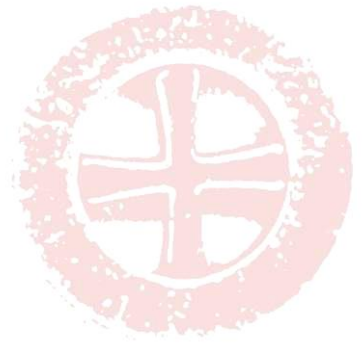


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Friday 12 September 2025

Dear Hedgehogs Class Parents,

One feature of the Year 3/4 curriculum is that we offer swimming, regardless of whether children learn this privately. We have booked to use the Bishops Waltham Junior Pool facility – we will have the sole use of the changing rooms and pool during our designated weekly slot between 11am and 12pm on Wednesdays. 10 sessions are booked for this term, **starting on:**

- 24th September
- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd October,
- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November,
- 3rd December

Mr Woolley will be leading the swimming teaching along with Mrs Bird and Mrs Mildren will also be involved.

It would be helpful if you could provide consent via Arbor and indicate the level of swimming proficiency you feel your child has via returning the slip. During the first session we will ensure all children start in the shallow end, where they can comfortably stand, so children without water-confidence feel secure. We will then group children and work on skills development. Of course, Year 4 children are known to us having done swimming last year but they will have progressed since last year so up to date information is useful to us.

We are requesting £50 to contribute towards the cost of this activity, in accordance with our Governor's Charging and Remunerations Policy, which equates to just £5.00 a session – less than private tuition would be! Arbor has been set-up to allow donations to be made in instalments for those that prefer it. The children will receive high quality input and their confidence and skills should develop greatly, whatever their existing level, so this represents good value for money. The children will travel to the pool by coach, which is by far the significant cost. We are also using some of the primary sports premium funding to subsidise the cost of this provision for the children though cannot cover all due to the ring-fenced nature of this funding. School budget also subsidises part of the cost. The preferred method of payment is via Arbor although we can accept cash or cheques (made payable to HCC). Although we legally have to describe this as a voluntary contribution, please understand that without these contributions from parents, the cost would be filled by our already stretched small budget which would affect other provision.

It would be helpful if children did not swim with an uncovered verruca. If you suspect your child has a verruca, please would you ensure that it is covered by a waterproof plaster. Children are required to wear swimming caps and all jewellery must be removed so, for example, it might be easier for your child to not wear earrings on Wednesdays. Children do not have to wear goggles but are likely to be more comfortable with them and can bring them along.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Woolley

Headteacher

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Swimming Consent – Hedgehogs Autumn Term 2025

To provide consent please login to your child's Arbor account.

Please complete the following information and return this slip to the school office

*I agree to my child attending swimming sessions at Bishops Waltham Junior School pool.
I understand that the journey will be made by coach, wearing seatbelts.*

My child _____

(please select the appropriate options):

- Is quite worried about water and/or fearful of swimming***
- Cannot swim***
- Is just starting to swim, cannot yet do a width (10m) unaided, but can with floats***
- Can swim a short distance unaided (a pool width 10m)***
- Can confidently swim longer distances (e.g. a pool length 20m+)***

Please also indicate here if your child receives swimming lessons outside of school:

The preferred method of payment for contributions is through Arbor.

Cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council or cash in an envelope in to the office.