

ST MARY'S BENTWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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4th November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Swimming Gala Thursday 15th January 2026, 9-12pm at Alton Sports Centre

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Initial Letter

I am delighted to inform you that the Swimming Gala has returned and your child may have an opportunity to compete against other local schools. This is an initial letter to gauge interest and ability of the children, to enable us to make an informed decision of the team representing St Mary's.

To take part in the event, your child **must** be able to swim 25 metres (one length of the pool) **confidently, quickly** and **unaided** without the use of a float. It is also very loud at the gala, with pupils cheering on their teammates, so your child must be confident to cope with this.

If your child would like to be considered, please indicate on the slip below whether they have swimming lessons and their level of ability in that class. Obviously, we want to take the strongest team, and as spaces are limited, we will need to consider those with the best ability in their relevant age group. Children will be entered into an individual freestyle (any stroke) race or an individual backstroke race. All children will then compete in a freestyle relay as a year group.

On the day of the Gala, Mr Day and another adult will accompany the children. Once we know who is attending, we will send out letters with further details. Meanwhile, please fill in the return slip below and return it to the School Office by **Monday the 14th of November (latest)** so that we can send out consent letters. Late replies will not be considered. Returning this slip is not a guarantee of being selected for the team.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Day

PE Leader

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Name: _____ Year group: _____

My child can **confidently** swim 25 metres (one length) unaided and without floats.

My child attends swimming lessons and is currently at level (if appropriate).

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Print name: _____

