



## Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Spring Term 2026

09 December 2025

Dear Parents,

Being able to swim confidently is not only part of the National Curriculum but is also a vital life-skill for pupils. Unfortunately, every year we hear tragic stories of children who have difficulties when swimming often with terrible consequences.

At Andoversford, we are very keen that all pupils leave primary school being water-confident. We deliver our National Curriculum swimming lessons when pupils are in Year 1 and 2 with a chance to revisit in Years 3 and 4.

We have organised swimming lessons for Beech Class pupils during the Spring Term. Swimming lessons are part of our curriculum and are therefore not optional.

The lessons will take place at St Edwards School swimming pool, **every Monday morning** starting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. The final swimming lesson will be on **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**.

As a school, we have subsidised the cost of the 10 lessons and travel costs. However, costs are rising year on year. In order to make sure we can continue to have a high quality swimming curriculum, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£80 per child**. Your child will not be denied a place to take part in swimming lessons if you decline to make a voluntary contribution. As we are a 'cashless' school, payment should be made online via ParentPay. We've set up the payments as a decreasing total so that you can make as many payments in instalment amounts and dates which suit you. Please ensure the final balance has been cleared by **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**.

If you are unable to make a contribution, or wish to make a smaller contribution, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please ensure your child has appropriate swimming kit in school on Mondays:

- Named swimming costume (please note this needs to be sports-style swimwear. 2-piece costumes and board shorts are not permitted).
- Named towel
- Named waterproof bag

Long hair needs to be tied up securely and any jewellery (earrings or watch) needs to be removed for the lesson.

To help us understand your child's swimming ability before lessons starts, please complete a short online form, which can be found [here](#).

If you have any additional information you need to let us know about your child's swimming experience, please get in touch with school office.

Best Wishes,

Mr Allen

Beech Class Teacher