



Nash Mills CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Whole School Swimming Lessons

After the May half-term, we will once again have a visiting swimming pool on our school playground, with lessons provided for pupils in every class.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and, given how close we are to local bodies of water (including the canal), it is an essential life skill. While we know that some children already attend lessons outside of school, we want to ensure that *all* pupils develop at least a basic level of confidence and competence in the water.

Traditionally, school swimming involves one year group travelling weekly to a local pool for a fixed period, with lessons ending regardless of the progress made. By having a pool on site, we can offer more consistent opportunities for all children as they move through school—allowing them to revisit skills, build confidence year on year, and make sustained progress. Those who can already swim will be supported to develop further, including through water safety and lifesaving skills. Having the pool in school also means less lost learning time for pupils and removes the need for coach travel, the cost of which was becoming prohibitively high.

Following the May half term, the 'pop-up' pool and marquee will be on the playground for three weeks. On the days outlined overleaf, pupils will take part in lessons led by fully qualified swimming teachers, supported by a lifeguard. Children will need to bring swimwear and a towel to school. We would also encourage them to bring goggles and a swim hat if possible. Classes will be split into smaller groups so that teaching can be closely matched to ability. Changing will take place in designated areas within school, including unused classrooms and toilets (which have cubicles), ensuring both safety and dignity.

We understand that costs continue to rise across the board and that this does create additional challenge. The cost per lesson is under £5—significantly less than private lessons or local pool visits—and the school is again subsidising a portion of this. We are also exploring ways to reduce costs further in future, such as moving to a biennial model.

For this year, we ask for a contribution towards the cost of lessons as outlined on the next page, with payment via Arbor. If helpful, payments do not need to be made immediately; the payment window will remain open until July.

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 1st – Friday 19th June 2026

Class	Session Focus and aims	Days swimming kit needed															Cost
		Mon 1 st	Tues 2 nd	Weds 3 rd	Thurs 4 th	Fri 5 th	Mon 8 th	Tues 9 th	Weds 10 th	Thurs 11 th	Fri 12 th	Mon 15 th	Tues 16 th	Weds 17 th	Thurs 18 th	Fri 19 th	
Reception	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															£9 per pupil
Year 1	Pool fun – getting used to being in a pool and playing games building towards swimming strokes.		✓		✓				✓	✓			✓		✓		£27 per pupil
Year 2	Working to developing skills towards the national curriculum swimming expectations.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	£50 per pupil
Year 3	Achieving the National Curriculum Swimming Expectations	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	£50 per pupil
Year 4	Securing and developing National Curriculum Swimming Expectations		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	£36 per pupil
Year 5	Securing and developing different swimming strokes.	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	£36 per pupil
Year 6	Lifesaving skills	Group 1 will swim each day (Groups TBC)					Group 2 will swim each day (Groups TBC)					Group 3 will swim each day (Groups TBC)					£22.50 per pupil

* 1 group will swim on days marked with a *. Pupils will be informed of this.

Please note that the pool company have a rule around those who have suffered from sickness or diarrhoea not swimming for two weeks after their illness.