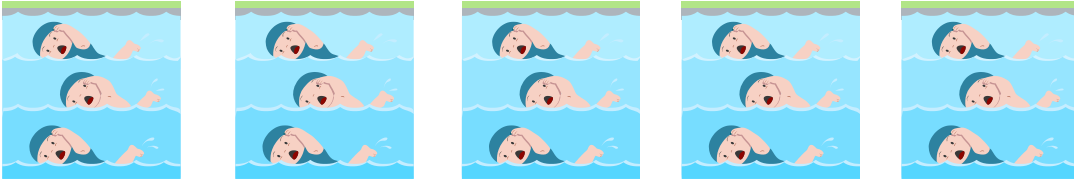


Swimming at St Mary's



We are very excited to be opening our swimming pool after the half term break.

During our first week back after the half term break, we will be running pool awareness sessions with the children so that they know what they will be doing, how to be safe and confident in the pool and on the pool side. They will not be going in the pool on Monday 5th June.

Children will be starting swimming at St Mary's from Tuesday 6th June through until the end of term. The following items will be required for swimming in the pool.

- **Swimsuit/Trunks**
- **Towel**
- **Towelling robe or extra towel to keep warm whilst sitting on poolside**
- **Flip-flops/suitable swim shoes to walk to and from the pool**
- **Goggles if needed (please practice with your child so that they can put these on themselves)**
- **Swim Hat (rubber or fabric). Please ask your child to practice putting their hat on and off over half term (children must have a swim hat to go into the pool). We have hats for sale in the school office, if needed.**

Reception Class

For Reception children the pool will be available (with parents on the poolside) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2.15 & 3.00pm. **Reception parents - please bring your child's swimming kit with you when you pick them up from class at 2.00pm as you will be able to get them changed by the pool.**

Years 1-4

Children in Year 1 through to Year 4 will be swimming most days during the week during school hours. The class staff will supervise them in the pool and the children will be able to develop their swimming skills and have fun.

Children in Years 1 & 2 are asked to bring in their swim kit every day **except Wednesdays** when they have PE, until the end of the summer term.

Children in Years 3 & 4 are asked to bring in their swim kit every day **except Tuesdays** when they have PE (Thursdays, they will swim as part of their PE), until the end of the summer term.

Please notify your class teacher your child's swimming ability - non-swimmer, beginner or strong swimmer via google classroom – many thanks.

Each class will receive a swimming lesson each week during their school time term swimming from a qualified ASA swimming teacher.

Kidszone

Any children who are attending Kidszone on a Wednesday will be given the option to swim in the pool under staff supervision between 4.30 & 5.15pm. As the children will already have their swim kits with them, they will be able to use these.

After School & Summer Swimming

There are two vouchers available:

After school voucher £25 for the term. Covering use of the pool for children Monday-Friday 3.15-4.30pm. Lifeguards will be on duty, parents come along to watch.

Lifeguard voucher £40 for the term and summer holidays. Covering use of the pool seven days a week. Please note to purchase a lifeguard voucher you must have completed the lifeguard training.

A swimming pool timetable will be released to those who have purchased the lifeguard pool vouchers. Please note that lifeguards who have completed the training must be present at the pool - it is helpful to make a group when you organise to go to ensure you are not alone at the pool.

If you would like to purchase the relevant voucher, please do this via Parentpay (one voucher per family not per child) - many thanks.

A set of pool rules will also be attached for information.

Any other questions please ask, and have a wonderful time!!