



13th July 2026

Dear Year 4 Parent/Carers,

Year 5 Swimming – Autumn Term 2026 (Cost £43.50)

We will be starting swimming lessons for all Year 5 children in September for the duration of the Autumn Term, and so we are notifying you this side of the summer holidays so you have time to prepare.

The swimming lessons will take place at the Splashpoint Leisure Centre and will begin on **Tuesday 15th September and continue until 8th December. All children will complete a 12-week series of taught lessons** including an assessment in the first session, which will determine the challenge level group they will be taught in.

It is a requirement of the National Curriculum for P.E. that schools teach swimming. We feel that it is vital that all children learn to swim for their own safety and for their enjoyment, and the swim teachers will ensure all children progress from their start point, no matter their ability.

The cost for the autumn term's swimming lessons covers transport, the hire of the pool with lifeguard and tuition. The school is matching roughly half the overall cost per child and so we are asking parents to make a contribution of **£43.50** to cover the remainder of this cost, this is equivalent to under £4.00 per weekly session.

We realise that this letter comes home at the same as the letter about the Gaveston Hall Activity Day for year 5, which is another expense right at the beginning of the academic year and so we are offering the option of flexible payments through MCAS so that you can pay for this over the next few months and during the autumn term. We will, of course, always be ready to help in cases of genuine financial difficulty – please do speak in confidence to the School Finance Assistant.

Timings for the swimming assessment and subsequent lessons starting on Tues 15th September as follows:

Kingfisher Class will be taken by coach to the first session at the pool for 2.00pm and return before 3.00pm.

Heron Class will attend the second session at the pool for 2.30pm and return to school with the coach by 3.30pm.

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All children will need a swimming costume, towel (plus extra for long hair), goggles and a swimming cap (now compulsory for all children as stipulated by the centre). Appropriate swimwear will be required; for girls this is a one-piece swim suit and for boys, swimming trunks or **short/tight** swimming shorts. Splashpoint does not allow the wearing of surfing shorts that come below the knee as any long shorts hinder the ability to swim correctly or the wearing of t-shirts.

Please complete consent/medical form by clicking onto the link below – we require this to be completed before the start of the autumn term:

[Yr 5 Swimming Consent for Autumn Term 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Yours sincerely,
Year 5 Team

SWIMMING DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2026

(for your notice board or fridge)



AUTUMN TERM 2026

15 September
22 September
29 September
6 October
13 October
20 October
Half Term

3 November
10 November
17 November
24 November
1 December
8 December