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Temporary Swimming Pool at The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very excited to announce that for 5 weeks commencing **Monday 12th January 2026**, we will have a temporary swimming pool built on site to provide every child from Reception to Year 6 with swimming lessons.

This letter will provide you with all the information to ensure that your child receives the best possible experience during this time. At the bottom of this letter is a swimming ability form, please complete the form and return it to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 17th December 2025**.

A separate timetable to show you when your child will have their swimming lessons in school will be sent out in due course.

Overview

- Classes will be split into 3 groups with each group receiving a 30- 40 minute lesson.
- Boys and girls will get changed in separate areas.
- Lessons will be taught by a qualified swimming teacher, with a lifeguard present.

Swimming kit requirements

Children will need to bring the following in a bag:

- Swimming costume/trunks
- A poncho towel (recommended to best support children for changing purposes)
- A swimming hat
- Sliders/flip flops
- Goggles (optional)

Once children have had their swimming lesson, they must put their wet swimming clothes and towel in a separate bag to take home.

- Jewellery must be removed. This is for the safety of the pupils and for others using the pool. If studs can't be removed, ears must be taped and a swimming hat must be worn at all times.
- In line with guidance, girls are required to wear a one-piece costume and boys must wear trunks or fitted shorts.

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Health and Hygiene

- Verrucas must be covered with a swimming sock or a waterproof barrier.
- If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious/infectious skin condition, then unfortunately they will not be able to take part in sessions until the condition has cleared or unless a doctor has said otherwise.
- All long hair must be tied up; swimming hats are mandatory to wear to help with pool cleanliness.

Adult supervision and roles

There will be a qualified swimming teacher, a lifeguard and a member of school staff by the pool when pupils have their swimming lessons in school.

After-School Swim Club

An after-school swim club will be organised by Sporty Scholars, who are delivering the swimming lessons in school. There will be an additional cost involved to attend the after-school swim club.

Please see the separate poster, where you can find out how to book your child a place at the after-school swim club, if you wish to do so.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Maddison

Interim Deputy Headteacher

Swimming ability form

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to take part in swimming lessons in school from Monday 12th January 2026 for 5 weeks.

Please tick the box that 'best fits' your child's swimming ability.

Non-swimmer	
Can swim up to 10m	
Can swim up to 25m	
Can swim beyond 25m	

Please return this form by Wednesday 17th December 2025 to your child's class teacher.

Parent/Carer (printed name): _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____