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Swimming lessons for Rowan and Birch Class 2026-2027

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to be able to offer swimming lessons for Year 4 children from September onwards.

The National Curriculum states:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

In particular, 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*

We are very lucky to have a great facility, qualified coaches and a lifeguard on our doorstep! Swimming lessons will take place at Cheltenham College for Thames and Wye for 15 weeks across 3 terms. Each lesson is 45-minutes in length and with children grouped into 3 ability/confidence level groups. The groups are determined during Session 1, when each child will be observed swimming a width in the shallow end. If your child cannot swim without aids, then these will be provided.

In Year 4, children are likely to have swimming lessons on a Monday morning as follows:

Date	Times	Session
Monday 21 st September	Wye 10:45-11:30 (leave school 10:15am)	Lesson 1
Monday 28 th September		Lesson 2
Monday 5 th October		Lesson 3
Monday 12 th October		Lesson 4
Monday 19 th October		Lesson 5
Monday 26 th October		NO SESSION (HALF TERM)
Monday 2 nd November		NO SESSION (INSET)
Monday 9 th November		Lesson 6
Monday 16 th November		Lesson 7
Monday 23 rd November		Lesson 8
Monday 30 th November		Lesson 9
Monday 7 th December		Lesson 10
Monday 14 th December		Lesson 11
Monday 21 st December		NO SESSION (XMAS)
Monday 28 th December		NO SESSION (XMAS)
Monday 4 th January	Thames 11:30-12:15 (leave school 11:00am)	NO LESSON (INSET)
Monday 11 th January		Lesson 12
Monday 18 th January		Lesson 13
Monday 25 th January		Lesson 14
Monday 1 st February		Lesson 15



Payment

Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and we therefore expect all children to attend. That being said, we request that parents contribute to the cost of the lessons as this is a large expense for any school. **The cost of these lessons totals £66.88 per child, which equates to around £4 for a 45-minute lesson. Please make your contribution via ParentPay by Thursday 17th September 2026.** If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please email office@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk if you wish for some support to pay for the lessons.

More details about permissions, parent helpers, clothing and equipment will be shared in September, when details about when/how to pay will also be sent. If you are able to help with the walk to/from the college each Monday, then we'd very much appreciate it!

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T. Greed
Class Teacher
PE and Sports Subject Leader