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Dear Hawking, Newton and Nightingale Parents

Pop-Up Swimming Pool Programme - Autumn 2025 – Hawking, Newton and Nightingale

As part of our PE curriculum, your child will be starting a group of fifteen swimming sessions in the second half of the Autumn term. Following the success of the pop up pool in Autumn 2024 we have decided to run the programme again. I am delighted to let you know that your child will be in the second group taking part in the pop-up pool programme, Swim:ED.

Swimming lessons will take place in a pop-up swimming pool that will be situated on our school playground. The programme aims to give children the skills and knowledge to perform safe self-rescue and acquire the lifelong skill that is swimming. Children will be taught by qualified swimming instructors supported by staff from Swim:ED, and lessons will be supervised by qualified lifeguards. The programme provides a perfect opportunity for your child to learn swimming and self-rescue skills in a controlled safe environment.

Before the programme starts, we will need to secure your consent for your child to take part in the swimming lessons. Please complete the consent form via the following link:

[Autumn 25 Pop up Swimming Pool - Year 4 & Newton – Fill out form](#)

The children will take part in swimming lessons for 45 minutes every day for 3 weeks. Sessions will begin on **Tuesday 25th November.**

The National Curriculum expectation is that every child should leave primary school being able to:

- Swim confidently, competently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- Use a range of swimming strokes effectively, for example, front crawl and backstroke.
- Demonstrate safe self-rescue and evidence of this in different water-based situations.

To help children and parents prepare for our new swimming programme, we are pleased to share the following information about the Swim:ED programme.

What is a Pop-up Pool?

A pop-up pool is a fun and exciting addition to a school's PE programme. With dimensions of approximately 10m x 5m and a depth of 1.2m, the above-ground pool structure provides a high-quality and safe swimming experience for children. The pool meets industry standards and safety requirements, ensuring that all children can enjoy a fun and secure swimming experience. Equipped with a filter and pool heater to maintain a safe water temperature, the pool is situated under a 9x15m marquee.



This image provides a visual example of the pool, its setup, and structure.

What can you do to prepare your child for school swimming lessons?

- Go swimming as a family before they start their lessons.
- Visit the Swim England parent hub at www.swimming.org/learntoswim
- Find your local pool at www.swimming.org/poolfinder
- Talk positively about going swimming and the importance of learning to swim.
- Ensure they are able to dress and undress themselves and dry themselves independently, including getting into and out of their swimwear.
- Support children who may feel nervous by practising blowing bubbles under water, splashing water over their face and submerging their face in water - all of which you can do at bath time.

What should children wear for swimming?

- Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume.
- Boys must wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts (above the knee).
- All children must wear a swimming hat - these can be provided.
- Goggles may be worn but remain the responsibility of the individual wearer.
- Jewellery is not permitted - earrings, waterproof watches, Fitbits, etc. must be removed.
- All children will need to bring a towel with them to dry themselves after their session.

Important – On swimming days, children should not wear any hair products or sun cream as they affect the water quality and clarity which may affect the pool's operation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many thanks for your support.



Mrs Charlotte Faithfull
Headteacher