the girls jump.

Jasper Holland was the leading boy sprinter completing the 100m distance in 15.2 seconds, just edging another all-rounder performance this time from Matthias Gheorghui, who lead the Year 6 category in the run clocking 2 min 25.2 seconds in the 800m, 4.25 metres in the jump and creating a new NOTAN record of 45.49 metres in the howler.

Alongside Matthias Gheorghui, both Harrison Jobson and Emily Mann have the makings of great multi-event athletes. We hope they follow in the foot steps of Luke Pichler, a former NOTAN athlete who was recently selected to represent England at a junior international meeting in the Heptathlon event.

The day could not operate without the assistance of Salius, who provide the first aid cover, and North Tyneside Council, for the track and North Shields Polytechnic Club the club house, and finally the volunteers without whom I would go grey, and some of whom don't even know they are volunteers until they arrive!

Our next event is on Saturday 11th July 2026. Entries will open prior to the event so keep your eyes open.

For full results see attached.

Tommy Brannon

Chair