Sports' Report
West Berkshire and North Hants Primary School Cross Country Championships Yr 3-6
Tuesday 17th March, 2026

The Brightwalton team of 22 runners arrived at this event, the UK's biggest Primary School event with over 1600 runners and 4000 spectators. It took place at Newbury Showground and was superbly organised.
Each age group ran 2.35km around the showground in these categories: Year 3/4 girls, year 3/4 boys, year 5/6 girls and year 5/6 boys setting off individually every 30 mins.

There were children everywhere all in running kit and numbered up – plus huge numbers of supportive parents and school staff. The Year 3/4 girls amassed at the start line and our team of 4 girls set off. We lost sight of them and then all of a sudden, a ripple of applause and the front runners were running along a long line of parents to the finish line. It must have been a welcoming moment after such an exhausting run. All finished with smiles. Brightwalton girls had two finishes in the top 100 (83rd and 89th) and many in the top half of over 350 who took part.
Next the year 3/4 boys and as above, our enthusiastic team of 6 runners all eagerly marched to the start line. All finished and out of 400 and our best place was 115th – well done to all.
The year 5/6 girls followed and we had 2 in the top 100, 24th and 82nd. The year 5/6 boys again all finished and our best placed boy was 53rd.

For those who are leaving this will be a memory not to forget. Everyone in the team said they'd do it again! So, for next year a PB to beat.
Thank you to all the runners and those who came to support.
Enclosed some photos – apologies I didn't get one of the 5/6 boys.

Mrs Banks
For Brightwalton Sport