ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Class 4S Swimming

The children in Class 4S will be taken swimming during the Spring Term. Swimming starts on **Wednesday 7th January** and will take place weekly until **Wednesday 25th March 2026.**

For your information:

- Sessions are held at Stechford Swimming Baths.
- Children leave school at 1pm, return at approximately 2:30pm and travel via private hire coach.
- The swimming lesson lasts for 30 minutes.
- Year 4 class teachers and teaching assistants will accompany the children and will each teach a group. In addition, two qualified swimming instructors each teach two groups.
- On their first session, the children will be assessed based on their swimming ability and grouped accordingly.
- Children should bring with them:
    - A towel.
    - A swimsuit for girls/swim shorts for boys. Girls swimsuits should be one piece, **not bikinis**. Swimwear should not be white as they can become translucent. Boys swim shorts must not be below the knee. If at all possible, please avoid buying blue swimming shorts/costumes for your children. These have been proven difficult to see underwater in case of emergencies.
    - Goggles (do not buy these especially).
    - Inhaler if asthmatic.
- No jewellery is to be worn to school.
- Children are to come to school in their PE Kit on swimming days.

Parents of children who are asthmatic and use an inhaler; it is imperative that we have an inhaler at school to keep and be taken on swimming trips. If we do not have an inhaler in school for your child your child will not be permitted to take part.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M McLoughlin
Principal