

# The Phoenix Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 5 Swimming at Basildon Sporting Village September-December 2026

We are pleased to announce that during Autumn term, children in Year 5 will have the opportunity to receive weekly swimming lessons. These will be held at Basildon Sporting Village, where the children will receive instruction by qualified swimming teachers, in small groups, covering all abilities. Please be aware that swimming is a statutory part of the national curriculum; **all children are required to participate**, to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of **at least** 25 metres by the end of Year 6. They must also be able to effectively use a range of strokes and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

The first session will commence on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026 from 1.30-2.00pm**. For each lesson, the children will walk to Basildon Sporting Village, accompanied by school staff and they will have an early lunch, prior to leaving. **The lessons are heavily subsidised by the school, however we ask for a £24.00 voluntarily contribution (£2 per swimming lesson) payable via ParentPay.**

There are 12 sessions in total on the dates below:

|     |                                   |     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September | 2.  | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September |
| 3.  | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September | 4.  | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October    |
| 5.  | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | 6.  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| 7.  | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November   | --- | Half Term                         |
| 8.  | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9.  | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November   |
| 10. | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | 11. | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   |
| 12. | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  |     |                                   |

**All Monday lessons are 1.30-2.00pm.**

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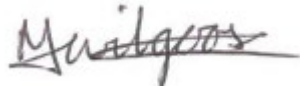


Please that your child brings the following to school on each of the days shown:

- Swimming Costume/Trunks and goggles (if required).
- Towel
- All children **must** wear a swimming hat. (**These will be available from the school office at a cost of £3 each**).
- **Bikinis and Long Baggy Shorts** are **NOT** permitted.
- Children must **NOT** wear jewellery or bring any valuables with them.
- Please ensure that your child's clothing and bag are clearly named.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Wilgoose

Year 6 Teacher

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