



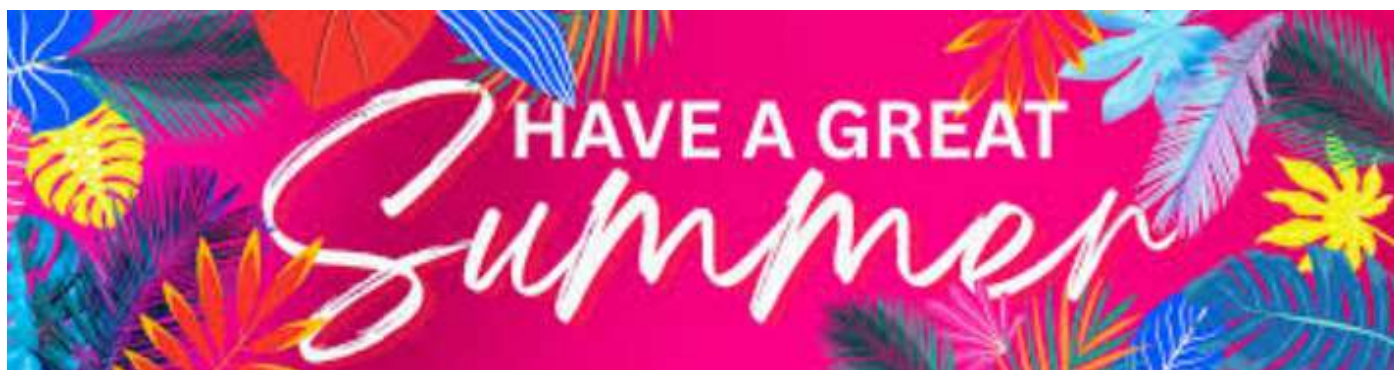
# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*"Every summer has a story."*



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing last week it has been! It is really hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year. Time certainly does fly, and as we close our doors for the summer today, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my upmost and sincerest thanks to each and every one of you for all your hard work, commitment, and support in what has been another brilliant, but busy, year! On behalf of all the staff and governors here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, THANK YOU!

The children are really deserving of a restful and relaxing summer holiday because this week they have engaged in so many different activities as it has been jam-packed with end of year events and celebrations! It has been wonderful to have seen so many of you in attendance at these!

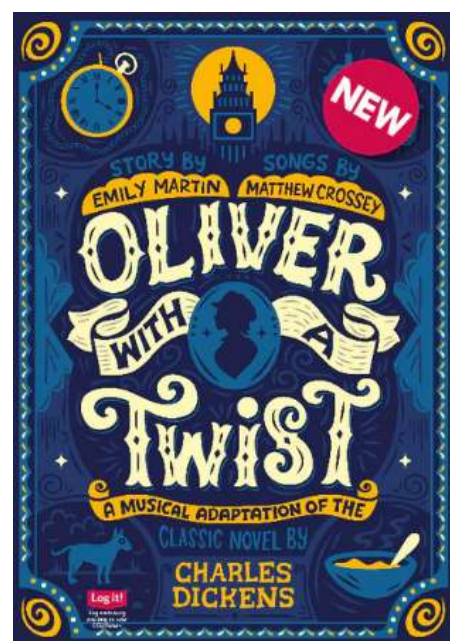
Next year promises to be just as full and we are really excited to get going with some of our plans. Please ensure you keep checking the diary dates at the end of the newsletter in order to add these events to your own calendars. From everyone here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, have a great summer and we look forward to seeing all our pupils at the start of the new term on **Wednesday 3 September 2025**.

## Oliver with a Twist

This week began with a trip to Dickensian London as our Year 4, 5 and 6 children performed Oliver with a Twist, which did not disappoint! For those of you who managed to purchase a ticket for either the matinee or the evening performance, you definitely witnessed a great show.

We were so proud of all the children, as not only was their performance in line with 'Broadway' expectations, their conduct, attitude and behaviour were outstanding on what was a very long day. The singing, acting and choreography were amazing, and it was a real treat to see all the hard work the children and staff had put in come together.

Thank you to all of you who came along and supported, it was a fabulous show made great by two incredible audiences! Our thanks must also go to the staff who worked so hard in putting it all together, in particular Miss Lord, who led the production with her own unique sprinkle of sparkle and razzamatazz!





### **So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye...**

As is always the case, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday was a very emotional occasion! There was not a dry eye in the house! We heard about the many memories, dreams and wishes of the children and how they are going to spend their summer preparing for secondary school. Each child was also presented with a hoodie. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing our fabulous Year 6 class the very best of luck and warmest wishes as they transfer to their secondary schools in September. Good luck, everyone. We shall miss you all!



On Wednesday morning, we celebrated our Nursery Graduation. All the children performed phenomenally well, and we wish them all the very best as they start their full-time education in September. Some of the children, of course, will remain with us in our reception class, but we hope that those who are moving on to a

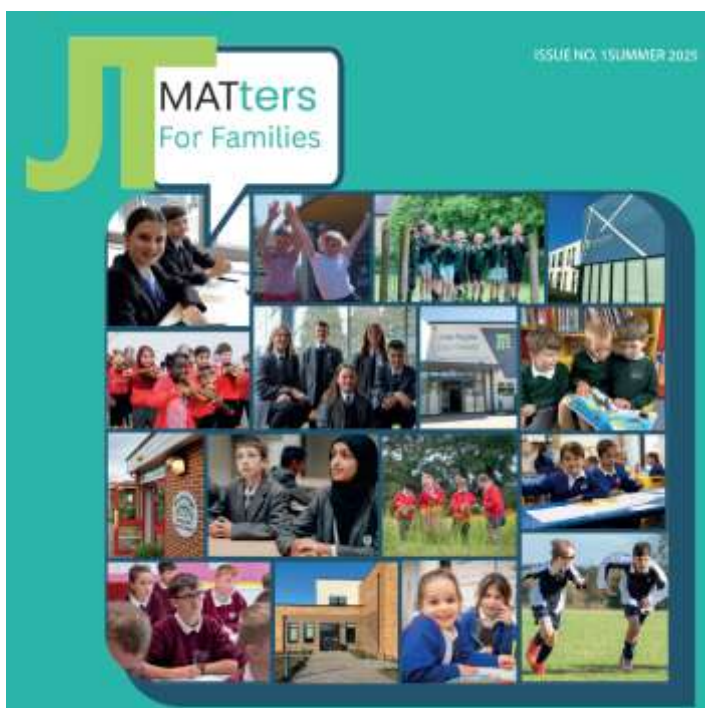
new school will take away some fantastic memories of their time in our nursery. Thank you to all the staff for giving these children such a great start to their journey!

Finally, we said a very fond farewell today to some of our staff members and families who will be relocating and starting new chapters in their lives. While it's always hard to see members of our community move on, we are incredibly grateful for the time we've shared and the contributions you've made to our school. You will be deeply missed, and we wish you all the very best in your new adventures. May your journey ahead be filled with success, happiness, and wonderful new opportunities.

### JTMATters for Families

We are pleased to share the very first edition of JTMATters for Families, a magazine created by JTMAT to celebrate many recent highlights across both primary and secondary phases of the Trust. Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to access this publication. Enjoy!

<https://bit.ly/JTMATters-Issue1>



### The 5p Challenge!

Last half-term, Miss Barker set each class a challenge to collect as many 5p coins as they could. The total raised would be used to purchase some maths resources for the school and the class that raised the most would be rewarded with a special treat! Overall, we raised **£83.40**, and the winning class was Year 2, who chose to celebrate with a pizza and sundae party. Well done to everyone for supporting the challenge!



### Attendance

The first days back in September really matter. Evidence shows that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

We are very keen as a school to work together to ensure parents have all the best possible information. There are resources here that we think you will find useful. This includes a reminder that the [NHS advises](#) that it is

fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature and [what parents can do](#) if their child is facing attendance challenges.

Attendance Matters			
Attendance during one school year	Equals approximate days absence	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which is approximately lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	270 lessons

Punctuality Matters		
Minutes per day during the school year		Approximate number of days teaching lost in a year
5 mins	=	3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

We look forward to increasing good patterns of attendance next academic year and enhancing the school's already strong and supportive ethos and culture around this. We look forward to celebrating 100% on the first day back on **Wednesday 3 September 2025!** Thank you!

### Shobnall Stars Booking Forms

Please don't forget to book your places a week in advance for **Shobnall Stars Early Birds**, or **Shobnall Stars Night Owls** which is our after-school club.

You will need to complete one form per child, on a weekly basis. Forms will need to be submitted by 12noon the Friday before you wish to book. Please also select your breakfast options in advance to assist with catering, specifying dietary requirements if necessary. You can book your place by accessing the information booklets [here](#) or by scanning the QR codes below.



# Playday

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Shobnall Leisure**  
**Complex**



**FREE**

**Activities for children**

- Inflatables,
- Magic Show,
- Sports Activities
- Ride with & Meet Scooter World Champion Jayden Sharman
- Community organisations, groups & clubs to talk to.



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## Year 2 Parents

When your child moves into Year 3 in September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you would like your child to continue having school dinners, please ensure you pay for meals via ParentPay. Our catering provider is launching a new menu in September and a school meal will be priced at £3.00. If you meet the [entitlement criteria](#), you may be eligible for free school meals. If you do, further information on how to apply can be found [here](#).

## Story Garden – Summer Reading Challenge 2025

It's that time of year again when we are approaching the start of the **Summer Reading Challenge**. This year's Summer Reading Challenge produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries is **Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors**. This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.



The aim of the Challenge is to help encourage children to read during the summer holidays so that they maintain and improve their reading levels and interest in reading for pleasure. The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils.
- Ensure pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn.
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages.
- Improve language skills, especially for those for whom English is a second language.

The Challenge ends on **Monday 15 September**.

Children can visit the library to sign up to the Challenge and receive their starter pack. Taking part in the Challenge is completely free. If children cannot visit the library, they can also take part online here [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) and collect virtual badges and prizes. There is a Mini Challenge for 0-4s and the main Challenge for children aged 5-12. Older children are welcome to take part too!

The aim of the Challenge is that children borrow and read 6 books (or as many as they are comfortable to read even if this is less than 6) during the summer holidays. Children will receive stickers and other incentives when they visit the library and, when they complete the Challenge, they will receive a medal and a certificate. Children can borrow any fiction and non-fiction as books or audio books and can also make use of the e-library to borrow ebooks, e-audio books and e-comics . . .all of which count! Here is the link to the e-library [eLibrary - Staffordshire County Council](#)



Activities will be running in libraries linked to the Challenge during the summer holidays. The majority of these will be free to attend although booking through the library may be required. If children do not have a library card, joining the library is free and they can do it by visiting a library with a parent or carer or their parent / carer can join online [here](#).

## Eco Tips to Beat the Heat!

As the temperature rises, let's ensure we stay cool while being kind to the planet. Here are some quick sustainability tips for the scorching summer days:

- Harness the power of the sun by drying your clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- Conserve water by taking shorter showers and watering plants during cooler hours. You can even reuse water from paddling pools for your garden plants.
- Save energy by switching off fans or cooling devices when not in use or when going to sleep. Close curtains to keep the house cooler.
- Keep hydrated with a reusable water bottle, minimizing single-use plastic waste.



Together, we can enjoy the summer while making sustainable choices.



## Safety Tip!

Spending time in or around water is a brilliant way for children to stay active and make memories; however, it's vital to understand the dangers.

This week's guide is packed with tips to help you keep young people safe around water, at home, school, and further afield.

From teaching children what beach flags mean to why inflatables should stay in pools, this guide is designed to support parents and educators in promoting water safety. Whether it's a bath, a beach, or a boating lake, being prepared can help prevent avoidable tragedies.

## FREE Uniform!

We continue to accept donations of old uniform via the box situated outside the school office for any parents who wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box outside the school office. If you need any uniform, you will need to pop down to the **Family Hub** on Waterloo Street, DE14 2NJ. The Family Hub do not have the capacity to reply to emails but do have uniform on site all year round and are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm.



## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

### **Time Runs Like a River** *Written by Emma Carlisle*

*Time runs like a river, never resting, moving steadily on. But if we notice how different each minute can be, we can appreciate them before they are gone.* Rivers can be fast-flowing or still, raging or calm, just like us. This lyrical picture book from the award-winning artist Emma Carlisle explores the concepts of time and change through the ebb and flow of a river. From the fleeting flash of a kingfisher to the slow grinding of pebbles, this beautiful book encourages readers to notice the big and small things happening in nature, as well as reflecting on things which have come and gone and those yet to be enjoyed.

## Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

**Children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses.** This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.



Please note, we can only accept and administer **prescribed medicines** that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration and dosage.

**If your child arrives late, it is the responsibility of the adult to report to the school office and sign the "Late Book", giving a reason for lateness. This is important so that the school office knows your child is in school and can mark your child in in the class register. The class registers in the classrooms close at 8.55am when lessons start.**

**When reporting an absence, please could we ask that parents contact the school office before 9.30am and state clearly reasons for absence. Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be! Remember, every pupil, every day! Thank you for your support.**

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 6**! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	97.8%	Target
Year 1	95.6%	97%
Year 2	94.4%	
Year 3	99.0%	
Year 4	96.9%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	97.8%	95.8%
Year 6	100.0%	
Overall	97.3%	

Our attendance champions for the year are...**Year 4** with **96.4%**!

## Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 18.07.25)	42	15	22	17
Position	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 Points	4 <sup>th</sup> – 1 point	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 Points	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 2 Points
Running Total	20	12	8	10

## Congratulations to **Claymills**!

Claymills have claimed the Team Points Shield and will have their name engraved on the shield over the summer break, ready for the return in the autumn term.

## Diary Dates 2025-2026

Event	Date/Time
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
<b>INSET Day</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Young Voices 2026	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
School Closes for Easter	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b>JTMAT INSET Day</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026
School Closes for Summer	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026, 2.00pm
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
School Photographs	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Welcome to Nursery – Workshop for Parents	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, 11.00am
Welcome to Reception – Workshop for Parents	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, 2.30pm
<b>Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Harvest	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
<b>Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
PFA Halloween Discos	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception, Y1, Y2 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm</li> <li>Y3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 – 5.15pm – 6.30pm</li> </ul>
Parents' Evening	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Open Evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Parent Coffee Morning	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025, 9.00am – 10.00am
Children in Need	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 inclusive
Christingle	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025
A Nursery Noel	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9.15am

PFA Christmas Market	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Reception / Year 1 Nativity	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10.00am
Year 2 / Year 3 Nativity	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026



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## BURTON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Whether you are new to competitive swimming, moving on from a swim school programme or moving clubs; we're always happy to welcome new members to our team.

Our club swims competitively in the Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Arena leagues. All ages from 7 years and above who are equivalent to or working towards stage 6 in current swimming lessons are welcome.

BASC swim 4 nights a week at the Meadowside Leisure Centre:

- Monday – 19.30 – 22.00
- Wednesday – 19.00 – 22.00
- Friday – 18.30 – 22.00
- Sunday – 16.30 – 20.30

Looking to join our club? Please contact us for a free trial by scanning the QR code below



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# FREE SUMMER KIDS CLUB

AGES  
5-12

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# THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Monday 1st September  
(excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us\* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.



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- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic

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\*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

## 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, slides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

#### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

## 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

## 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children **can** drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Those advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, warn parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

**8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED**

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of bathtubs, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

**9 FLOAT AND CALL 999**

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should shout 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

## 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RUS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IT MATTERS



Persistent absence means pupils who miss more than 10% of school every year.

**-£750**

For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of **£750** in future lifetime earnings

**-£10,000**

Persistently absent pupils in year 10 and 11 could earn **£10,000 less** on average at age 28, compared to pupils with near perfect attendance

This rises to almost **£20k less** on average at age 28 for those who are severely absent

**-£20k**

For employability over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:



Less likely to be employed when persistently absent\*



Less likely to be employed when severely absent\*

\*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance