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Headteacher Mrs L Cooney

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the National Curriculum, we have organised for your children to attend swimming lessons at Wickford Swim and Fitness Centre for the summer term 2026, when they are in Year 5. The children will have 12 swimming lessons which will be tailored to their ability. Each lesson costs £3.50 which works out as a total of £42. As we are swimming during the summer term, the children will walk to the pool which saves the cost of transport.

The National Curriculum requirement is for children to undertake swimming lessons at school and for the children to 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 aware that there are a range of swimming competencies within the year group with some children working on basic skills whilst others are advanced swimmers. We would ask that you complete the questions via the link below, this will enable us to allocate your child to the correct swimming group.

<https://forms.office.com/e/N8LyKvSmKB>

Advanced swimmers, children who can swim at least 25 metres on their front and back, will work on aquatic skills. They will be introduced to water polo, synchronised swimming and distance swimming. All children will learn about self-rescue.

Payment will open at 7pm this evening on Bromcom and we would ask that all payments are made by 12pm on 31st October 2025 as we need to pay the swimming pool to secure our place.

More details including kit lists will be shared with you nearer the time.

If you have any questions please speak to Miss Clark our PE Lead who will be happy to answer them.

Kind regards

Mrs Cooney

