Pickwick Academy Trust

Ivy Lane School

Ivy Lane, Chippenham,
Wiltshire, SN15 1HE.
www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk
Telephone: (01249) 652556
Email: admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Lammin (BSc Hons QTS)

3rd September 2026

Dear Parents of children in Year 4 Morpurgo and Zephaniah Classes

Re: Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons are due to start in September for children in Year 4 Morpurgo and Zephaniah Classes. Lessons commence on Monday 14th September then followed by 11 further lessons. Full dates for all lessons are as follows. Please make sure you mark these on your calendars at home:

Sept 26	14th, 21st, and 28th	**Oct:**	5th, 12th and 19th	**Nov:**	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Dec:	7th				

Lessons will take place after lunch on Mondays and will consist of 12 x 30 minutes sessions at the Olympiad Sports Centre. We will have use of the whole pool with swimming instructors and a lifeguard.

We will be requesting a voluntary contribution of £49.15 for these swimming lessons (reduced for children entitled to Pupil Premium). This equates to approximately £4.10 per lesson which includes swimming instructor and lifeguard costs.

To make the payments more manageable you can pay in two instalments. The 1st instalment for Term 1 should be paid by **Friday 16th October** and the 2nd instalment for Term 2 by **Friday 27th November 2025**. If you are paying in instalments can you please ensure that you **pay for Term 1 first, followed by Term 2.** You can pay the full amount in one go if you wish. We would ask that this whole amount be paid by **Friday 27th November 2026**. Payments are to be made via your Arbor account – **this will show up on your account under Clubs.** Should you require financial assistance with this trip, please refer to our charging and remissions policy which can be found on our school website. Regular payment reminders will be sent out throughout the swimming lesson period.

Unfortunately, if insufficient contributions are received, these sessions will have to be cancelled.

Children will need to bring to school their swimming costume and a towel in a named bag.

Children with long hair need to please tie it back or wear a swimming cap (this is advised but not mandatory).

The children will be walking to and from the Olympiad. If any parents would be available to help us walk the children to and from swimming, we would be very grateful for your support. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you are able to help.

Yours sincerely
Ms Keogh and Mrs Harvey
Morpurgo and Zephaniah Class Teachers