



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we experience warmer weather, we would like to remind all families about the importance of staying safe around water.

Tragically, during recent periods of hot weather, 10 children across the UK have lost their lives in water-related incidents. These heartbreaking events are a stark reminder that open water can be extremely dangerous, even when temperatures are high.

Please take time to speak to your child about the following important safety messages:

- Never swim in open water unsupervised — rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals and quarries are extremely dangerous, even in hot weather.
- Cold water shock can kill even strong swimmers — water temperatures below the surface remain dangerously cold regardless of air temperature.
- Children and young people are often unaware of hidden dangers such as strong currents, deep water, sudden drops, underwater obstacles and extremely cold temperatures.
- We strongly encourage all families to visit the RLSS UK 'Respect the Water' campaign website for advice, guidance and resources on staying safe around water:  
[www.respectthewater.com](http://www.respectthewater.com)

Please help us reinforce these important messages with your child to help keep them safe during the warmer months.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher