

## St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer

16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

We are planning to resume cross country training for Key Stage 2 children.

The school practices will take place every **Thursday lunchtime** at the cricket field **starting on 18<sup>th</sup> September**. For the practice day, your child will need to bring their outdoor PE kit to change into after the morning lessons (unless it is their PE day).

Your child will return to school in time to eat their school dinner or packed lunch.

The practices are primarily to support children who intend to take part in races. Unfortunately, The Mallory Park fixtures will not take place this year (see letter from the organisers below). We will be looking at alternative fixtures. One event your child may be interested in is the Seagrave Scurry. Full details can be found at <https://seagravescurry.co.uk/s1/>

Please indicate whether your child / children can attend the school's sessions by clicking on the below link:-

Click here to submit your response: <https://forms.office.com/e/1jDDpXZ1y4>

Kind regards,

Mrs Campbell, Mr Codd and Mrs Cherry



## IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR 2025 SEASON \*

Sadly, on behalf of Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland (LLR) Schools Cross Country League I am not in a position to agree contracts with the third-party contract holder for the use of Mallory Park for the 2025 Autumn season.

I would like to put on record that we are extremely grateful to the Mallory Park team for all their help, kindness and support over the last 2 years.

It is, and has always been, LLR Schools Cross Country League primary aim to make our events affordable and inclusive to every young person in the area. We have welcomed all children who live or are educated in our area, including home schooled.

The league has given every young person, for the last 48 years the opportunity to experience a high-quality event in the countryside in all weathers, get muddy and have fun while exercising. We've helped them do that without the cost extending to our families. This has been possible due to the amazing work which our small team of volunteers has carried out over the last 5 decades.

With this in mind, we are unable to subsidise the event sufficiently to keep it affordable for many of our families this year.

I have therefore taken the very difficult decision to cancel the 2025 season. This will allow us the time to build our organisation to fully support our return, concentrate on finding a venue, secure sponsorship, and additional support so we can return even better in 2026.

We understand that this will be a disappointment to so many young people but truly hope that you understand this decision and that you will return with us again next year. This was not a decision I took lightly and I have spent many, many hours over the summer trying to find a solution.

If you, or anyone you know, may be able to offer any support, whether it be the gift of your time, or you are able to offer any sponsorship opportunities, please do contact us, a breakdown of our costs can be found on the website.

We would like to thank you once again for all your continued support over the years and we look forward to welcoming you all again in 2026.

On behalf of our fantastic team of volunteers, I hope we'll see you again in 2026.

Best wishes

Mike McSharry  
Race Director  
Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country

