

Swimming for Year 5

Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that Year 5 swimming lessons will be **starting on Wednesday 16th September 2026** and will take place each Wednesday for the following ten weeks. Swimming is an important part of the National Curriculum and by the end of Key Stage 2, pupils are expected to be able to swim confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m. The lessons (which will form one of the two weekly PE slots) will provide children with the opportunity to develop their swimming skills, water confidence and understanding of water safety.

Swimming lessons will take place during the school day at Great Sankey Hub. We kindly ask for a **contribution of £10** towards the cost of the coach for these sessions. Without contributions from parents to support the cost of transport the impact on the school budget would be significant and reduce the amount of money available to invest other areas of your child's learning. Payments can be made via ParentMail.

Please make sure your child brings the following with them for each lesson:

- trunks / one-piece swimsuits
- a towel
- swimming goggles
- optional swimming cap

Children should arrive at school wearing their school PE kit and will change into their swimming clothes before the lesson. Long hair should be tied back, and children will need to remove jewellery (including earrings) before swimming.

If your child has any medical conditions, injuries or other circumstances that may affect their participation in swimming lessons, please inform the school as soon as possible. If your child uses an inhaler, it must be brought with them for swimming, or the instructor will not let them swim. Please speak to your child's class teacher if an inhaler is needed (and not already kept in school) so that the necessary paperwork can be completed.

In order to confirm numbers taking part, please could we ask for electronic permission replies to be with school by **Monday 14th September** and payment contributions to be made via ParentMail.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Garty

Acting Assistant Headteacher

Permission link - [Year 5 Swimming Lessons 2026 – Fill in form](#)