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Swimming Lessons

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be starting swimming lessons in January 2027. The KS2 National Curriculum requirement is that all children can perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations and swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres by the end of Year 6. Lessons are a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum, and not optional. These lessons will be the children's second PE session as well as the Friday PE lessons with PH Sports.

Important:
Our expectation of behaviour is the same inside and outside of school and we will follow our school positive behaviour policy at all times. Any child that cannot keep themselves or others safe in the pool will be asked to be collected by their parents/carers immediately. We work in partnership with the swimming coaches and they will also inform us of any child that needs to exit the pool.

We have booked Five Rivers Leisure Centre**,** Hulse Rd, Salisbury SP1 3NR. For more information about Five Rivers Leisure Centre https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4338/Five-Rivers-Health-and-Wellbeing-Centre-Salisbury The children will be swimming during term time on Thursday mornings, commencing on Thursday 7th January until Thursday 18th March. The swimming lessons start at 10:30am and finish at 11:00am, therefore the children will be back at school for lunchtime. Children will travel on a Pewsey Vale Coach, Pewsey Vale Coaches Ltd, Hollybush Lane, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5BB www.pewseyvalecoaches.co.uk accompanied by Mrs Hillier and two teaching assistants.

We have two pools booked, the main pool for confident swimmers and the learner pool for children who need a higher level of support. Both pools have lifeguards to monitor children's safety. We have employed qualified swimming coaches to teach in both pools. Please note that the coaches will assess the children in the first week and decide which pool the children should swim in.

All children will need to bring swimming costume/trunks and a towel for changing. **Costumes must be one piece (no bikinis), trunks or board shorts, please make sure the shorts are not baggy**. Goggles and a swimming hat are also recommended. Children will need to put their

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swimming hat on independently. Wearing a hat enables the swimming teachers to easily identify children in the pool. We are committed to providing access to affordable swimming lessons, and usually the school would ask for a contribution from parents.

This year, we have made the decision, to fully fund all aspects of the lessons. Therefore, there will be no charge for swimming lessons.

Please complete the online form Parental Consent Form to provide your consent for your child to attend the lessons and travel by coach by Friday 4th December 2026.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office. If you need financial support to purchase any of the required resources, please contact Miss Priestley.

Kind regards,

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'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' John 15:12