



Dear Parents and Carers

Stroud Schools' Mock Trials Competition 2026

For the fifth year running, we have the opportunity to attend this very exciting event! In this competition, the class will take on the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff and prepare the prosecution of a specially written criminal case. Teams, from local schools, compete against each other in a live format. Their performances are judged by Magistrates and other legal professionals. The competition offers a great opportunity for pupils to gain an understanding of legal rights and responsibilities, the role and workings of the criminal justice system and to develop skills of discussion, public speaking, communication and teamwork. The children's roles are:

1 legal advisor	Ellianna	Very smartly dressed in sombre court appropriate clothes
2 magistrates	Emilia and Ed	Smartly presented
2 prosecutors	Marmaduke and Hebe	Smart Court appropriate clothes
3 prosecution witnesses	Millie, Fin and Sol	The character's normal clothes
2 members of the Youth Offending Team	Harry and Kian	Smartly dressed in office clothes
1 member of the Witness Service	Oliver	Smart/ casual clothes
1 court artist	Marianne	As an artist - there is a wide scope here
1 court reporter	Tom	As a reporter – a little more casual maybe than the other court users

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: Friday 13th March 2026

Venue: Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Westward Road, Ebley, Stroud, GL54UB

Timings: Leaving school at 8.45 to be there for 9.15am.

Transport: please let us know if you can help with this below/through email to the Admin Team

The children can wear an appropriate costume (I've included this in the final column) – we will talk about this at school. They will also need a waterproof coat.

We're so excited to be part of this opportunity again and we can't wait to see how well our Year 6 class do!

Mrs Knight

Year 6 Mock Trials competition (please email your response or send this slip back to school)

I give permission for my childto take part in the Year 6 Mock Trials competition.

Complete as appropriate: I can transport _____ children / I am unable to help with transport.

Signed (parent/carer) Date