

Swimming at Marhamchurch Primary School 2021-22



Our school recognises the importance of swimming as an invaluable life skill – many of our children enjoy spending time on Bude’s beaches and at its unique sea pool, they enjoy water-based activities on the river and canal and many frequently visit the nearby Tamar Lake. Our whole school safety talks with the RNLI have resumed this year after a two year break due to the covid-19 pandemic. These are very informative sessions with beach lifeguards who teach the children about safety flags, rip currents on our local beaches and personal survival and safety during the summer.

Beach flags



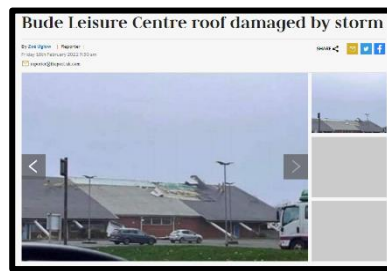
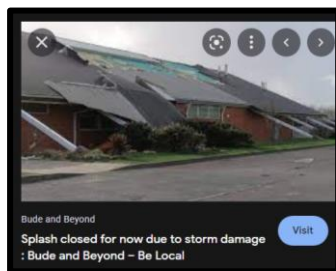
Red and yellow beach flag

This shows the lifeguarded area and is the safest place to swim and bodyboard.

Our year 4, 5 and 6 children enjoyed body boarding and surfing sessions during the summer term both on their Outdoor Education residential trip and on their whole school beach day.

Having had two years without school swimming lessons due to pool closures during the covid-19 pandemic, our plan this academic year was to take upper KS2 children and focus on getting year 5 and 6 children to the required standard across the three target areas. This would have involved two 5 week blocks of swimming targeting those falling below the expected standards.

Unfortunately, our bookings at Bude Leisure Centre for this year’s sessions had to be cancelled as Storm Eunice damaged the roof and it remained closed for repairs until beyond the end of the summer term 2022. We made every effort to find transport to other venues but this was not possible with any of our local coach hire companies as they were all booked to capacity.



YEAR 6 SWIMMING DATA July 2022

Swimming	Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.	Use a range of strokes effectively over 10m + (front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke).	Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.
Working below expected level	6	4	6
Working at or above expected level	13	15	13
Total number of children	19	19	19
% to achieve expected standard	68%	79%	68%

Evidence taken from children’s last school swimming modules (April 2020), information from parents, staff knowledge of pupils at local swimming clubs and Nippers .