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Kingfishers Swim School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Subject to change. Keep an eye on the website/Facebook page/emails/WhatsApp for any updates.

Monday 16th December – 3 WEEK CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

Week commencing Monday 6th January – office reopens and lessons resume.

Half term 1 week break – 16th February – 23rd February.

Monday 24th February – swim school reopens for second half of Spring Term.

Monday 17th March – Saturday 22nd March – Assessments for next term's classes.

Monday 24th March – Invoices emailed for first half of Summer Term.

Monday 31st March – Fun Swim and photo week.

Saturdays 5th April – Invoices due for first half of Summer Term.

Monday 7th April - 3 week EASTER SHUTDOWN



Merry Christmas to you all.

We've had another phenomenal term. Well done for braving those darker evenings and cooler nights/mornings to jump in the pool with us. It has been our pleasure to teach your children this term with so much progress made. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous gifts and cards.



Term Statistics

Total badges earned: 919

Children successfully transitioned into Duckling/1A classes: 19

Number of first distance awards (5m): 46

Medals earned at the gala: 73

Total distance swam for distance awards:
9060m



We are looking at introducing the NEW STA Starfish Awards next term for our under 3s. The STA have moved from adult led to child led awards which support our ethos so we are excited to get involved!

Please ensure we have your up-to-date mobile number and an email address that you look at regularly.

Last minute changes of closures will be sent by text. This is a no reply service. Updates will also be posted via Facebook. Invoices will continue to be sent by email. Check we are on your safe list so we don't go into your junk folder. If you are expecting an email or text and you don't receive it, please let us know so we can make sure we have your correct details.

If you need to speak to one of the team, email denise@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk, sophie@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk or jordan@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk or message us on Facebook.

Reminder



Thank you so much to those that joined us on Saturday for the Charity Gala.

It was lovely to see the children having so much fun and you all worked so hard.

The general feedback was that we should do another one, so once we've recovered, I might think about it!

Some little tweaks to make too, so thanks for all of your feedback.

Thank you for sharing your photos and videos with us.



This term alone, the Kingfishers Charity Fund has been able to support 7 children specifically with complex SEN needs, 2 Looked After Children, and a full cohort of Year 6 pupil premium children at the Holt Farm Primary School who couldn't yet swim the required 25m at the end of KS2. We have paid for these children attending Holt Farm to have 6 hours of lessons per child and have also provided full funding for the pool hire and teaching staff thanks to the money previously raised. 11 children attended this half term with the remaining children attending in January.

Number of children	Distance can now swim
5	25 metres
1	12 metres
3	10 metres
1	5 metres
1	3 metres

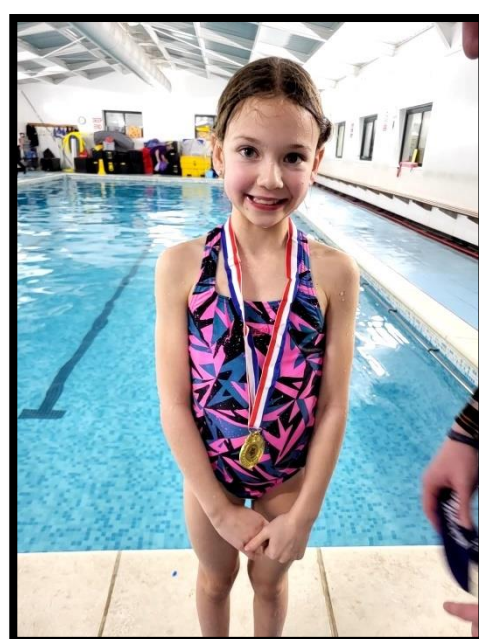
'No child should drown because of financial barriers'

Thank you for your ongoing support!





If you forgot to pick up your certificate at the end of your gala session, they will be in the badge boxes in the New Year.



Thank you for sharing your photos of the gala and fun swim with us.
We hope you had a great time!

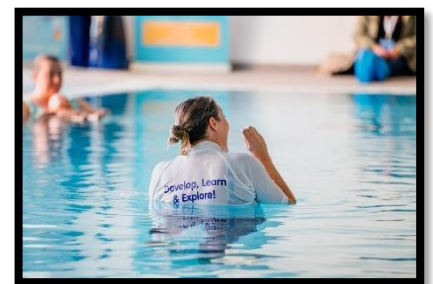


This term saw Denise placing in the **top 3 in the National STA (Swimming Teacher's Association) Aquatic Excellence Awards** in the best Swim Teacher category and we are super proud of her!

We also took home the **trophy for BEST Non-Profit Organisation** for the Kingfishers Charity Fund.

We also finalised in the **What's on 4 Kids Awards in the Kids Sports category** (final 5 nationally). Unfortunately we couldn't attend this event due to teaching and family commitments and so we were told that we were not able to win the category, however we are so proud of the team for helping us become the **ONLY local swim school** and one of only **2 swim schools nationally** to be finalised in the category. WELL DONE TEAM!

What a fabulous way to end our 30th Anniversary Year, winning and finalising in National Swim Awards.



Each teacher has nominated
some students for swimmer
of the term.
Congratulations if you were
nominated!

SWIMMER OF THE TERM

The Nominations are in...

Isabelle Butcher – for conquering her fear of jumping in and blowing without holding her nose.
Mimi Hardwick-Charatan – for tackling everything with a smile on her face.
Hugo Miller – for always trying his best and mastering the breast stroke.
Lewis Bull – for persevering with his forward roll and completing Angelfish 1.
Hudson Bobin – for getting getting his face in.
Chelsi-Mae Sivell – for trying hard even when finding things scary.
Elzie Ivers – for always trying hard to improve her strokes.
All of the Ducklings – for swimming without their parents and being super brave.
Alexander Blomfield – for trying his best every week.
Poppy Tomlin – for being a pleasure to teach and always listening really well.
Ellie Tatum – for always trying her best and pushing herself to do well.
Henry Ridgway – for super strokes.
Edie Merenda – for swimming with her face in and getting rid of the armbands.
Amelia Guiver – for giving everything a go, resulting in some super progress this term.
Elijah Jones – for always giving it 100%.
Wyatt Mayes-Macklin – for excellent effort and progress.
Christopher Mason – for improvement and confidence on his back.
Alfie Collins – for him improvement in confidence and progress.
Zachary Broad – for joining the 1A class from a Rising 3s class and enjoying his lessons.
Jacob Lewis – for improvement in swimming skills.
Callie Wells – for her progress and effort.
Oakley Stone – for finding confidence in putting his face in without holding his nose.
Max Partridge – for gaining in confidence.
Rebecca Pedder – for always working hard.
Christine Blake – for always singing along to the songs in her lesson. 'Let it go!'
Jude Fish – for confidence in swimming away from mummy.
Jordan's 3-12m class for getting used to the armbands and attempting to float independently. Their grown-ups for their confidence in letting them go when ready.
Lily Bonnell – for excellent progress.
Jasper Wigmore – for being in the water without mummy or daddy.
Freddie Neighbour – for excellent progress.
Evelyn Dulieu – for excellent progress.
Lolade Keshiro – for mastering jumping.
Kasper Shipp – for swimming the whole length.
Melody Cone – for perseverance with her roly poly and still smiling!
Felix Banks – for now trying things without saying no! 😊
Roy Ross – for always getting out of his comfort zone and giving his best every time.
Harry Read – for listening in lessons and trying hard. You have improved so much this term!
Harper Furzer – for always smiling even when she is frightened and trusting in your teacher to swim the whole length.
Rex Ellis – for paying attention in lessons and asking good questions.





The Nominations continued...

Quinn Reeves – for conquering her fears of jumping and leaving the side without support.

Alfie Matthams – for always turning up with a smile on his face and going outside his comfort zone.

Aimee Briddock – for her improvement in lesson.

Elodie Barrett – for her swimming on her back and improvement.

Coralie Sadler – for always smiling.

Sampson Rowntree – for swimming across with his face in the water.

All the children that took part in the gala on 14th December - for their fantastic efforts and support for each other.

Tom Humberstone – for being a ball of energy and always giving it his best in lessons as well as practising outside of lessons.



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Well done Alfie!

Merry Christmas all!

Love from Denise,

Sophie & Jordan xxx

