



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy

'Putting Others First'

"Let no-one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour" (1 Corinthians 10:24)

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Dear families,

YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

As part of the PE curriculum, children in Year 5 will be taking part in swimming lessons at Shipley Pool, for the academic year 2026-2027.

The lessons take place every Thursday afternoon, from 2.15pm – 2.45pm and we will be back at school by 3.15pm. Please note that the lessons begin next **Thursday, 10th September 2026**.

Our swimming lessons provide children with the opportunity to access swimming in a safe and supportive environment in line with National Curriculum objectives, led by qualified instructors. Attendance at these lessons is therefore mandatory, just like any other subject taught in school. If there are any medical reasons or exceptional circumstances preventing your child from participating, please contact the school office as soon as possible to discuss this.

If your child is unable to swim on that particular day, they will stay back in school and will be given some work to complete during that time to ensure a purposeful use of their time.

Children should wear a full swimsuit or trunks. Goggles may be worn but are **not** recommended. Long hair **must** be tied back, and swimming caps are allowed. Jewellery must not be worn at all. Please go through the parent information pack sent through with the letter for more detailed information.

Any child who has an inhaler must bring it with them and take it to the poolside. Please ensure inhalers are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please complete the google form <https://forms.gle/jqwvkQ2vvng9vt8v5> indicating the permission for your child to take part. Please complete the form latest by **Monday 7th September 2026**.

Thank you.

Miss I. Mehta

Class Teacher
Year 5