



Attainment in Swimming 2023-24

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St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School has worked tirelessly to ensure that the majority of pupils who leave Year 6 can swim at least 25m. To increase this percentage further, we have created additional opportunities for Years 4, 5 and 6 to achieve this target. We have set ourselves the aspirational target of 100% to achieve their 25 metres by the end of KS2 in line with current statutory expectations of the National Curriculum. **This has been adversely affected by the pandemic - many children lack the basics swimming skills due to pools being closed. The current financial climate has also adversely affected parents/carers. The extra expense of swimming lessons have become unattainable.**

During 2023-24, we can report that:

Year 4 - We have 15 out of 27.

55.5% have completed swimming with school lessons or in external swimming lessons.

Year 5 - We have 22 out of 30.

73% have completed swimming with school lessons or in external swimming lessons.

Year 6 - We have 24 out of 30.

80% have completed swimming with school lessons or in external swimming lessons.

How many children can use a range of swimming strokes effectively?

In Year 6, 80% of children can use a range of strokes.

How many children can perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations?

Year 4 and 6 swimmers that have accessed lessons have completed water safety in 2023-24.

Barriers to Swimming

There can be many barriers to swimming. At St Cuthbert's, we are aware of these issues and encourage families to support our swimming programme with additional lessons.

New European Learn to Swim standards have been introduced and Swim England are working closely with our neighbouring countries on how these new standards can be introduced into schools and the curriculum. For more information, follow the link below.

<http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/european-learn-swim-standards-launched/>