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HIGHLIGHTS!

This term our programme at Braywick Leisure Centre has continued to grow even further, welcoming many new players in all junior groups. We now teach more than 250 children each week—a record for us. Additionally, adult participation has doubled, which is fantastic. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Over the last few years, we have focused on building a united, passionate and reliable coaching team here at Delgado Tennis and this achievement is thanks to the our outstanding team; a big shout out to our lead coaches Jack, Ellis, Justin, Michael and Andrew!

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve the services provided to our players, we are pleased to announce that, under the name "Leisure Focus," **we have become an LTA-affiliated venue. This affiliation brings numerous benefits, including participation in the Wimbledon ticket ballot and eligibility to compete in all junior and adult inter-club leagues beginning in April 2026.**

To help guide and manage these upcoming improvements, we're pleased to share that coaches Jack and Ellis are now joint Head Coach Managers for Delgado Tennis at Braywick LC. Their new roles provide on-site leadership for the exciting initiatives planned at Braywick, ensuring there's always a contact to assist you with any day to day coaching questions that you may have.

All booking enquiries, both during termtime and holidays, remain unchanged, and Martine will continue as Head Admin for Delgado Tennis.

We are thrilled that we are finally an LTA site and will update you soon on the teams and age groups representing Delgado Tennis in 2026!

In the coming months, we will be reviewing and exploring new opportunities for both juniors and adults and will communicate further once we have finalised our plans.

We welcome any feedback you may have; please feel free to share your suggestions or desires with our Head Coaches.

Paul Delgado
Founder and Director of Delgado Tennis

Players Shoutouts!

Congratulations to **Mayukh Vimaneni** from our Mini Reds group. He has shown some great tennis this term and has been competing like a champion! The coaches have lost count how many times he has been the *Ghost Busters* victor! Additionally, a big well done to **Rishiv Ramesh** who has demonstrated excellent listening skills during his lessons.

Congratulations to **Giorgia Barbi** from the Junior Hitters 1 (red) group. She always arrives at tennis with a smile and leaves with a bigger one! Giorgia shows kindness and compassion to the other children in her group. Great job Giorgia!

Mark Vest is our featured player from our junior hitters 2 (orange) groups. Marks tennis is continuing to improve week by week and he consistently shows fantastic enthusiasm for the sport!

Congratulations to **Myla Harkiss** from our Green Ball groups! This term, Myla has continued to improve her tennis thanks to her hard work, positive mindset and willingness to listen and ask questions. Fantastic effort Myla!

Another special mention goes to green ball superstar **Max Dickinson**, who has consistently shown a great attitude, especially during his match sessions; showing a great willingness in winning and losing! Well done, Max!

Finally, congratulations to our yellow ball player **Zach Evans** who has consistently delivered strong tennis this term, while also being a great role model for the children at the camps and assisting in the group lessons with the reds. Zach has shown what it means to be a great assistant—well done!

Furthermore, our yellow ball player **Harriet Rundle** has demonstrated great passion in her lessons, and her tennis is progressing very nicely. Excellent work, Harriet!

The World of Tennis:

The very exciting news for Delgado Tennis is that Jamie Delgado has been hired as Jack Draper's new lead coach ahead of the 2026 ATP season. Jack Draper is the British number 1 and currently sits at 11 in the world following a period of time off injured. The appointment was announced in October 2025, and it marks a new chapter for Draper, who is recovering from an arm injury that ended his 2025 season. Jamie Delgado previously coached Andy Murray during his rise to world number one and also worked with Grigor Dimitrov. We can't wait to see Draper back on the court and be part of the Delgado Tennis journey!

The Professionals also started this term at the US Open. The finalists on the Women's side were world number 1, Aryna Sabalenka against American world number 8, Amanda Anisimova. Sabalenka won 6 – 3 in the First, the second set was a battle going to a tie break with Sabalenka winning 7-6 (7-3)

As for the Men's side, it was no surprise to see the 2 best players in the world in the final slam of the year. Carlos Alcaraz beat Jannik Sinner 6 – 2, 3 – 6, 6 – 1, 6 – 4. These two have dominated the sport this year with each winning 2 slams this year out of the 4!



Player of the Term

Congratulations to **Luke Woltjer**, our Autumn 2025 player of the term!

Luke has consistently shown great positivity on the court and has shown strong competition in match play sessions.

Keep up the excellent tennis, Luke!



Rules on court

We would like to highlight the importance of our Rules on Court. At the beginning of each term we will be spending a few minutes discussing with each group the critical standards and expectations we have of each other. Can parents also share these rules with their children and remind them of these rules when needed.

- **Respect your racquet!**

Don't throw it, don't use it as a weapon, and don't leave it lying around.

- **Do not touch the net!**

Respect for the protocols we observe in tennis, including that we don't lean on the net, strike the net with our racquets or crawl under/climb over the net.

- **Do not sit on the court!**

We remain attentive, embrace our energy and stand strong.

- **Respect your fellow players!**

We encourage and enjoy each other, we help and participate, we do not bully or name-call, and most certainly do not use inappropriate or offensive language in talking in the group.

January-March 2026

Term dates:

Tuesday 06 January 2026 - Saturday 28 March 2026

Booking will open soon!

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Delgado Tennis Camps

Our next camp:

February half-term

Monday 16 - Thursday 19 February 2026

Book here:

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Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas, and thank you once again for your ongoing support.

The Delgado Tennis Coaching Team