



SWIMMING

Swimming and water safety is an extremely important part of the PE curriculum at St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School and another way of helping children to lead healthy and active lives.

As of October 2017, schools have the responsibility of publishing swimming

data. This data should express how the children have met the National Curriculum expectations in KS2. By the end of Year 6 children should be able to: swim 25m, use a variety of different strokes (breast stroke, back stroke, front crawl) and be able to perform a safe self-rescue.

Our school approach to swimming

Prior to 2019, our children learnt to swim through a 2 week blocked swimming programme where they would access swimming lessons each day. This led to disappointing data and many of the children would leave school not being confident swimmers.

Between 2018 and 2020, we changed our swimming programme resulting in Year 4 pupils being able to attend swimming lessons at Woodchurch Leisure Centre every week. Any children at the end of Year 4 who were not able to swim at least 25 metres, attended 'top-up' swimming lessons the following school year and in Year 6 if required. This was set up to ensure that nearly every pupil leaving St Michael and All Angels in Year 6 could reach the National requirements. The impact was hugely positive.

However, in 2021, our local leisure centre was closed by the council and the children were unable to access weekly swimming lessons. This resulted in them having to return to 2 week blocks of swimming and again the results were nowhere near as positive as when children were able to go on a weekly basis.

We have made the decision at the start of the 2023/24 academic year to again return to providing weekly swimming lessons. This has been made possible as a local special school are allowing us use of their pool. We hope this will enable 100% of our children to become confident swimmers.

Year 6 2022 - 2023

Swimmer	4	13%
Non Swimmer	26	87%

Year 6 2021 - 2022

Swimmer	30	100%
Non Swimmer	0	0%

Year 6 2020 - 2021

Swimmer	30	100%
Non Swimmer	0	0%

Year 6 2019/2020

Swimmer	12	46%
Non Swimmer	14	54%

Year 6 2018/2019

Swimmer	8	28%
Non Swimmer	21	72%

Year 6 2017/2018

Swimmer	7	27%
Non Swimmer	19	73%

Year 6 2016/2017

Swimmer	7	24%
Non Swimmer	22	76%

The current Year 5 are the first year group to start our new swimming programme and they went swimming once a week for the whole academic year. We had four children that couldn't swim at the end of Year 4 (Gerrard, Cody, Jaye and Maisy). They all carried on swimming in Year 5 and learnt to swim by Christmas. Jaye has continued swimming as a reward providing he had 100% attendance for the previous week. All the children can now swim 25m.

Year 6 2020/2021

Swimmer 30 100% Non-swimmer 0 0%

