



4 April 2025

Dear Families,

### PTA Colour Run 2025

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Colour Run is scheduled for **Saturday 17 May 2025 from 12.00pm to 5.00pm**. Back by popular demand, this vibrant event promises to be fun, inspiring, and a fantastic day out for all our children and families. Best of all, every penny raised will go directly back into enhancing the children's school experience, equipment, and education.

The central inspiration for Colour Runs is Holi, a Hindu festival that has been celebrated in India for centuries. In India and other celebrating countries, people play with coloured powder (gulal) to symbolise the triumph of good over evil. The festival also celebrates the beginning of a new season.

#### The Run & Timings

The Colour Fun Run will take place around the school grounds, featuring several 'colour stations' where participants will be showered in non-toxic coloured powder. By the finish line, everyone will be looking wonderfully colourful!

Children will be encouraged to run distances appropriate to their year groups, but everyone is welcome to run at their own pace. Parents and carers are encouraged to run alongside younger children if needed, and our dedicated marshals will be on hand for additional support.

Year Group Wave	Recommended Distance/Laps	Registration Time	Warm Up	Start Time
YN/YR	1km (1 lap)	12.15pm – 12.45pm	12.50pm	1.00pm
Y1/2/3	2km (2 laps)	12.45pm – 1.15pm	1.20pm	1.30pm
Y4/5/6	3km (3 laps)	1.15pm – 1.45pm	1.50pm	2.00pm
Adult Race	1km (1 lap)	1.45pm – 2.15pm	2.20pm	2.30pm

All children will have the opportunity at school to practice the course in the week prior to the event, and medals will be awarded to all children who participate.

#### Colour Run Equipment

We suggest runners wear a **white t-shirt** for maximum colour impact, but any comfortable clothes are suitable. Instead of race numbers this year, we encourage children to write their **name and class number** on their t-shirts. While some marker pens will be available on the day, we suggest decorating shirts in advance, for added creativity and fun.

**Eye protection** (e.g., sunglasses, masks, or goggles) is mandatory for all participants to ensure safety. Anyone without eye protection will be asked to stop running.

#### Post-Run Celebrations

At approximately 3.00pm, after the final race, we will hold a **Colour Party** on the top field. Children will be encouraged to throw the contents of their individual colour pouches into the air to celebrate their achievements (avoiding faces).

We will have a DJ playing music and motivating runners throughout the day. A well stocked paid **bar** (cash or contactless) and **BBQ** will be available, with one BBQ item included in every ticket. Water and squash will also be provided for participants.

Live music and performances from local artists will keep everyone entertained, and the event will conclude around **5.00pm**.

### **Colour Run Entry Information**

To help us plan effectively, ticket sales are now open and will close on **Wednesday 23 April at 10.00am**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late entries or on-the-day sign-ups.

### **Runners' Entry - £10.00 per person**

Includes:

- Entry to the event
- Individual colour pouch (for the colour party)
- Medal
- BBQ Sausage/Burger/Veggie Burger
- Shared powder for the colour stations and colour party
- Water and squash

### **General Admission Entry - £5.00 per person**

Includes:

- BBQ Sausage/Burger/Veggie Burger
- Access to all entertainment, including the opportunity to join the adult race

Tickets will be checked at the East and West Gates, so please have them printed or available on your phone.

### **Please Volunteer!**

We rely heavily on volunteers to make events like this possible. We need help with registration, colour stations, marshals, BBQ, bar, and setup/clean-up. Without enough volunteers, we may have to delay opening some areas.

Please spare a little of your time to help make this fantastic event happen. More information on how to volunteer will follow from your Class Rep.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting day with you all and thank you for your support in making the Colour Run a memorable and successful event for the whole school community.

Best wishes,

**Will Brown, Scott King and Matt Pike**

On behalf of the PTA

### **Important Information about the Colour Powder**

- The powder is sourced from <https://www.holicolorpowders.co.uk>, a trusted supplier for similar events.
- The powder washes off skin, hair, and clothing. However, those with light or blonde hair may experience slight staining for a couple of days.
- For those concerned about powder in hair, wearing a cap or bandana is recommended.
- Eye protection is essential to avoid discomfort; first aiders will be available if needed.
- While the powder is safe, runners can bypass colour stations or skip the Colour Party if they prefer.
- Anyone with cornstarch allergies should avoid this event (no current pupils have reported this allergy).
- The powder is environmentally safe and non-toxic.

For added comfort, consider bringing a change of clothes or an old towel if you are travelling home by car after the event.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Colour Run 2025!