

Friday 19th April 2024 - Newsletter 27

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Poppy Appeal



On Thursday, Miss Palmer took Shiloh, Roda and Myla from Year 6 to Islington Town Hall. They visited the Mayor's Parlour to collect our certificate for the Poppy Appeal in November. We were the top fundraising school in Islington and raised £621.91. Thanks so much for your support and donations to the Poppy Appeal.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MR. LANE

I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and that your children are ready and eager to learn during the last term of this academic year. Some of our children and families from Orthodox backgrounds will be celebrating Easter in a few weeks' time on Sunday 5th May. Thankfully, the evenings are longer and it is lovely to see summer uniforms appearing already - this fills us with hope that the sun will come out a little more soon.

One of our classes' feast days took place over the Easter holidays.

St. Benedict's Feast Day was on Thursday 4th April. St. Benedict is the name of one of our Year 5 classes whose teacher is Miss Skinner.

St. Benedict the Moor was a Sicilian Franciscan friar who was born of enslaved Africans in San Fratello in Italy on 7th March 1524. He was freed at birth and became known for his charity. As a young man, he joined a Franciscan affiliated hermit group of which he became the leader. In 1564 he was sent to a Franciscan friary in Palermo where he continued good works. He was canonised as a saint in 1807.



St. Benedict

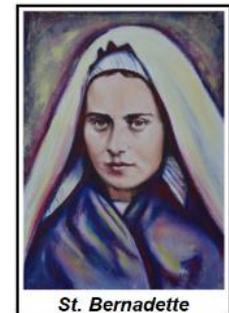
Another of our classes' feast days took place this week. St Bernadette's Feast Day was earlier this week on Tuesday 16th April. St Bernadette is the name of one of our Year 3 classes whose teacher is Mrs. Price.

St. Bernadette Soubirous was born in France on 7th January 1844.

She was very ill as a child and suffered with asthma all of her life.

She was best known as a saint who received visions from the Virgin Mary in a cave near Lourdes and was canonised as a Saint in 1933.

To this day millions of people visit the grotto in Lourdes every year as it is considered a special place to visit because prayers and services are believed to bring real blessings to the pilgrim. Pilgrims may visit to be cleansed of their sins and to be cured of their illnesses. It is believed that spring water from the grotto can heal people if they are sick.

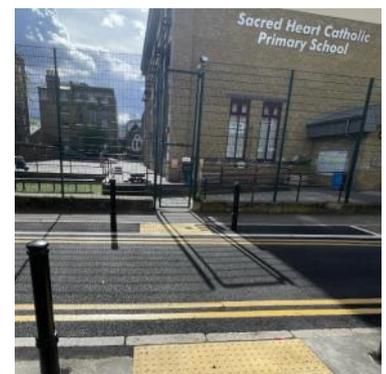


St. Bernadette

In Religious Education the children are learning about the period of time from Easter to Pentecost. This topic is called 'To The Ends of The Earth' which the children really enjoy learning about, so please ask them what they have been learning about in Religious Education. Later this term, on Friday 7th June, we will be celebrating our school Feast Day which is always a really important day for our school and community. I will provide you with more information about this nearer the time.

This term lasts for 13 weeks and will be very busy indeed. Our Year 6 pupils will be working especially hard preparing for their transition to secondary school. While there will be a lot of hard work, there will be a lot of fun too with opportunities for them to remember their time at primary school; more on that later this term.

I'm sure you noticed the improvements made by Islington Council on Geary Street outside SMMA which were completed during the Easter holidays. It is now safer for our children to cross the road when moving between buildings which is of course a positive improvement. Thank you for your co-operation and patience while the work was taking place.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Lane



Celebrate St Georges Day with
us!

On Tuesday 23rd April, wear something red with your uniform to celebrate England's patron Saint, St George!

We will also be having a special lunch to celebrate!

You could wear:

Red socks

A red t-shirt

Red tights

A red hat

Red shoes

Red hair accessories

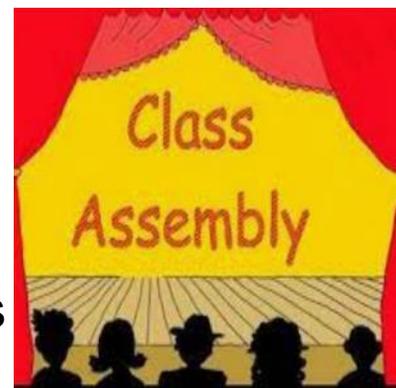


One child per class is awarded a VIP certificate in our celebration assemblies. They also get lunch on a specially decorated table with table service!

Child's Name	Key	Reason
Jayce St Francis	Power of Me	Jayce showed he was Ready, Respectful and Safe by listening carefully and following instructions.
Ryelee St Brigid	Power of Me	Ryelee will be receiving our VIP award for settling in so well. Ryelee has been Ready, Respectful and Safe throughout the week. We are glad he already feels like part of the team.
Isaiah St Teresa	Hunger to Achieve	VIP this week is Isaiah for the hard work he has been putting into his reading and writing this week. He read his new book fluently and clearly and persisted when having to sound out new, difficult words!
Tatiana St John Paul	Power of Me	Our VIP this week is Tatiana. She has shown the Power of Me this week in her writing and has written some lovely sentences.
Millie St Bernadette	Hunger to Achieve	Millie consistently shows a Hunger to Achieve. She readily approaches work and she is a fantastic role model to others! This week, she shared a Spanish song, which she had learnt at home. I was so impressed with her willingness to share new things with her classmates.
Sofia St Martin	Safe and Responsible	Sofia has consistently demonstrated role-model behaviour throughout Year 3. She is also extremely polite and helpful, always willing to support her peers and help around the class. She is an absolute pleasure to teach!
Swarna St Catherine	Curiosity and Wonder	Swarna has shown Curiosity and Wonder by continuing her learning outside of school and making a fantastic travel log of her trip to India over the Easter break. I really enjoyed reading it!
Alex St Elizabeth	Hunger to Achieve	This week Alex has wowed me with his attitude to learning! He's come back with a determination to finish all his work in the time given, to get on the recognition board every day and to do his best in all his lessons. Keep up the good work Alex!
Maizy St Benedict	Hunger to Achieve	Maizy for showing a 'Hunger to Achieve'. She has shown a positive attitude, particularly in Maths and keeps trying, when learning gets tricky. Well done Maizy, keep it up!
Jason St Faustina	Power of Me	Jason has demonstrated the Power of Me this week, he has been on the recognition board multiple times, has been making the right decisions and understands that making the right choices means a positive impact on his learning. Well done and keep it up!
Amari St Maximillian	Power of Me	Amari for Power of Me! Well done for putting your best foot forward and having positive interactions with staff and children this week. We love to see the new found confidence! Keep up the effort.
Tate St Josephine	Power of Me	A big well done to Tate who has demonstrated 'The Power of Me' and 'A Hunger To Achieve' this week. Tate has had a fantastic start to the summer term and has shown focus and determination in all his lessons. Keep up the hard work!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class will be having one more class assembly this academic year, some will be this term and others in the Summer Term. We look forward to seeing you at your child's class assembly.



All assemblies start at 9:45am.

Friday 10th May Y1- St Francis
 Friday 17th May Y2-St Teresa
 Friday 24th May Y3-St Martin
 Friday 21st June Y3-St Bernadette
 Friday 28th June Y1- St Brigid
 Friday 5th July R-St Jude
 Friday 12th July R-St Peter
 Friday 19th July Y6- St Maximilian and St Josephine

WEEK 2
 22/04/24, 13/05/24,
 10/06/24, 01/07/24, 22/07/24

MENU

Eat the
Rainbow

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Mains <small>HAPPY TUMS</small>	Chicken Pasta Bake (G, Mk)	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne (Mu)	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy (G)	Beef Lasagne (G, Mk)	Fish Cakes with Tartar Sauce (G, F, E)	Orange APRIL 23rd - St George's Day
Veggie <small>MEAT FREE</small>	Tomato and Basil Pasta (G)	Mild Vegetable Chilli Con Carne (Mu)	Vegetable Sausage Rolls (G, E)	Vegetable Lasagne (G, Mk)	Roasted Pepper, Courgette and Bean Crumble (G, Mk, Mu)	Yellow MAY 16th - Outer Space Day 23rd - National Biscuit Day
veg <small>EXTRA GOOD</small>	Green Beans Baby Carrots	Steamed Broccoli Sweetcorn	Steamed Cabbage Swede	Sweetcorn Chef's Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas	Green JUNE 18th - Teddy Bears' Picnic
Carbs <small>FUEL FOOD</small>		Savoury Rice	Roast Potatoes		Oven Baked Chips	Purple JULY 4th - World Chocolate Day The Olympics
Dessert <small>SOMETHING SWEET</small>	Honey Cake (G, E)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Raspberry Jam Sponge (G, E)	

Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.

ALLERGENS

Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs

F = Fish
G = Cereals containing Gluten

L = Lupin
Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs

Mu = Mustard
N = Nuts
P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds
So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Parish Updates

Baptisms at Sacred Heart Parish:

Are you planning to baptise your child? Please get in touch with the parish office for details about the upcoming Baptismal preparation meeting for parents and godparents on Saturday, May 18th.



Parish Office opening times are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30 am- 3:00pm

Foodbank!

Foodbank this Saturday, April 20th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's first come, first served, and everyone is welcome!

Key Stage Two Mass

The next school mass will take place on Thursday 25th April at 10.00. The mass will be led by Mrs. Skinner's class - Year 5 St Benedict.

ALL WELCOME.

Attention Year 5 Girls!

Do you love football? Would you like the chance to be part of a team?

Islington are holding trials for the **Islington School's GIRLS District Team Trials U11's** on Friday 26th April at Whittington Park (4.30-6:00 pm).

To attend, please fill out the form from school and email it to islingtonandcamdengirls@gmail.com, or return the form to the office by Wednesday 24th April.



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Parents/carers are emailed the Wednesday Word every week. Please take the time to read it with your child(ren). There are some lovely activities which you can do with your child(ren) and also link in with your child's Religious Education lessons in schools and with the liturgical year.

THE WORD Wednesday
SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,
Wednesday 17th April 2024

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' who can be trusted to guide our lives in the right direction.

Part of a shepherd's job is to look after the sheep, to guide them and help them to stay safe. In the Gospel below, Jesus encourages his disciples to put their trust in him; it is through trusting in Jesus that they will find security and hope.

There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in Jesus leads us on life's right and joyful path, freeing us from fears and worries.

Enjoy a special time this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **TRUST**.

Don Henry Wandrough

A Word from Pope Francis
"It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down. This is the key to success in life."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 21st April 2024

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and, as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

*Adapted from John 10:11-18
The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

Good News for Everyone Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants us to place our trust in him. When we trust Jesus to lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices. Jesus fills our lives with goodness, so that we stay close to him and do not go astray.

The Wednesday Word: Spread some Joy this week through sharing the Good News with your friends

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, who is ready to die for his sheep. Anyone who is hired cannot be trusted like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep. Someone who is hired may run away when they see a wolf coming and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep. But the shepherd does not run away. I am the good shepherd. I know each of my sheep, and they know me."

In this Sunday's Gospel, what did Jesus call himself?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word... **TRUST**

"Put your trust in Jesus. He will fill your plans with meaning and joy. Open your hearts trustfully to Jesus!" St. Pope John Paul II

Ask your child what the word 'trust' means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who does your child really trust and why do they trust them? Ask your child if they can think of a time when they were trusted. Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why you trust them.

Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in Jesus. Perhaps, rather than worry, pray and offer any concerns to Jesus. How can we show Jesus, and others, that we are people who they can trust? Perhaps we can always try to tell the truth; choose to do the right things; be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; keep our promises.

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who guides us through life. Please help us always to place our trust in you. Amen.

3 FINDING FIVE

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH
SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

H I R E D
R U N A W A Y
T R U S T
G O O D S H E P H E R D

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **a u f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words:
k a n u o w t u g o f o d a s a h e p t h e r u d s t h e c u p a

Jesus said, "I am the _____,
I know each of my _____, and they _____ me."

Jesus continues to be our Good Shepherd through the lives of our parents, teachers, priests and others, who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. We can be certain that we will never go wrong by trusting in Jesus.

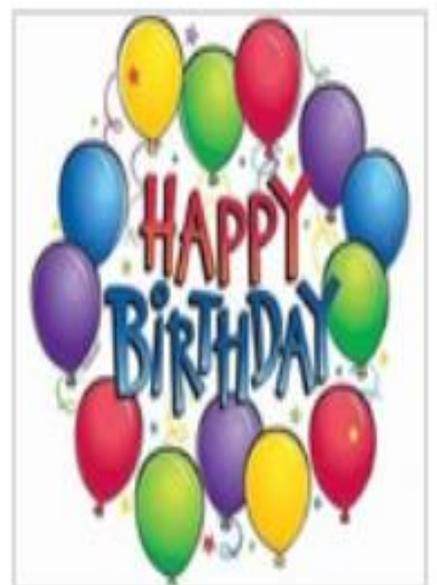
This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following pupils a very happy birthday for the next week:

Anaiya (Y5), Ellis (Y3), Ada (Y4), Ariana (Rec), George (Y4), Ralph (Y4) and Abdou (Y5)



P.E. LESSON DAYS

Thank you for ensuring your child/ren attend school in their PE kit on their PE days.

As a reminder, the PE uniform is:

- Standard white Sacred Heart PE top
- Blue Sacred Heart PE shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms

The children should not be wearing football kits or brightly coloured sports clothing. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, please ensure they do so as soon as possible. The uniform is sold at Rough Cut Casuals, [16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ](#).

There may have been some changes to your child's PE days from last year, so please look carefully at the below information:

The PE days are as follows:

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 - Wednesday

Mrs Harney (Sharon) will send morning reminders on your child's PE days.



Cricket Festival

On Wednesday, a group of Y4 pupils and Miss Deamer attended a cricket festival at Beacon High Secondary School. Children from Beacon High taught the children a variety of cricket skills. The children had a great time.



Virtual Reality Workshops

Today, children in Years 3-6 took part in virtual reality workshops. The workshops linked with our whole school sustainability topic from the last half term. The children explored Earth with aliens looking at how we can change certain habits (fast fashion, recycling, walking instead of driving etc) and have an impact on our environment.



EYES Phase News

Nursery: St Anthony & St Nicholas:



We have been looking at signs of spring in Nursery this week!

The children were very surprised to see one of the plants in full bloom that had no flowers on it before the Easter holidays. They have started to create a bluebell forest for the seasons display in the Nursery cloakroom, using brush strokes for the green leaves and finger dabbing for the flowers.



Reception: St Peter:

This week, we gave the Mud Kitchen a refresh and spent the afternoon making mud soups and pies!

Nancy said, "We're mixing a mud pie and Blen was making a mud soup with Delina!"

We shared the resources and mixed the mud with water to make it all gloopy!



Reception: St Jude:

This week, we had a special delivery of chick eggs! On Tuesday & Wednesday, the eggs were keeping warm in the incubator. But when we arrived at school on Thursday morning, two chicks had hatched overnight! There were cracks in 4 more of them too!

We are so excited and will keep you updated about how many chicks hatched and what names we decided to call them!

KS1 Phase News

Year 1-St Brigid

In our RE lesson this week, we talked about what happened to Jesus after his resurrection. We learned that he came back from the dead to reveal that he was alive to his disciples and as a task we illustrated a tomb.



Year 1-St Francis

On Monday, Year 1 had a visit from their Year 6 reading buddies. They really enjoyed reading their library books with them and are looking forward to their next visit.

Year 2-St Teresa

This week, we started our new book 'The Fossil Hunter'. We read about the famous figure that the book is about; Mary Anning!

We discovered about her life growing up and what she was interested in but we still had so many questions! In groups, we gathered these questions and recorded them. In our other English lessons we have been answering them and writing super sentences pretending to be Mary Anning!

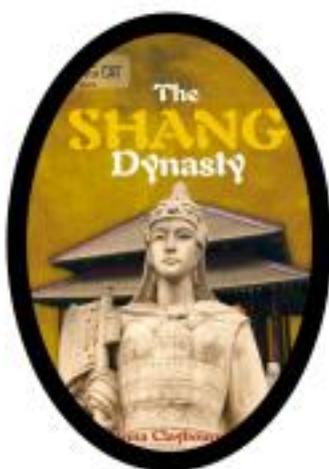


Year 2-St John Paul

In our RE lessons in Year 2 we learnt about the events of Ascension and Pentecost as told in Luke's version in Acts. We made flame headbands to represent the tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit that the disciples were filled with. We then used these to act out the story of Pentecost!

LKS2 Phase News

In St Martin de Porres we have been learning about statistics in our Maths lessons. We have been interpreting data from pictograms and tables. We then created our own tables using our own choice of category to gather our own data.



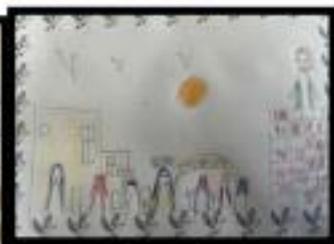
A table to show

Favourite food	Number/Tally of Children
Pizza	
Hot dog	
Fish/Chips	
Burger	
Hot dog	
Ice cream	

This week, in St Bernadette, we have been begun planning an information leaflet. To begin planning, we needed to collect information about the 'Shang Dynasty'. We have loved learning new information about these rulers and how they governed China for over 500 years.

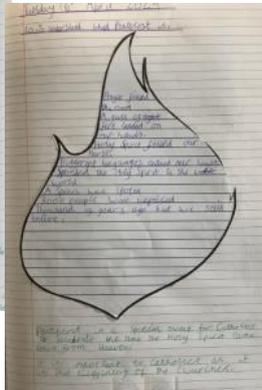
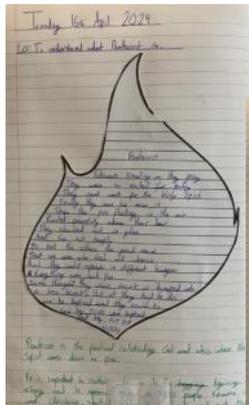
We cannot wait to share our information leaflets with you all.

This week Sacred Heart have kicked off our new RE topic, "To the Ends of the Earth", all about the time from Easter to Pentecost and beyond. We are reading the Gospel according to Luke, looking in detail at Acts 2. To start us off, Y4 listened to the scripture and started drawing on our previous learning on the feast of Pentecost. We thought about how it would feel to be one of the people in the crowd, hearing Peter and the other apostles speaking in different languages all about the glory of God. After summarising the events that we'd heard, we drew our own interpretation of the crowd listening to Peter speak.



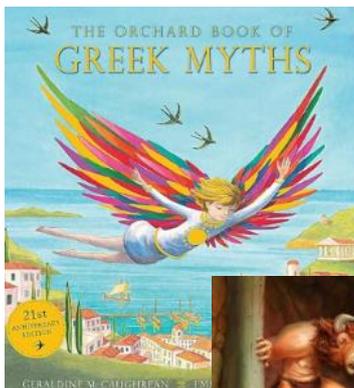
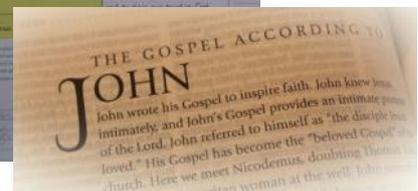
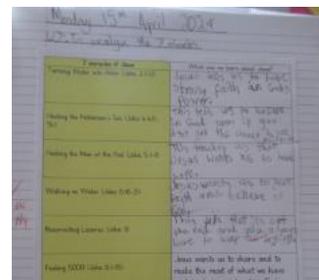
UKS2 Phase News

This week Year 5 Saint Faustina started their new PE topic- lyrical dance. We learnt and used new moves (floaty arms, contractions, reaches, circular springs and high release) in a sequence to music. Firstly, we listened to music and identified the emotions it made us feel and tried to present this through dance. Well done to Oskar who won secret student for his enthusiasm and engagement with the lesson!



This week, Year 5 Saint Benedict have been learning about the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost. The class took their knowledge and learning of Pentecost and created some amazing poems. Everyone has come back this week with determination and a positive learning attitude. Well done for a fabulous first week back year 5! Keep it up!

In RE this week, Year 6 Saint Maximilian have been exploring the miracles of Jesus and what this teaches us about God. We used our Bibles to find the passages in the Gospel of John and recorded what we thought the moral/message was behind the story. Afterwards, we reflected on why and how miracles can help 'save' people and their faith.



In Reading and Writing this term, Year 6 Saint Josephine will be looking at Greek Myths. This week, we have read the 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'In the beginning and Pandora's Box'. We looked at the features of these stories and the vocabulary and meaning of unfamiliar words.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together *Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons

You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org



BETTER

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SPRING TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 8th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024</i>		54
Start Date	Monday 8 th January 2024	
Finish Date	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 19 th February 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 8 th January 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	12 th – 16 th February 2024	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024	

<i>Good Friday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 31st March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Monday 1st April 2024</i>

SUMMER TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024</i>		66
Start Date	Monday 15 th April 2024	
Finish Date	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 22 nd July 2024 Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 15 th April 2024	
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	27 th – 31 st May 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 19 th July 2024	
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	

TOTAL DAYS	75 + 54 + 66	195
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INSET DAYS (5)	
1	Monday 4 th September 2023
2	Friday 22 nd December 2023
3	Monday 19 th February 2024
4	Monday 22 nd July 2024
5	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

THESE DATES ARE FROM SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024</i>		75
Start Date	Monday 2 nd September 2024	
Finish Date	Friday 20 th December 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 2 nd September 2024 TBC	
Children return to school	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	28 th October – 1 st November 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 20 th December 2024	
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024	

SPRING TERM 2025		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025</i>		60
Start Date	Monday 6 th January 2025	
Finish Date	Friday 4 th April 2025	
INSET DAY	TBC	
Children return to school	Monday 6 th January 2025	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	17 th – 21 st February 2025	
Last day of term for children	Friday 4 th April 2025	
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025	