



Nash Mills CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Whole School Swimming Lessons

After half term in June, we will once again have a visiting swimming pool on our school playground and pupils in each class will have lessons. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and for our pupils living so close to bodies of water (including the canal) it is incredibly important that basic skills are developed.

Traditionally, school swimming takes place whereby one year group travels to a local pool each week by coach. After a set period, the lessons finish regardless of whether the children are able to swim or not. In having an annual whole-school swimming sessions, we aim to provide all of our pupils with continued teaching as they move through the school – helping them to revisit skills and make progress each year. Those who are already able to swim will be offered further support and teaching, including through topics such as life-saving and water safety.

In having a pool within school, it not only means that every child gets the opportunity to develop their skills, but it also saves time where children can continue learning and eliminates the need for coach travel to the local leisure centre, for which costs were becoming very high. We would ask for a contribution to the cost of lessons as outlined on the next page with payment made through Arbor.

After the May half term break, the 'pop-up' pool and marquee will be ready on our school playground and will stay in place for three weeks. On the days specified overleaf, pupils will have lessons led by fully qualified swimming teachers and a lifeguard. They will need to bring a swimming costume and towel with them to school in addition to goggles and a swimming hat if they have them. Each class will be split into groups, meaning that the tuition can be targeted based on the abilities within each group. They will change in a designated area of school including unused classrooms and the Key Stage 2 toilets which have large spaces and cubicles within, to ensure safety and dignity.

Unfortunately this year there has been a slight increase in cost due to general rises and the fact that the pools can now only be booked for a minimum of three week periods. This does mean that each class will have more opportunity to swim and the cost per lesson is under £5; a significant saving on private lessons or even a visit to the local pool. To support with this, the school is subsidising more of the overall cost for lessons this year too.

This is an exciting opportunity, which I hope all pupils will enjoy as much as last year.

If you have any further questions, please speak to the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Maher



Whole School Swimming Information

Monday 2nd – Friday 20th June 2025

Class	Session Focus and aims	Days swimming kit needed															Cost
		Mon 2 nd	Tues 3 rd	Weds 4 th	Thurs 5 th	Fri 6 th	Mon 9 th	Tues 10 th	Weds 11 th	Thurs 12 th	Fri 13 th	Mon 16 th	Tues 17 th	Weds 18 th	Thurs 19 th	Fri 20 th	
Nursery	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games.	Pupils to have two sessions each in small groups at the end of the day so parents may help with changing at the end of the session if needed. Days TBC															£10 per pupil
Reception	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games.	Pupils to have three sessions each in small groups at the end of the day so parents may help with changing at the end of the session if needed. Days TBC															£15 per pupil
Year 1	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games building towards swimming strokes.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											£20 per pupil
Year 2	Working to developing skills towards the national curriculum swimming expectations.		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	£40 per pupil
Year 3	Achieving the National Curriculum Swimming Expectations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£60 per pupil
Year 4	Securing and developing National Curriculum Swimming Expectations	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓							£20 per pupil
Year 5	Securing and developing different swimming strokes.				✓		✓		✓		✓			✓			£20 per pupil
Year 6	Lifesaving skills											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	£20 per pupil