

1st September 2026



Swimming in Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers

This letter is to let you know that all children in Year 6 will be swimming during the Autumn Term (September to December).

- Year 6 – Friday – starting the 4th September for 13 weeks (4th September, 11th September, 18th September, 25th September, 9th October, 16th October, 30th October, 6th November, 13th November, 20th November, 4th December, 11th December, 18th December).

Children will leave school at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. The sessions will be 30 minutes long, so they will be back to school in time for lunch.

Children will walk to the swimming pool with school staff. Unfortunately, Waterfield Leisure Centre are no longer allowing parents/carers to watch the sessions at the pool due to historical incidents between parents/carers and the school swimming teachers.

There is no charge for the swimming sessions.

Swimming is a statutory part of the national curriculum in primary schools in England. This means children must go swimming, and parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from swimming lessons (just like they don't have the right to withdraw their children from English or Maths lessons!).

It is a really important life skill for children to have; there aren't many things children learn in school which can directly save their lives!

Please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school each week. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.

Thanks for your continued support,

The Grove Team