



**Exciting News for Years 5 & 6
Coming to St Luke's CE (A) Primary School
in Summer half term 2 - Pop Up Swimming
Pool!**

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 5 & 6 children,

We are delighted to let you know that our school has been selected to take part in the Black Country pop-up pool programme. The programme is being delivered by a consortium of partners including **Active Black Country, Speedo and Aspire Active Education Ltd.**

This is an amazing opportunity for our children in Years 5 & 6 to continue on their swimming and water safety journey.

- Swimming Lessons will take place at the pop-up swimming pool that is situated on our school site.
- This project aims to give your child the skills and knowledge to perform safe self-rescue and acquire the lifelong skill that is swimming.
- Pupils will be taught by qualified swimming instructors supported by our staff and lessons will be supervised by qualified lifeguards.
- The programme provides a perfect opportunity for your child to learn swimming and self-rescue skills in a controlled safe environment.

The Pop Up Pool Programme at St Luke's will start on Monday 5th June 2023 and run until Friday 14th July 2023. The aim of the project is that our children will swim every day for 3 weeks.

Y6: (Bring SWIMMING BAG to SCHOOL on ALL of these DATES!)

- **Week 1: 5th June, 6th June, 7th June, 8th June, 9th June**
- **Week 2: 12th June, 13th June, 14th June, 15th June, 16th June**
- **Week 3: 19th June, 20th June, 21st June, 22nd June, 23rd June**

Y5: (Bring SWIMMING BAG to SCHOOL on ALL of these DATES!)

- **Week 1: 26th June, 27th June, 28th June, 29th June, 30th June**
- **Week 2: 3rd July, 4th July, 5th July, 6th July, 7th July**
- **Week 3: 10th July, 11th July, 12th July, 13th July, 14th July.**

Before the programme starts, we just need a bit of information on your child's swimming ability and experience so we can group them accordingly. Please take 30 seconds to complete the questions via [this link](#), this will be a great help!

The programme is being funded through **Speedo** and their Swim United initiative which aims to ensure every child leaving primary school is able to meet the Swimming National Curriculum requirements.



Expectations

As part of the National Curriculum, every child should leave primary school:

- Be able to demonstrate safe self-rescue and evidence of this in different water-based situations.
- Be able to swim confidently, competently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m

Why is swimming important?

Shocking statistics demonstrate that 5 in 10 i.e., 10,197 children in the Black Country are leaving primary school each year unable to swim 25m, and over half i.e., 10,537 of year 6 pupils can't demonstrate a safe self-rescue. These figures are set to increase without intervention.

What is a Pop-up Pool?

A pop-up pool is a fun and exciting addition to our school's physical education program. With dimensions of approximately 10m x 5m and a depth of 1.2m, the above-ground pool structure provides a high-quality and safe swimming experience for children. The pool meets industry standards and safety requirements, ensuring that all children can enjoy a fun and secure swimming experience. Equipped with a filter and pool heater to maintain a safe water temperature, the pool is situated under a 6x12m marquee for shelter and shade. The accompanying image provides a visual example of the pool, its setup, and structure.



What to wear for swimming?

- Girls to wear a one-piece swimming costume.
- Boys to wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts (above the knee).
- Children may choose to wear rash vests and or leggings for modesty if they wish.
- Goggles may be worn but remain the responsibility of the individual wearer.
- Long hair must be tied back or ideally a swimming hat worn.
- Jewellery (except for an SOS talisman) is not permitted during school swimming lessons i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, waterproof watches, rings etc.
- Please ensure your child also brings a towel with them to dry after their session!

How Can You Support The Cause?

The Speedo Swim United initiative is committed to ensuring all children leave school able to swim and self-rescue. To continue effecting positive change the initiative welcomes support via the Swim United Change.org petition. Further information is available via the below QR code:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Grennan and Mrs Attwood