



BOTLEY C of E (Controlled) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Swimming lessons will be starting for all children from the week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025, immediately after half term. As an STA qualified swimming teacher and registered Aquatic professional, Mr Rowles will be coming back to school to teach swimming across the lower school and Mrs Shuttle will be leading the swimming for KS2. Both will be supported by qualified lifesavers.

On swimming days, the children will need to bring a named bag, which holds the following, (also all named):

- **A towel** (preferably large enough for younger children to wrap themselves in)
- **Swimming trunks, shorts** or a **one piece suit** - no bikinis
- **Rash vests** may be worn
- **Flip flops** or **sandals** which can be put on and taken off easily
- **A swimming hat** if hair is touching the shoulders or longer (this is essential for safety reasons)
- **Goggles** which children should be able to put on and remove themselves (optional)
- **A hairbrush** or **comb**
- **A school jumper** or **cardigan** that can be worn after swimming

For safety reasons, the following rules must be applied:

- No jewellery will be worn in the pool (children should not wear earrings on swimming days)
- Plasters may not be worn in the pool (children with open wounds will not be permitted to swim)
- Children who are ill should not swim

Your child will swim on one of the following days. Please ensure they have their swimming kit in school when they are due to swim.

Reception	Friday pm
Year 1/2**	Friday am
Year 3	Wednesday pm
Year 4	Tuesday* am
Year 5	Wednesday* am
Year 6	Thursday am

- * For the week beginning 2nd June, there is an amendment to the timetable. Year 4 will swim on Wednesday that week (4th June) and Year 5 will swim on the Tuesday (3rd June). This is due to the 3/4 school trip taking place on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.
- ** KS1 may come in with their swimwear underneath their uniform on their swim day (Friday).

Please note that there are strict operating procedures for the use of the swimming pool and in some unfortunate circumstances we may not be able to use the pool on the day that your child is due to swim. However, we will of course aim to ensure that your child has a full set of swimming lessons.

If you have not already done so, please consider paying the £15 suggested donation per child to contribute towards the huge cost of providing the children with swimming lessons. This can be done using Scopay. Thank you.

It is helpful for Year R and Year 1 to have a small number of parental helpers to get the children changed. If you are available to help in these year groups then please let your child's teacher know. We would of course need to provide you with a safeguarding induction and undertake a DBS check before you came to support in this capacity.

If you have any questions or queries regarding swimming, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cooil', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. J. Cooil
Headteacher