

10th March 2026

Dear parents,

This year, in order to fulfil our curriculum obligations to teach all children to swim 25m by the time they leave Y6, we will be having a 'Pop up Pool' back on the school site for two weeks between 16th – 28th March . Children in Y5 and Y6 will swim every day for two weeks.

We're using the same company as last year so we know the pool is both covered and heated so there will be no difference between swimming in school and going to the baths.

In the two weeks each class will have:

- A daily 30 minute swimming slot with sessions being delivered by a qualified instructor (sessions will be at different times during the day to make sure the children aren't missing the same lesson each day.
- Life saving techniques
- Opportunities to swim for badges

Your child will need to make sure that they have the correct equipment in school for their swimming lessons:

- A set of swimming trunks (these must be swimming designed clothing and not shorts)
- A swimming costume (this must not be a bikini or a tankini unless it covers to the tummy)
- A towel (girls may wish to have a hand towel for hair if this is what they are used to at home)
- Goggles are not required but if your child gets stressed by water in their eyes you may choose to send goggles in)
- Swim hats are optional (but your child really needs to be able to put it on and take it off by themselves if they wear one)
- A comb or hairbrush
- **Please do not send any hair products, sprays or any toiletries – they aren't permitted.**

Please send their Swim kit into school each day, we will return the wet kit home each evening.

Children will be moving from school to the pool and back again after their lesson so we would suggest that your child also brings a comfy dressing gown (which can be left in school for the 2 weeks on their peg) and some slippers or sliders – if these aren't provided, they will slip their PE pumps on

There is nothing else that parents need to do except ensure that their child has the correct kit each day, and try not to miss any of these valuable lessons.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum for PE so all pupils are expected to participate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.