



St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Swimming Lessons 26-27

17th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As previously communicated, swimming arrangements at St Anne's have changed following advice from the swimming centre and guidance from qualified swimming instructors. This new approach will allow one year group to attend swimming lessons throughout the whole academic year, providing greater consistency and enabling children to make stronger progress in developing this important life skill.

We are pleased to inform you that Year 5 swimming lessons will commence on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Birtley Swimming Centre and will continue throughout the 2026/27 academic year.

Please note that your child must bring the following:

Girls

- Full one-piece bathing suit (no bikinis)
- Towel
- Long hair must be tied back

Boys

- Swimming trunks or swim shorts (no long, baggy swimwear)
- Towel

Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their swimming kit in a separate bag. Swimming lessons will form one of Year 5's weekly PE sessions and, therefore, Year 5 PE days will be:

- Monday
- Wednesday (Swimming)

Children will leave school after an earlier lunch and will return in time for the normal end of the school day.

Contribution Towards Transport

To help cover the cost of transport to and from Birtley Swimming Centre, we kindly ask for a contribution of £30 per term for each child. Contributions can be made via Arbor through the School Shop section of your child's profile. Further information regarding payment deadlines for each term will be provided via Arbor.

As always, we are grateful for your support in helping us provide these valuable opportunities for our pupils.



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Consent

To give consent for your child to attend swimming lessons, please log on to Arbor and complete the consent titled:

"To allow my child to engage in swimming lessons in line with the National Curriculum."

We are excited that Year 5 will benefit from this enhanced swimming provision and look forward to seeing the progress pupils make over the course of the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Watkins

Head of School



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