



Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Swimming 2026



We are excited to share with you that Year 5 are starting their swimming lessons after February half term. This will be every Monday from **Monday 23rd February** until the end of the academic year. The children will travel by minibus to Keighley Pool for the last lesson of the day and be shuttled back for the end of the day to return to school between 3-3:15pm.

We will be talking with the children over the coming weeks and discussing the process of going to the pool and what to expect. During our swimming lessons we follow the rules set out by Keighley Pool and therefore I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Your child will require appropriate swimming kit, these must include the following:

- A one-piece swimming costume for girls.
- Swimming trunks for boys. No long shorts.
- Towel

The first session is more about learning the routines of the pool, a safety briefing and entering the pool safely. Anyone not wearing the correct swim kit **will not** be allowed to take part in the lesson. **Jewellery is not allowed.** Children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them. Keighley pool cannot take responsibility for any valuables as the changing rooms are open to the public afterwards. Children with long hair will be asked to tie it up for safety reasons and gel must not be applied to the hair on the morning of their swim.

School will be responsible for any medical conditions and any medication required. All children with asthma inhalers will be recorded by Keighley Pool and the school will take the necessary medication with them. If the medication is not on the poolside the child will not be allowed to swim. Please ensure your child has an inhaler and/or medication in school.

The children will work towards a range of certificates including personal survival. At this time, your child will be required to bring in further items of clothing. Details will be given at the time. Please note the pool water can affect the colour of clothing.

Please do come and ask any questions, and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Miss Cotton
Year 5 teacher