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Wednesday 9th September 2026

KS2 & KS1 Swimming – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that we have arranged swimming lessons for children in KS1 and KS2 at Himbleton CofE Primary School and Nursery. Please read the details below carefully.

Swimming Lessons Details

- **Venue:** Perdiswell Leisure Centre
- **Day:** Thursdays
- **Duration:** 10 weeks from Thursday 17th September to Thursday 26th November 2026
- **Travel:** By Astons Coaches
- **Supervision:** Pupils will be accompanied by school staff and taught by a combination of school staff and qualified swimming instructors from Perdiswell Leisure Centre.
- **Uniform:** PE kit should be worn on swimming days.
- **Children will need:** a named swimming costume/trunks, a named towel, a swimming hat (optional), goggles (optional – see below)

Why Swimming?

Swimming is a vital life skill. As a school, we have a legal responsibility to provide swimming instruction to ensure all pupils have the best opportunity to reach the expected standard by the end of Year 6.

The **National Curriculum for PE** requires that, by the end of primary school, all pupils should be able 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

Who Will Attend?

- **UKS2 children** (Years 5 and 6) will only attend if they have not yet met the expected swimming standard. For those children who have not yet met the expected standard, lessons will be fully funded through the PE grant.
- This year, due to rising costs and smaller class sizes, **all of KS1, all of LKS2 and eligible UKS2 children** will all be swimming in the Autumn Term and will be grouped together in ability for the sessions so that they receive the right level of tuition to meet their needs.

Cost and Voluntary Contributions

The school is able to subsidise the cost of swimming so that each session will cost £3.50 per pupil (£35.00 in total) and we are asking for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover this. Whilst there is obviously no obligation for parents and carers to make a donation, it is important to note that we may unfortunately have to make the decision to cancel swimming if insufficient donations are received. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and unable to make a donation, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Shaw. Please make payment on the Arbor App.

Next Steps

- Whilst we appreciate the short notice, we would be grateful if you could please complete and return the attached reply slip by Monday 14th September and make payment on Arbor.
- If your child is in UKS2, indicate on the slip whether your child has already achieved the end of KS2 swimming requirements.
- **All classes** - let us know the level your child is swimming at, including any badges or certificates earned. This will help us group the children appropriately.
- Indicate if you consent for your child to wear goggles and that you will be providing these for each session.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Mrs Shaw
Headteacher
Himbleton CofE Primary School and Nursery

Reply Slip: Swimming Lessons 2026

Child's Name: _____ Year Group: _____

1. **Has your child met the end of KS2 swimming requirements?** (*Swim 25m unaided, use a range of strokes, perform safe self-rescue*) ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. **What level is your child currently swimming at? (Please include any badges/certificates earned):**

3. **I am able/unable (please circle) to make a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per session (£35.00 in total).**

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