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Swimming 2025-2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Western, we are committed to providing a rich and balanced curriculum that provides children with a wealth of opportunities. As set out in the National Curriculum, all schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. By the end of Year 6, pupils should be taught to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

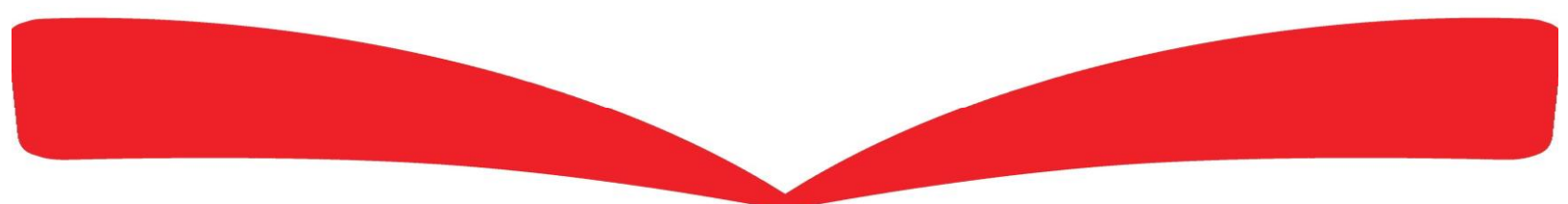
As a school, we are constantly adapting and changing in response to the needs of the children. To ensure a balanced curriculum with equal opportunities for all, we are moving to a new model aiming to enhance our current swimming offer.

From September 2025, we will be moving our weekly swimming lessons to Ashville Sports Centre where we will have exclusive use of the pool for a whole hour each week. The children will be supported by the Sporting Influence coaches who will be leading our lessons as the qualified swim teachers. This is a brilliant opportunity for the pupils, and we are very excited about the potential it gives us especially as water safety and swimming are vital life skills.

Our new offer is being launched across **Year 3 and Year 4** so all pupils in this phase will have the opportunity to experience this new provision/provider and also attend swimming lessons with their whole class and class teacher. **They will take place on Friday afternoons from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.** Below, you will a table which shares the 8-week block your child's class will be swimming next academic year.

Payment

We kindly request that parents make a voluntary contribution of **£8.13 per session** to cover pool hire, tuition and the cost of transport. **It would be greatly appreciated if you could make a payment via Arbor by Wednesday 3rd September 2025.** By making a payment via Arbor, you will be confirming permission for your child to attend the swimming sessions. Whilst there is no obligation for you to make any voluntary contribution, the school really values any donation that you are able to make. However, in the event that a parent does not make any contribution, his/her child will not be treated any differently.



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Friday afternoons – 1.45-2.45pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your year group teacher:

Mrs Coatesworth (Y3/4)	coateswortha@wes.rklt.co.uk
Mrs Collett (Y3/4)	colletth@wes.rklt.co.uk
Miss Taylor (Y3/4)	taylorh@wes.rklt.co.uk
Miss Riddle (Y3/4)	riddles@wes.rklt.co.uk

Classes

Dates

The classes will swim for 8 weeks for an hour then move on to another class. Please find attached a timetable for the swimming sessions below.

Date	Class
Friday 5 th September 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 12 th September 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 19 th September 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 26 th September 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 10 th October 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 17 th October 2025	Miss Riddle
Half Term	
Friday 7 th November 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 14 th November 2025	Miss Riddle
Friday 21 st November 2025	Miss Taylor
Friday 28 th November 2025	Miss Taylor
Friday 5 th December 2025	Miss Taylor
Friday 12 th December 2025	Miss Taylor
Friday 19 th December 2025	NO SWIMMING
Christmas Holidays	
Friday 9 th January 2026	Miss Taylor
Friday 16 th January 2026	Miss Taylor
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Miss Taylor
Friday 30 th January 2026	Miss Taylor
Friday 6 th February 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 13 th February 2026	Mrs Collett

Half Term	
Friday 27 th February 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 6 th March 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 13 th March 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 20 th March 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 27 th March 2026	NO SWIMMING
Easter Holidays	
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 24 th April 2026	Mrs Collett
Friday 1 st May 2026	Mrs Collett (year 3's only)
Friday 8 th May 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 15 th May 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Half Term	
Friday 5 th June 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 12 th June 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 19 th June 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 26 th June 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 10 th July 2026	Mrs Coatesworth
Friday 17 th July 2026	NO SWIMMING