

FHC's Training Pack





So...you've signed up to Jingle Jog?

Jingle Jog is one of our favourite events of the year, so it's no surprise you want to be part of the action! This 5K training guide is designed to break your journey into manageable, achievable steps, helping you build confidence, strength and consistency along the way. Whether you're preparing for your first finish line or chasing a new personal best, remember that progress comes with time and commitment. Inside, you'll find everything you need to feel prepared and confident on race day.

Let's get started and make Jingle Jog 2026 your best race yet!

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What To Wear

Choosing the right clothing and footwear for race day can make a big difference to your comfort and performance. This guide will help you prepare by outlining the best clothing choices, from breathable layers to the right footwear, so you feel confident and ready to go!

Running Clothes

Breathable Running Top

Opt for a lightweight, moisture-wicking top, such as our FHC technical running t-shirts and vests, to keep you cool and dry. Avoid cotton, as it holds sweat and can cause discomfort.

Running shorts or leggings

Choose sweat-wicking, comfortable shorts or leggings that allow full movement. There is no rule as it's whatever you feel comfortable in, but be aware that some shorts may ride up and cause rubbing over time.

Socks

Choose moisture-wicking running socks and avoid cotton to help prevent blisters.

Shoes

Running Shoes

Wear well-fitted, supportive running trainers that you've trained in multiple times. Never wear brand-new shoes on race day! Choose a pair with good cushioning and support to match your running style, course type and distance.

Accessories

Sports Bra

A high-impact sports bra that provides full support and reduces discomfort during the run.

Hat

A lightweight cap or visor provides sun protection.

Sunglasses

Sports sunglasses with UV protection will help reduce glare.

Running Armband

Ideal for carrying essentials without weighing you down.

Final Tips

Dress for the weather, test your outfit and pin your race number in advance if you can.



What To Eat

Fuelling your body is key to performing your best at Jingle Jog. This guide will help you choose the right foods and hydration strategy for race day, covering pre-run meals, race fuel, and post-run recovery. From energy-boosting breakfasts to staying hydrated and refuelling after the race, these tips will ensure you feel strong, energised, and ready to run!

Pre-run Fuel

Your pre-run meal should provide energy without causing discomfort. Eat at least 1.5 to 2 hours before the race to allow time for digestion.

Carbohydrates are your main fuel source. Choose slow-release carbs like porridge, wholemeal toast, or a banana with peanut butter.

Protein helps sustain energy and prevent muscle breakdown. Add a small portion, such as yogurt, eggs, or a protein smoothie. Avoid Heavy or Greasy Foods.

Race Fuel

For a 5K, additional fuel isn't necessary unless you feel you need a small energy boost (e.g. jelly sweets).

Post-run Recovery

After your run, try to eat within 30–60 minutes of finishing.

Protein helps muscle repair. Aim for 15-25g from sources like lean meats, eggs, yogurt, tofu, or protein shakes.

Carbohydrates replenish energy stores with whole grains, fruits, or starchy vegetables.

Healthy Fats support your overall recovery (e.g., nuts, seeds, avocado).

Hydration

Before: Drink 500ml of water about 1-2 hours before the start. Avoid excessive caffeine or sugary drinks.

During: Sip water only if needed, especially for 10K runners. Over-drinking can cause discomfort.

After: Rehydrate with 500ml-1L of water over the next few hours. If it's hot or you've sweated a lot, consider an electrolyte drink.

Final Tips

Stick to familiar foods, listen to your body and don't forget to hydrate!

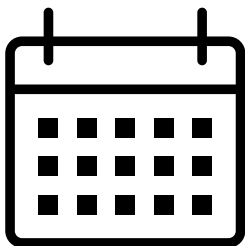


Top Training Tips

Our Top 6 Training Tips are designed to help you prepare, perform, and recover effectively. Following these tips will ensure you feel strong, confident and race-ready on the big day!

Tip 1

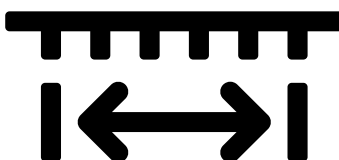
Start With A Strong Base



Begin your training at least 6-8 weeks before the event. Focus on gradually increasing your distance each week to build stamina and confidence.

Tip 2

Incorporate Interval Training



Boost your speed by adding interval runs to your routine. Alternate between fast-paced running and slower recovery periods. This will help improve your pace and endurance over time.

Tip 3

Focus On Form



Running form can make a big difference in efficiency and injury prevention. Keep your shoulders relaxed, your back straight, and your strides short. Don't forget to breathe deeply to avoid shallow breathing.

Tip 4

Rest & Recover



Make sure to schedule rest days into your routine. Your muscles need time to recover and strengthen. Overtraining can lead to injury and burnout, so listen to your body and take breaks when needed.

Tip 5

Simulate Race Day Conditions



Try running on similar terrain and at the same time of day as Run Frimley to familiarise your body with event day conditions. This will make you more comfortable and prepared on race day.

Tip 6

Create A Training Plan



Creating a training plan provides structure, consistency, and gradual progression, which improves endurance and speed. It allows you to set clear goals, avoid overtraining, and track your progress.

Top Brain Training Tips

When training yourself to run faster or for a longer distance, the challenge a mental block poses can be overwhelming. Here's our Top Mental Health Tips to overcome those negative thoughts!

Tip 1

Have A Clear Goal



Set yourself a series of SMART targets to smash. Ensure they are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Bound.

Tip 2

Visualise Success



Picture yourself crossing the finish line at the time/distance you want to achieve and the feeling of pride when you achieve your target.

Tip 3

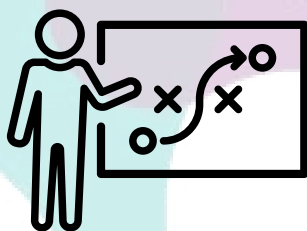
Break It Down Into Manageable Chunks



Break your sessions into manageable chunks to experience success, while you're building your confidence.

Tip 4

Consider Seeking Advice



Consider a coach or well-experienced friend who will help you strategise and work towards your goals.

Tip 5

Enjoy Yourself



Remind yourself of the benefits of running and try to enjoy the journey.

Tip 6

Take A Gradual Approach



Gradually work towards faster paces and longer distances to reduce the risk of discomfort and help boost your confidence.



Training Plan For Beginners

Up To 5K

This training plan is suitable for beginners, designed to prepare you to run for 40 minutes, which will equate to roughly 5 kilometres. Then you can gradually increase your fitness, so you can complete the distance in a faster time.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Rest	Run 15 mins slow pace	Run 15 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins slow pace	Run 20 mins slow pace	Run 15 mins slow pace	Run 20 mins slow pace
2	Rest	Run 10 mins fast pace	Run 15 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins slow pace	Run 20 mins slow pace	Run 10 mins fast pace	Run 25 mins slow pace
3	Rest	Run 15 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins slow pace	Run 15 mins medium pace	Run 15 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 30 mins medium pace
4	Rest	Run 15 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 15 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 30 mins medium pace
5	Rest	Run 20 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 15 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 35 mins medium
6	Rest	Run 25 mins fast pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins fast pace	Run 25 mins medium pace	Run 20 mins medium pace	Run 40 mins medium



FHC's 5K Training Plan

This 5K training plan is suitable for beginner to intermediate runners and has been designed to increase your speed and endurance.

REMEMBER: Warming up before and cooling down after you exercise is very important. Rest days are also a MUST!

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 20-30 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run 400-500m at a fast pace, walk/jog for 2 mins. Repeat x5	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 20-30 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run 1K at a fast pace, walk/jog for 1 min. Repeat x5	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 20-30 mins	Time trial Warm up. Run at a fast pace you can sustain for 20 mins	
2	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 25-35 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run for 30 secs at a fast pace, jog for 4 mins. Repeat x5	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 25-35 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run 1.5K at a fast pace, walk/jog for 1 min. Repeat x5	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 25-35 mins	Time trial Warm up. Run at a fast pace you can sustain for 25 mins	
3	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 30-40 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run for 3 mins at a fast pace, walk/jog for 3 mins. Repeat x10	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 30-40 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run for 2.5K at a fast pace, walk/jog for 2 mins. Repeat x10	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 30-40 mins	Time trial Warm Up. Run at a fast pace you can sustain for 30 mins	
4	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 35-45 mins	Interval Training Warm up. Run for 1 mins at a fast pace, walk/jog for 1 min. Run for 2 mins, walk/jog for 2 mins etc. Repeat x5	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 35-45 mins	Interval Training Warm Up. Run for 3K at a fast pace, walk/jog for 2 mins. Repeat x10	Gentle run (A run whereby you can still chat to a friend) Approx. 35-45 mins	Time trial Warm up. Run at a fast pace you can sustain for 35 mins	

It's Race Day!

The big day has finally arrived! All your training and preparation have brought you to this moment, so now it's time to soak it all in and enjoy the experience. Whether you're chasing a personal best or simply proud to cross the finish line, every step you take supports Frimley Health Charity and helps make a real difference. Trust your training — you've got this!

Pre-Race

Arrive early to warm up, use the toilets and soak in the atmosphere. Meeting supporters or other runners? Agree on a meeting point for the race. Most importantly, enjoy the experience!

The Start

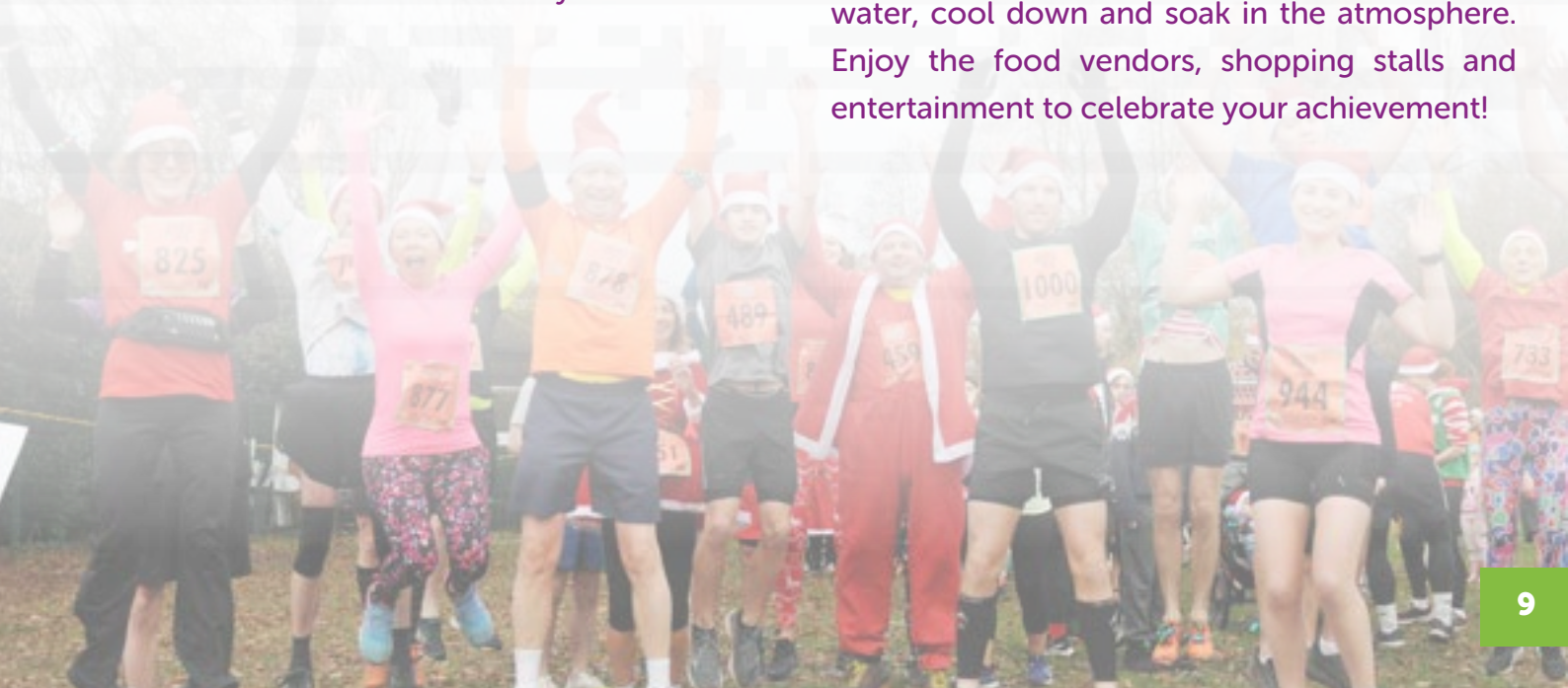
Each event - 5K and 1K Family Fun Run - has a designated warm-up and start time, which will be communicated to you in advance. Starts will be staggered based on your sub times. Check your race number to ensure you're in the correct route area. Listen for announcements and follow the instructions from event staff to ensure a smooth and safe start to your race.

The Finish

As you approach the finish line, follow the clearly signposted route and enjoy the final stretch - this is your moment to celebrate! Once you cross the line, our team will be there to congratulate you and present you with your well-earned medal. You'll also receive refreshments and water to help you refuel and rehydrate. Take a moment to catch your breath, soak in the achievement, and don't forget to snap a photo with your medal using #TeamFHC!

Post-Race

After collecting your medal, refreshments, and water, cool down and soak in the atmosphere. Enjoy the food vendors, shopping stalls and entertainment to celebrate your achievement!



Race Day CHECK LIST

Running outfit incl. Shoes

Race bib

Safety pins

Watch

Headphones

Sunglasses

Pre and post-race fuel

Water bottle



Get in Touch

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch:



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