



18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 4 – Thames Class Swimming

In order to comply with the National Curriculum and to meet the criteria for children being able to swim 25 metres by the end of Primary School, Nile Class will be swimming on the following **FRIDAYS** during the Autumn Term 2025:

-  12th September
-  19th September
-  26th September
-  3rd October
-  10th October
-  17th October
-  24th October
-  **Half Term**
-  7th November
-  14th November
-  21st November



Lessons take place at Stevenage Swimming Pool and as part of the curriculum, swimming lessons are paid entirely by the school. Parents/carers are required to contribute towards the cost of the coaches, to take the children to and from the swimming pool, which is also heavily subsidised by the school. **The total cost for the coaches is £33 per child for the Autumn Term.** Due to safeguarding, Mrs Skeggs has requested that parents refrain from spectating during our school swimming lessons.

Please make payments online and tick the consent box via www.schoolgateway.com. Parents are able to make flexible payments of varying amounts over the course of the swimming lessons, however we must remind you that **the full payment must be made by Friday 21st November 2025.** If you have any difficulties paying online, please contact the school office. **Please note that refunds will not be given if your child is absent from school.**

Your child will need a **costume/trunks and a towel (no bikinis/Bermuda shorts or swim shorts below the knee)**. If your child wishes to wear goggles for swimming please ensure that these are provided for each swimming session. Please make sure that everything is named. Stevenage Swimming Pool policy is that all earrings must be taken out, if they can't then they must be taped over. If your child has a verruca, the verruca must be covered either with treatment gel or a swim sock.

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Please ensure that if your child suffers from a medical condition which may be affected by swimming, e.g. asthma, eczema, that this information is entered under the comments section when giving consent via schoolgateway. Please also indicate whether your child has been awarded any swimming certificates.

If your child cannot go swimming on a particular day/week for medical reasons, please send an email to **admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk**. Children will be back in school for collection at normal time. If you have any queries, please let us know.

Please note that we will be unable to take your child swimming without your consent - **please consent NO LATER than Wednesday 10th September 2025.**

The swimming pool would like to gain a little information regarding your child's current swimming ability. Please complete the questionnaire via the following link: <https://forms.gle/GSCk1nUyYNXMN8J48>

Yours sincerely

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Mrs D Williams
PE Co-ordinator.