

# Swimming at St. Mark's

## Swimming

We provide swimming lessons in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. This allows children to consolidate and build upon their swimming skills each year and increase their confidence in the water. In addition to meeting their curriculum expectations to swim continually for 25 metres, children will learn strategies for personal safety and survival as a life skill.

## Water Safety

Situated at the back of St. Mark's Catholic Primary School is a section of the Perry Barr Canal. Water Safety is an important part of our school curriculum because if any of our children ever got into danger near open water, we would want them to be able to get to safety.

Every year, we use resources from the Canal and River Trust to help embed the importance of water safety skills.



## Partnership

We work in partnership with Perry Beeches Swimming Pool in Great Barr. Our children use Perry Beeches Swimming Pool to undertake their swimming lessons in school and many of our children also attend swimming lessons here outside of school. We provide small group support so that we can help children to make rapid progress in swimming and we provide a Summer term 2 catch up group to help children requiring extra

support in swimming achieve the targets listed below in the swimming data.



### Swimming Data for 2023/24

	Number	Percentage
Children who can perform safe self-rescue	25/30	83%
Children who can swim at least 25 metres	20/30	67%
Children who can use a range of strokes effectively	18/30	60%