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Year 6 Swimming Lessons

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardian

I am writing to let you know that we have arranged swimming lessons for some of the children in Year 6 during the Summer term, starting on Tuesday 29th April and finishing on Tuesday 15th July 2025 (except for SATS week, Tuesday 13th May). Your child has been selected to take part in this terms swimming either because they did not make the National Standard in swimming last year (when they went in Year 5) or they are new to school and they have not been swimming with us as a school before. Swimming is on the National Curriculum and it is a requirement that your child needs to go swimming to try meet the National Standard set by the government.

We are pleased to say that the lessons will be taking place at the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre (previously the Hydro) Pool on Tuesday mornings leaving school at 10.30am and returning by 12.30pm. The children will have their lunch on return to school. The children will be walking to and from school, so please make sure your child is wearing sensible footwear and a coat.

We hire the pool, swimming instructors and lifeguards from the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre and the children are taught in groups according to ability. In order to meet the National Curriculum Requirements for the end of Key Stage 2, school will pay for the swimming lessons.

We reserve the right to exclude from swimming lessons any child whose behavior we consider a danger to either themselves or others.

Children will need a swimming costume or trunks (not baggy swim shorts), a towel and comb/brush in a bag. To comply with health and safety guidelines, children should not wear any jewellery, their hair should be tied back. Please make sure children bring a coat or jacket on swimming days.

Please complete the online form regarding your child's swimming ability as soon as possible in order for us to make sure your child is put into the correct swimming group; your child may also be checked by the swimming instructors to check their swimming ability. <https://forms.office.com/e/ZpSJUcBztd>

We will also be using the Swimphony programme provided by the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre. This programme allows the Centre to keep the school up to date with your child's swimming progress and will highlight when your child has met the National Curriculum requirements.

Yours Sincerely,

Jo Hall  
Headteacher