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Dear Parents

**Salisbury Schools Mini-Marathon: Saturday 16th May 2026– Laverstock Schools' Site**

**Please carefully read the details for this event:**

**Parking:** Please allow plenty of time for parking and consider different options due to the volume of traffic generated by such a huge event with 1300+ runners. There are many issues surrounding parking in Laverstock so consider car sharing. Car parking is available at £3.00 cash per car at the Laverstock and Ford Social Club. Please note that cars parked at the Social Club are parked entirely at the owner's risk. It may be an option to use the Park and Ride car park on the London Road. Parents should **not park** in the secondary schools, One Stop, along Church Road or in Elm Close.

**Access:** Please access the race start on the playing fields either through St Andrew's Primary School site or through the main access route adjacent to the entrance to Wyvern St Edmund's.

**The Course:** The course is likely to be rutted in many places. It is therefore vital that all those taking part wear sturdy trainers on the day. Please ensure your children take extreme care when running on the course.

**Event details:**

- Your child needs to be at the venue at least **30 minutes before his/her race** to allow for registration and warm up. Marshalling takes place 10 minutes before the allocated race time.
- Find our Stratford sail banner for our meeting point and ensure your child registers with Mrs Waters or Mrs Rudman.
- All runners and spectators must access the field/race area via the pathways, which will be signposted on the day. You should not enter via the secondary schools' buildings. Children and parents should also be advised that use of the secondary schools' ground is at their own risk.
- On arrival, please find your school gazebo/meeting point and ensure your child registers with the designated teacher/parent.
- **Please ensure your child stays with the school group until he/she has raced.** Once completed, you are free to take your child to watch the rest of the races, but please inform school staff that you are doing so. It is very busy and we need to ensure **your child is either supervised by school staff or parents.**
- Adult runners need to arrive at the start line by 0910. The top three male and female runners will be celebrated at the presentation ceremony.

- Please bring plenty of water to drink for after the race. Refreshments can be bought on site.
- Children should wear school PE kit for the race and ensure laces are done up securely. Please do not let them race in sweatshirts and tracksuit trousers as they will overheat.
- Please fasten your child's number to the **FRONT** of their t-shirt using 4 safety pins ensuring any school logo is clearly visible. Children cannot run without their number.
- There are no changing facilities or shelter from the rain, so please come prepared.
- Portaloos will be on the school field.
- No dogs will be allowed on the site.
- All parents are politely requested to remain the school side of the orange fencing and wait this side until your child has come out of the results tent. Parents, you should not be running alongside your child at any point. We have Sports Leaders from Wyvern St-Edmund's and Sarum Sisters in support.
- St John's Ambulance is in attendance. If your child is injured, then listen to announcements and arrange to meet at the St John's Ambulance vehicle situated close to the marshalling tent.
- Please all stay for the presentations after the races have finished to support your school. We will aim for 1200 outside the marshalling tent.
- Music is kindly provided by Salisbury Radio.

<b>RUN</b>	<b>Marshalling Time</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Distance</b>
Adult 18+ open race	09.05	09.15	2300m
Y 3 & 4 Girls	09.35	09.45	1900m
Y 3 & 4 Boys	10.05	10.15	1900m
Y 5 & 6 Girls	10.35	10.45	2300m
Y 5 & 6 Boys	11.05	11.15	2300m

Kind regards

Justine Watkins