

Dear Colne Town Council

Pendle Primary Schools Free Swimming Initiative 2026/27

We are delighted to share another successful year for the Pendle Primary Schools Free Swimming Initiative (2025/26). Thanks to your continued support, more children across Pendle have been able to learn this essential life skill, helping to improve confidence, physical activity levels and overall wellbeing

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Across Pendle, more than 7,200 children have taken part, with around 1,292 visits coming from within your Council area alone. These sessions not only provide valuable opportunities for exercise but also teach a vital life skill that many children would otherwise be unable to access.

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Pendle Leisure Trust would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and your Council for making this possible. Your investment ensures that every primary school-aged child in Pendle has the opportunity to swim safely in a welcoming and supervised environment — regardless of their background or financial circumstances.

We are now planning for the 2026/27 Free Swimming Scheme and hope we can once again count on your valued support. The total cost for 2026/27 will be **£7,455** + VAT, which will allow free access for primary school-aged children at any of Pendle's three swimming pools during the following school holiday periods:

- Easter 2026
- May Half Term 2026
- Summer 2026
- October Half Term 2026
- February Half Term 2027

As in previous years, free swim tickets will be distributed through local schools prior to each holiday period. Children who live within your Council boundary but attend schools elsewhere can still take part by presenting proof of address at any Pendle Leisure Trust facility or your council offices.

Schools that fall within your boundary are :-

Sacred Heart Primary
Park Primary
Lord St Primary
West St Primary
Christ Church C of E Primary
Pendle Vale (Primary Age)
Primet Primary

Should you wish to discuss this further or explore any partnership opportunities, please contact:
Paul Whittaker, Business Development Manager via paul.whittaker@pendleleisuretrust.co.uk.

Thank you once again for your commitment to supporting young people's health and wellbeing in Pendle. We look forward to continuing this valuable partnership in 2026/27.

Yours faithfully

Simon Gwynne
Chief Executive
PENDLE LEISURE TRUST