



St. Peter's Anglican Methodist VC  
Primary School

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"All things are possible." Mark 9:23

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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 6 children

I am writing to inform you about the swimming arrangements for next term. As you have told us that your child cannot swim 25m we have arranged for them to attend swimming lessons. The national curriculum In England states that 'by the end of Year 6 children should be able to swim unassisted for a minimum of 25 meters and use a range of strokes effectively. The curriculum dictates that this is a statutory requirement, not optional for parents.

The children will be attending swimming lessons at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. The lessons will be on the following dates: **Every day Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March & Monday 23rd March – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The children will be in the pool at 1.30pm for 30 minutes.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport to the lessons of **£35.00** per child for the 10 lessons. The remainder of the transport costs and the cost of the lessons is met by the school. If any parents of a pupil are in receipt of benefits related free school meals **or** have difficulty making the payment, please contact the school office in confidence to discuss financial support.

In previous years, we have found the block swimming sessions to be very beneficial for children on building their water safety skills and independence. Your child will need a suitable swimming costume (not Bermuda shorts or bikinis), goggles and a towel and these should be in a waterproof bag separate to their main school bag. Children usually leave watches and any other valuables at school for safe keeping. Please note earrings/jewellery are not permitted to be worn when swimming. We ask that children to come to school 'beach ready' with their swimwear on under their school clothes.

Please log into the Arbor parent portal or App to give your consent for your child to attend and to make payment for this activity by **MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026**. You can pay in instalments if you prefer. You will see this option available under the trips section.

If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely

**P D SMITH**  
Executive Headteacher