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RACE DAY INSTRUCTIONS

for the 2km Mudling, 5km Mudlite and 11km Mudlark

Sunday 11th October 2026

RACE HQ

All races start and finish at the Withymead Playing Fields, Marshfield, SN14 8PB.

- What3Words - <https://w3w.co/flagged.replenish.ballroom>
- Google Pin - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EumGKkTj2bq81ugJ6>

Marshfield is approximately 7 miles north of Bath and is easily found off the A420 between Bristol and Chippenham.

Please ensure that any dogs are kept on short leads.

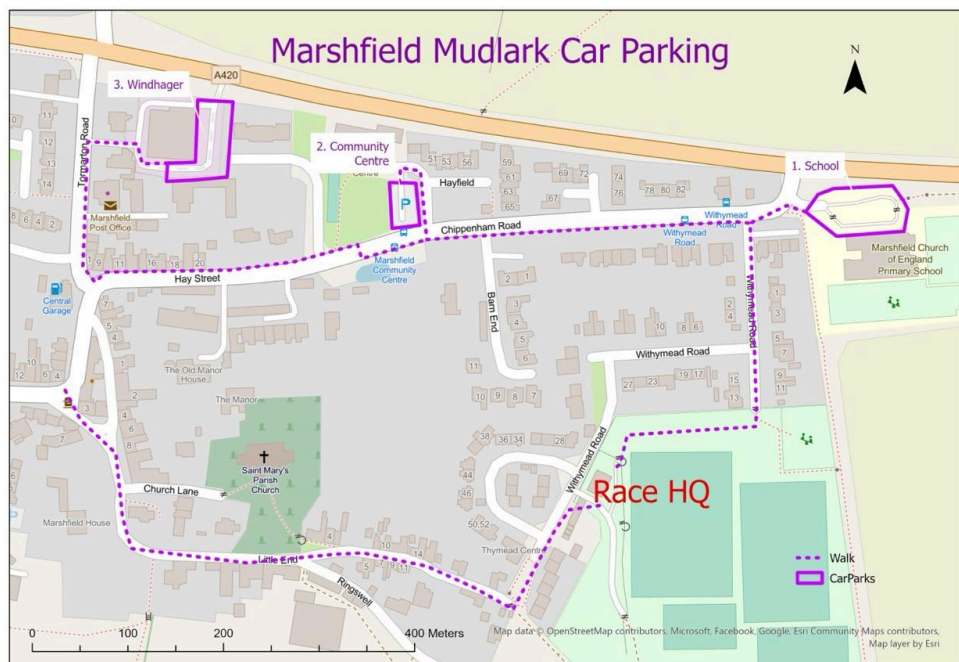
PARKING

There is **no parking at Race HQ**. We also ask runners to avoid parking in Withymead Road. Please follow requests made by the parking stewards on the day.

Allocated parking has been arranged at three locations:

1. [Marshfield Primary School](#)
2. [Marshfield Community Centre](#)
3. [Windhager Ltd](#)

The map shows walking routes (5-10 minutes) from the parking areas to Race HQ. When all allocated parking spaces are full, please park considerably in the village and walk to Race HQ along one of the routes shown.



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WARM-UP, RACE TIMINGS AND RACE BRIEFING

8:30	Race Registration Opens
9:20	2km Mudling Warm-Up (all runners and supporters welcome!)
9:30	2km Mudling - Start
10:00	Race Briefing for 5km Mudlite and 11km Mudlark
10:15	11km Mudlark - Start
10:30	5km Mudlite - Start
10.35	Mudling Prizes
12.00	Mudlite and Mudlark Prizes

If you have entered the 5km Mudlite or the 11km Mudlark, please attend the Race Briefing at 10am in front of the pavilion as it contains important information for the routes.

The start line will be clearly visible on the day and will be the same for all races.

RACE NUMBERS

Collect your race numbers from our friendly helpers in the registration tent at Race HQ from 8.30am. All races are chip timed and the chip will already be on the back of your race number. **Please bring safety pins with you** and attach your race number to your clothing so that it can be clearly seen.

Registration for each race will close 15 minutes before each race's start time.

Please complete the requested information on the reverse of your number. This will include any special medical conditions and medications carried. If possible, bring this to the attention of the Race Director on the day.

TOILETS, CHANGING AND BAG DROP

There are toilets and limited changing facilities inside the pavilion at Race HQ. The showers will **not** be in use. There will also be some portable toilets and a urinal unit in the grounds at Race HQ.

We will have a supervised undercover bag drop, close to the registration area where you collect your race number.

REFRESHMENTS

Marshfield Primary School PTA will be providing hot and cold drinks, home-made cakes and bacon baps that can be purchased in the pavilion (cash great if possible but contactless accepted). All proceeds will go towards raising funds for Marshfield Primary School PTA.

ROUTES AND TERRAIN

Route maps for each race will be available on our [website](#) from midweek.

Please note that the Mudling and Mudlark routes cross sections of private land. We're very grateful to local landowners for allowing us access for race day. The private land should NOT be accessed outside of the period of the race. We thank you for your co-operation as we rely on the generosity of local landowners for making the races possible.

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Current forecasts suggest some rain leading up to race day however much of the ground is still very dry, cracked and uneven and there are plenty of trip hazards: so be careful. There are steep climbs and ascents on all routes and all-terrain or trail shoes are advised. Spikes are not recommended due to some short tarmac sections.

There is a race cut-off time of 2 hours for the 11km Mudlark, and any runners not reaching the first water station within 45 minutes will be asked to withdraw. The first water station is approximately at the 5km marker which allows for an average of 15 mins/mile (9 mins/km) to that point.

Runners not at the first water station by 45 minutes will be accompanied back to Race HQ by the marshals.

WATER STATIONS

There will be water stations at the (approximate) 5km point and at the top of Ayford Lane (approx 7km) on the Mudlark route. Water will be provided at the finish for all events.

For pre-or post-race refreshments, head to the pavilion for the PTA Cafe.

MEDICAL COVER

Qualified First Aiders will be present to cover any emergencies. None of the races are deemed suitable for wheelchairs, prams or pets. There will be First Aid and medical cover at Water Station 2 and at Race HQ.

MARSHALS

There will be race marshals and officials both at Race HQ and along the route. All our lovely marshals are volunteers so please be polite and friendly to all those who have made the day possible. A cheery wave and a thank you whilst out on the course goes a long way!

The marshals will be wearing high viz jackets and are there to guide participants. They are not there to direct traffic nor administer First Aid.

Please direct any complaints to the Race Officials and **not** to the marshals.

SAFETY

Please take care when leaving the Withymead playing fields as runners may still be completing the course. Please observe instructions from marshals.

HEADPHONES

Headphones/earphones of any kind are not permitted so that you can clearly hear the instructions from our marshals and traffic on the occasional road sections.

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SPECTATORS

We advise spectators to support from Race HQ at the Withymead Playing Fields to catch your competitors crossing the finish line. Alternatively for the 2km Mudling or the 11km Mudlark, you may like to be on the path behind the skatepark as it looks down onto the fields where the 2km Mudling and 11km Mudlark make their way back to the Withymead. If you are fleet of foot, you should be able to leg it from the path back to Race HQ to catch the action of the finish line.

We strongly advise against supporting on the route, given the narrow roads and lack of parking. Please remember that any vehicles driving on the route whilst the race is underway present a significant hazard to the competitors.

CHILDREN

All children at the Withymead – whether competing in races or otherwise – remain the responsibility of parents and carers at all times. We will also have a 'lost child' point on the day. This will be clearly marked nearby the pavilion and a safeguarding representative will be in attendance.

FINISHING and PRIZES

Upon crossing the finish line, each participant will receive a race memento and we will also have water available, as well as a free ice cream courtesy of [Marshfield Farm](#). You do not need to hand in your race number as timing will be recorded automatically. Please then make your way promptly away from the finish funnel so that we can keep it clear for the latest finishers. Further refreshments will still be available to purchase post-race in the pavilion.

First across the line in various categories will get a small prize - the categories are:

2km Mudling:

Reception/Year 1/Year 2	First Boy and First Girl
Year 3/Year 4	First Boy and First Girl
Year 5/Year 6	First Boy and First Girl

5km Mudlite:

Year 6/Year 7	First Boy and First Girl
Year 8/Year 9	First Boy and First Girl
Year 10/Year 11	First Boy and First Girl
Not in the above (approx. 16 years+)	First Male and First Female

11km Mudlark:

U18	First Male and First Female
Senior (18-39)	First Male and First Female
V40 (40-49)	First Male and First Female
V50 (50-59)	First Male and First Female
V60+ (60+)	First Male and First Female
Affiliated Running Club Team Prize	The club with the fastest combined time from their first two male and first two female finishers.

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RESULTS

This is a chip-timed race and results will be available soon after the event on the Race Timing Solutions page : <https://results.racetimingsolutions.co.uk/results.aspx?CId=16269&RIId=24399>

We hope you have a great race and look forward to seeing you on the day!

For any further questions please email us at marshfieldmudlark@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP

This lovely event raises funds for our local primary school. Our future olympic athletes running the 2km are particularly encouraged to get sponsorship for their amazing efforts from friends and family. Every pound raised helps to enrich the learning experiences at the school so please ask shamelessly for donations.

Profits from the PTA Cafe add to our overall total so please reward yourself with a generous dose of tea and cake after you've recovered from crossing the finish line (well done!).

As well as our sponsors, a special thank you to:

- Kate Smith - Makery Kate - <https://www.makerykate.com/>
- Catherine Taylor - Created our lovely medals - <https://www.potsmarshfield.co.uk/>
- MORA (Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association)
- Windhager <https://www.windhager.co.uk/>
- Marshfield Community Centre <https://www.marshfieldcommunitycentre.co.uk/>

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