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Dear Parent/Carer,

Cheltenham Swimming & Water Polo Club (CSWPC) are delighted to be hosting the annual Primary Schools Swimming Gala for the schools of Cheltenham & District.

This gala is a wonderful opportunity for primary schools' children to experience friendly competitive swimming against other local schools, in both individual and team events. This year's event will be hosted at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday 19th 2026 (7.00pm – 9pm).

Therefore, we need to know whether your child/children would have the skills and experience to take part in this event.

The format of the gala will be:

- Mixed **freestyle relay**: 6 x 1 length (**33.3m**): 11/U swimmers (*11 years and under as per academic school year*) / Year 6 pupils;
- Mixed **freestyle relay**: 6 x 1 length (**33.3m**): 10/U swimmers (*10 years and under as per academic school year*) / Year 5 pupils;
- 11/U (*11 years and under as per academic school year*) Girls Individual Freestyle Championship: 2 lengths (**66.6m**);
- 11/U (*11 years and under as per academic school year*) Boys Individual Freestyle Championship: 2 lengths (**66.6m**).

Please also note that swimmers should be capable of confidently swimming one length of 33m in front crawl.

As this is a highly competitive event, we would only recommend children who have competitive swimming experience or are confident in the above race descriptions.

If you feel that this event is suitable for your child, please can you contact clerica@st-marks.gloucs.sch.uk with their name and class number along with their current swimming level and any competitive swimming experience they may have. **Information to be received by Friday 1st May 2026.**

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,

Miss Thom

Class Teacher and Physical Education Lead