

PAR JUNIOR SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE – 14 January 2026

Just a few days after Storm Goretti, Newquay & Par AC were able to host the third Junior Schools Cross Country at Par thanks to the hard work of the ground staff to clear or cordon off areas of trees impacted by the winds.

Due to increasing numbers, the Year 5 Boys set off 1 minute ahead of the Girls, giving them both a less congested start. Oscar Riches (St Petroc's, Bodmin), took full advantage and was soon putting daylight between him & the chasing pack. Jacob, from Sandy Hill School pushed hard but was unable to close the gap with Finley (Ladock) just 3 seconds behind him. He led Ladock to victory with George 5th and Claude 8th. Biscovey kept up their pressure on the league leaders with good grouping by Probus at third.

Ophelia Willcocks (Gorran) had caught the boys half way around the course and moved quickly through the pack for her third decisive win. Although missing Orla New, the team still dominated the race with Demelza Vian at second and Isabelle Bishop fourth. Tywardreath's Olivia K was third, adding to her overall points and maintaining the school's second overall with St Wenn scoring well at third.

Sandy Hill showed the benefit of close packing to take the Year 6 Boys team win through Jowan 4th, Kobe 5th and Jax 6th. Harry H (Tywardreath) got the better of Seth Pickles (Biscovey) for his first win. This group will take interest right through to the final fixture at the end of February with both league leader prior to the race, Wilf Smejkal (Gorran) and third placed on the day, Leo Hocknall (Probus), needing to complete the last two races in top positions

Biscovey now have Sandy Hill beathing down their neck for the team win with Tywardreath waiting for the others to slip up

The Year 6 Girls title could go to any one of three with different winners at each race. This time it was the turn of Isabel Rowe (St Petroc's) to prevail, leading from the gun, holding off the other 67 boys and girls for a stunning victory. At second, Ellen S (Tywardreath) still holds the overall lead with the slimmest of margins with 1 point separating each of the top three places, including Sienna Hannaford (Biscovey) in third.

With Ellen, Betsy B's 4th and Georgia M at 6th, the trio added another clear victory for Tywardreath with Sandy Hill the most likely to split Tywardreath's A and B teams, finishing this way on the day.

The final two races are both in February on the 4th and 25th.