



KS2 CROSS COUNTRY RACE SERIES – 2026-27

We are delighted to invite your school to take part in our Primary Cross Country Race Series, held across four separate heats. It's a brilliant opportunity for children to challenge themselves, represent their school and enjoy the spirit of competition in a safe, supportive environment.

Who Can Take Part

- Open to all children in Years 3-6
- Pupils run as individuals, with points contributing to both individual and team championships

Individual Championship

- Each runner earns points based on their finishing position
- Points accumulate across all four races
- Overall winners crowned at the final event

Team Event

- If 4 runners from the same school and category compete in a race, they form a team
- Team score = sum of their finishing positions
- Lowest total score wins
- Team results calculated per race and across the series

Schools League Format

- Each school's league score will be based on their best 2 team results from the 4 races
- League tables and individual standings will be shared with schools after each event

County Finals Qualification

- The winning and runner-up teams in each category will qualify for the Derbyshire Active Schools Network County Schools Finals

Safeguarding & Supervision

- A responsible adult must accompany each child (after school event)
- Teachers are encouraged to attend with their teams (after school event)
- Schools may permit parents/carers to bring their child to the event
- Please note: SHAPE accepts no responsibility for supervising children at the event

What Schools Need to Do

- Promote the series to pupils in Years 3-6
- Coordinate team entries where possible
- Ensure supervision arrangements are in place
- Prepare pupils for registration and race timings
- Look out for further details on course layout



VENUE – DATES – RACE **TIMINGS (APPROXIMATE)**

HEAT 1 – 20/10/2026 – Holmebrook Valley Park, S41 8XP

- 15:45 - Registration Opens (Runners must register 15-20 minutes before their race)
- 16:15 - Year 3-4 Girls
- 16:30 - Year 3-4 Boys
- 16:45 - Year 5-6 Girls
- 17:00 - Year 5-6 Boys
- 17:15 - Event approximate finish time

HEAT 2 – 04/11/2026 – Sharley Park (see venue protocol on booking page of our website)

- 13:00 - Registration Opens (Runners must register 15-20 minutes before their race)
- 13:30 - Year 3-4 Girls
- 13:45 - Year 3-4 Boys
- 14:00 - Year 5-6 Girls
- 14:15 - Year 5-6 Boys
- 14:30 - Event approximate finish time

HEAT 3 – 26/01/2027 – Gosforth Playing Fields, S18 8NP

- 13:00 - Registration Opens (Runners must register 15-20 minutes before their race)
- 13:30 - Year 3-4 Girls
- 13:45 - Year 3-4 Boys
- 14:00 - Year 5-6 Girls
- 14:15 - Year 5-6 Boys
- 14:30 - Event approximate finish time

HEAT 4 – 25/02/2027 – Holmebrook Valley Park, S41 8XP

- 15:45 - Registration Opens (Runners must register 15-20 minutes before their race)
- 16:15 - Year 3-4 Girls
- 16:30 - Year 3-4 Boys
- 16:45 - Year 5-6 Girls
- 17:00 - Year 5-6 Boys
- 17:15 - Event approximate finish time