

# St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

February 2026

## Message from the Headteacher, Mr A Hackley

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following an extremely wet few weeks, it is great to see the sun shining again and once again being able to walk my dogs without then having to bath them to remove the mud. The children also seem much happier being able to go outside without the constant rain.

The year is speeding past, we have World Book Day, Comic Relief and Mothering Sunday all approaching fast and are all special days where we can all show our creative spirit, our caring and our love for our families.

I have recently been talking with members of our 'Extras' group – parents who help support the school and help raise much needed funds to help pay for those 'extras' we all want for the children. If you are interested in becoming part of this, currently very small team, please contact us at school. They are always looking for willing helpers and great fundraising events that also help develop the sense of community that makes St Oswald's a special place.

Mr A Hackley

## OUR VISION

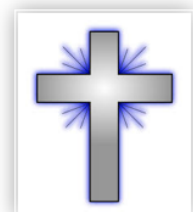
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“I came so that they may have life and life to its fullest” John 10:10

Our main port of communication is via **Arbor In-App Messages** – please allow notifications on your device, to ensure you receive essential communication sent out. Emergency communication will still be via phone or text.

## Christian Values

Our Christian value this half term is  
**‘Courage’**



[‘Do to others as you would have them do to you.’ Matthew 7.12](#)



Time to reflect:

Often we show respect to someone by the way we speak to them. What do you think this means in practice?

Do you treat one another's possessions with respect? How do you show it? Think of some practical ways that you show respect to each other in your family.

## DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality at St Oswald's is about making meaningful connections. This can evoke positive emotions within us such as: **thankfulness**, **feeling at peace**, **feelings of awe and wonder**, **contentment** and a **sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves**.

## Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for the month of  
**February 2025**

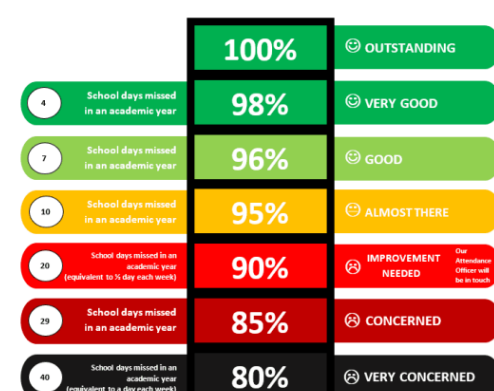
**96.1%**

Our school target is 96%

Reception	96 %
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.2 %</b>
Year 2	93 %
Year 3	98 %
Year 4	94.7 %
Year 5	96.8 %
Year 6	96.1 %



### Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: Well Done to **Year 1**

# Diary Dates

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – All day	World Book Day – Literary Legend
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – during school hours	KS1 Girls Football Tournament
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March – During school hours	Y5 Indoor Athletics
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 1.30-4.30pm	Netball Tournament – Stourport Dome
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 - Last Swimming Session
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March – from 3.15pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – 2.30pm	Rocksteady concert – Invite only
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March – from 3.15pm	Parents Evening
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – School Closed

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Date and Time	Event
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm	Netball Club
Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm	KS1 Football Club



## St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

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SMS: Arbor In-App Message (free)

E: [office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk)

W: [www.stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk)

## St Oswald's CE Primary School Term Dates 2025/26

### Autumn Term 2025

TED Day 1	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
TED Day 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
DoWMAT TED Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
School reopens	8.35am Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
School reopens	8.35am Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
School closes	3.15pm Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

TED Day 3	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
School reopens	8.35am Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

School reopens	8.35am Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
TED Day 4	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
TED Day 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026



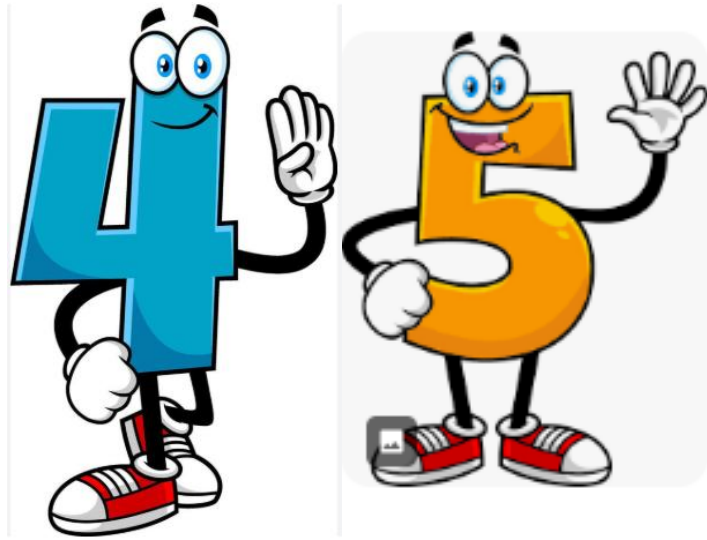
- Children should come dressed as a **'Literary Legend'** - a favourite or iconic storybook character or author!
- They can also take part in the **'Story in a Jar'** competition at home. Decorate the inside of a jar to look like their favourite story or children's book and bring it into school (labelled with their name and class) on World Book Day. The winner will receive a prize!
- All children will take part in our annual 'Stop, Drop and Read' event that they can be sponsored for at home. All money raised will go towards books in school.
- For more information, check your emails for the letter about World Book Day.



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## Our Learning in Nursery

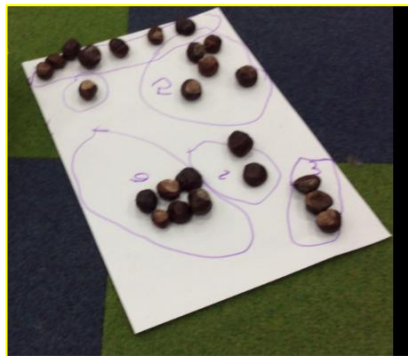
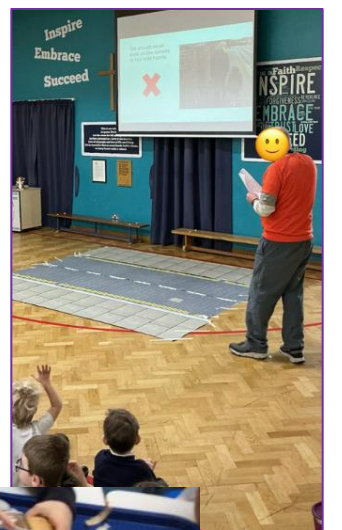
This month in nursery we have enjoyed learning an array of new rhymes and activities to go with them. The children have had a week of Valentine's crafts and baking to share with their favourite person. We have focused on the numbers 4 and 5 in focused math time, counting them out, being familiar with the matching numerals and showing an understanding of how to make the numbers 4 and 5 with other amounts. One of our guided reading stories during February has been Handa's surprise. The children have been in awe of the illustration of the book and have learnt some new vocabulary, including guava, passionfruit, antelope and tangerine.



Next month, we will be starting our new topic 'I wonder who is making that noise'. We also have World Book day to celebrate, a Mother's day afternoon planned for Thursday 12th March and Easter crafts before the end of the spring term.

## Our Learning in Reception Class

This month we have been exploring familiar stories and the good and bad characters they usually include. We have enjoyed making gingerbread men, chose our favourite goody and baddy to make our own good/bad book, made turnip fritters linked to the story of The Enormous Turnip and watched the changes to our bean seeds based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. I wonder how much they have grown over the half term?! We have explored 3D shapes and searched for cubes, cuboids, cones, cylinders and spheres around school and looked more closely at the numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8. All of this and more...we've celebrated Pancake Day, Chinese New Year and Valentines Day.



Next month, we will be learning about living things and the new life Spring brings with it. We will be wondering what mammals, birds and reptiles are as well as continuing our maths learning about mass, capacity, time and shape. In PE we will be focussing on spatial awareness and travelling using different body parts.

## Our Learning in Year 1

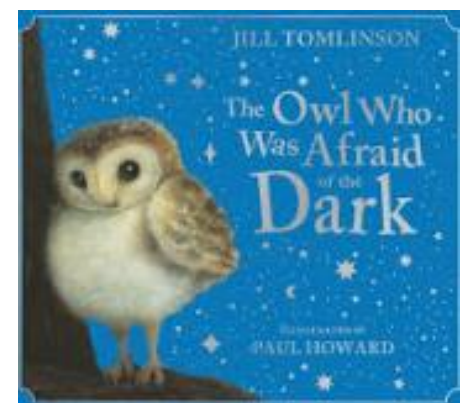
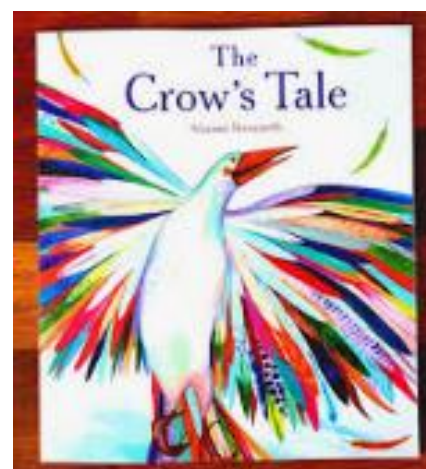
This month we have continue to learn all about Australia. We have found out about its physical features (The Outback and Uluru) and its human features. We have particularly looked at the city of Sydney and some children decided to build the Sydney Opera House! We have learnt about Aborigines and listened to the didgeridoo! In our writing lessons, we have written some wonderful stories featuring Australian animals. In our art lessons, we have enjoyed learning how to weave. This is one of our tropical fish we created by weaving paper.



Next month, we will be learning all about the space race between America and the Soviet Union. We will find out about the first moon landing and about the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong. We will learn to order events on timelines to show our learning. Our lead text in our writing lessons will be 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We will practise our sentence writing skills, using some joining words to add on ideas. In our maths lessons, we will begin to work with numbers up to 50. We will use apparatus to show how these numbers are made up of groups of tens and ones.

## Our Learning in Year 2

This month, we have been busy in maths and have been learning all about length, mass, temperature and pictograms. Additionally, we have been tackling lots of problem solving questions related to these! In English, we have finished writing our independent narratives based on the story the In science, we have ended our topic of materials with making boats and testing to see if they float and can hold the weight of an orange which the children absolutely loved! In History, we have finished our topic of Famous People, discussing the similarities and differences between Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.



After half term, in English, we will be reading the book, 'Little Red Reading Hood' and will be writing narratives based on this text. In Maths, we will be solving more word problems and learning about money! In guided reading, we will begin our new text '. In PE, we will be focusing on 'fitness' as well as 'Multiskills – group games and inventing rules'. In science, we will be delving into our new topic of 'Plants' where we will explore observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will begin our geography topic based on the United Kingdom, where we will be learning about the capital cities and landmarks.

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## Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have been building on our knowledge of measure in Maths, looking at length, mass, and volume. We have recently started our next unit on money. In English, we have focused on 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!' And used this to inspire us to write our own alternative fairytale based on Hansel and Gretel. Our next unit is based around a book called 'The Street Beneath my Feet' which will lead to an explanation text about the different types of rock and other materials found underground. In Guided Reading, we have continued our book 'The Iron Man'.



Next month, we will be continuing with our unit on 'money' before moving onto 'time'. In English, we will be writing our own explanation text and in guided reading, we will be finishing off our book 'The Iron Man' before moving onto 'Charlotte's Web'. In Science, we will be exploring plants and in History, we will be looking at the Iron Age.

## Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have finished reading our book The Egyptian Cinderella. The children wrote what they thought would happen in the story and did a great job!

In maths the children have been practicing their expanded column multiplication and short division methods. Year 4 have been enjoying a new game called boom, clap, snatch which is a fun way to practice their times tables! In history we are continuing with The Egyptians and the children loved learning all about mummification. In art the children loved practicing different techniques with the clay in preparation for making their clay pots.



Next month, we will be learning about time and fractions in maths while we continue with our times table practice. In English the children we be creating their own Egyptian fairy tale, which I cannot wait to read! We will continue with Secrets of a Sun King in guided reading and move on to Earthquakes and Volcanoes in geography. The children will be designing and making their own Egyptian inspired clay pot.

## Our Learning in Year 5

This month we have been building on our previous knowledge of fractions by learning how to multiply fractions by whole numbers, as well as finding common denominators to allow us to add and subtract them. In English we have used the short film 'The Present' to write a narrative. We have continued to investigate different materials and their properties in Science, thinking about how we can improve our scientific enquiries. In PE, we have loved learning how to play handball. This half term's homework treat involved lots of giant sized playground games and some Olympic-inspired curling!



Next month, we will be learning about decimals in maths. Our geography topic will be all about South America, including the human and physical features of this diverse continent. We will also make self-portrait sculptures in art and conclude our Science topic. We will be having Forest School one afternoon a week.

## Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have been learning all about measurements in maths. This has involved converting between measurements of length, mass and volume. In English, the children wrote persuasive speeches about topics they felt strongly about. Topics included banning school uniform, stopping poaching and raising the age rating on games. The speeches they wrote were fantastic! In history, the children wrote some outstanding Key Assessment answers that demonstrated all they had learnt during our Victorians topic. They also printed their own wallpaper designs in art, inspired by the Victorian artist William Morris.

Length	Mass	Volume
10mm = 1cm	1,000g = 1kg	1,000ml = 1l
100cm = 1m		
1,000m = 1km		



Next month, we will be learning about volume, area and perimeter in maths and moving on to a new topic in English, which uses the book 'The Giant's Necklace' as a stimulus for our writing. We will then use the Titanic. In geography, we will begin our topic on North America and in RE we will start a new topic called 'What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?' Our PE days will still be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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## Sports News!

This month Year 2 visited Wolverley High School for a multiskills festival on Friday 6th February. They had a great time completing a round robin of different activities, representing our school in a mature and enthusiastic way!

The following week, Years 4 and 6 took part in bikeability. Both classes practised their skills of turning their bikes and stopping safely on the playground, before Year 6 went out onto the local roads to apply these skills. The instructors were very complimentary of the effort, attitude and polite manner of all the children involved.

Finally on Thursday 12th February, representatives from each KS2 class went to Wolverley for the Panathlon event. This is also a round robin of events, based on a range of disability sports. The children were also a credit to our school, even during the fire drill in the middle of the event!



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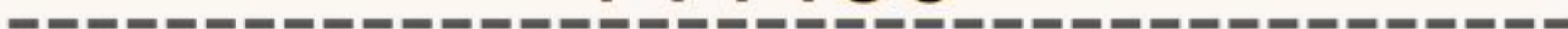


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## The Safeguarding Team



**Mr. A Hackley**

Designated  
Safeguarding  
Lead



**Mrs. J Hipkins**

Deputy  
Safeguarding  
Lead



**Mrs. J Harris**

Deputy  
Safeguarding  
Lead

## DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION

### Safeguarding Contacts:

Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC): Mr. Hackley

Chair of Governors and Safeguarding Governor: Gill Withers

Family Front Door: 01905 822666

The Family Front Door (out of hours team): 01905 768020

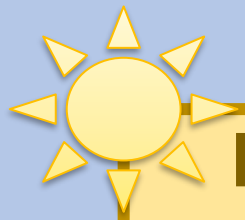
NSPCC: 0800 800 5000

Police: call 999 if a child is in immediate risk of danger

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## Wraparound Care Provisions

Wraparound care provisions is a fun, nurturing environment with a range of enrichment activities tailored to the needs of the children. The children have the choice of free play which builds lovely new friendships. We offer toys, games, technology, relaxation, reading, role-play, outside play (weather permitting) and lots of seasonal arts and craft activities for your young person to enjoy.



### Breakfast Club

We open our doors at 7.40am and charge £4.30 per session. You can drop at any time between 7.40 and 8.30am. Children can have a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, bagel, fresh fruit and squash, making them ready for the school day ahead. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday the day before.



### After School Club

We close our doors at 5.30pm and charge £4.60 if collected by 4.30pm or £8.20 if collected by 5.30pm. You can collect any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, by ringing the bell at the side entrance to the back playground or by calling our wraparound mobile phone number 07507565364. Light healthy snacks are also provided in after school club. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday for after school club on the same day.

### Booking and Cancelling Wraparound for All Children - Nursery to Year 6

All wraparound sessions are booked via Arbor, our parent portal (unless your child is of nursery age): <https://st-oswalds-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> – you will find wraparound services under clubs and payment is due at the time of booking also through Arbor. If for any reason you need to cancel the session, you can do this on Arbor by cancelling before the days cut off time of 12 midday for After School Club the same day and Breakfast Club for the following day. This will give you a full refund.

### Universal Credit and Nursery Funded Hours

We are more than happy to supply a letter of evidence of your child's attendance at wraparound. Our school's URN number is 144456, should you need to provide this. We can also accept funded nursery hours as childcare providers, should you need a little extra time before or after nursery hours. Please contact us on [office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk) should you need assistance. For more information please take a look at the Government website to assist with funding childcare up to 11 years old: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

**Late School Pick Up:** If your child is still on school premises at 3.25pm, they will be taken across to after school club, where an admin charge of £4 will be added to the usual ASC charges.

**Late Collection Fee:** If your child is not collected by 5.30pm, when ASC closes, this is charged at £5.10 for every 5 minutes after. If you have booked for a 4.30pm collection and arrive after this time, you will be charged the 5.30pm cost (an additional £3.60) plus the admin fee of £4.

**Unattended Booked Sessions** (eg due to illness) will still be charged unless 24 hours notice has been given of the cancellation. This should be done via the Arbor app.

# School Uniform

**Our Commitment to Low-Cost Uniform – Unbranded is fine with us! Take a look at our Uniform Policy on our website for more information.**

## Autumn, Winter and Spring Uniform Options

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White plain polo shirt - White shirt for KS2
- St Oswald's navy-blue Crew Neck sweatshirt or navy blue sweat cardigan with embroidered logo (logo optional)
  - Black shoes (flat heeled, not trainers or high tops)
- Plain white, grey or black socks or plain grey or black tights
- St Oswald's school tie KS2 only

## Summer Uniform Options Uniform as above, or:

- White school polo shirt
- Summer dress (blue and white check)
- Grey shorts can also be worn
- Summer caps for outdoor learning or play

## PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Navy skirt or shorts or skort
- Plain Navy-blue hoodie (no branding) for outdoor games
- Plain Navy-blue joggers (no branding)
- A named navy-blue pump bag for PE Kit
- Black pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

## School Accessories

- A labelled water bottle.
- Navy-blue school reading book bag (plain or with logo)
- Elastic bands or scrunchies for longer than shoulder length hair.
- Jewellery should not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch.

## Make up and Jewellery

- Make up must not be worn to school at all by children, this includes nail varnish or false nails.
- Jewellery must not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch. These must be removed for PE.
- As a Health and Safety measure, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back from the face at all times. No extreme hair styles or colours are permissible.
- Please remove earrings for your child before they come to school, on PE days if they are unable to do this for themselves

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Pre-  
Loved  
£2


St Oswald's stocks pre-loved uniform in the office foyer. All items are £2 and you can get a great bargain. The money raised stays in our school and is used for things like books and play equipment for classes and communal areas. Payable using the Arbor app, under clubs – pre-loved uniform

Donate

If your child has outgrown their uniform or they are moving on, please donate their freshly washed uniform to our Pre-Loved sales via the office. In addition to the items pictured above we can also accept PE kits, shoes pumps/trainers, forest school items, coats and packaged underwear.

# Community Information


Previous attachment



## Book Drive

Bring in your quality preloved or new children's books and the Children's Book Project will gift them to a child in need.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> March**



**CHAPMAN & MYERS**  
OPTICIANS

5 Vicar Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1DE

www.childrensbookproject.co.uk  
Registered charity 1183092

## Easter Hunt Trail 2026

Saturday Morning 4th April

**ST GEORGE'S PARK**

10.30 am - 12 Noon

For Children 11 Years & Under  
**MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

Free Event  
No Booking Required

In the case of bad weather the Trail will move to  
**St George's Church**  
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Activities: Eggciting Rewards, Crazy Golf, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling

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AGES 6-14 BOYS & GIRLS 9AM-3PM

£30/DAY OR £75/3 DAYS

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EARLY DROP OFF 8:30-9:00AM  
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- STOP AND THINK**  
always swim in a safe place
- STAY TOGETHER**  
keep children in arm's reach
- FLOAT**  
if you fall in, float, breathe and relax
- In an emergency CALL 999**

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