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Dear Parents and Carers,

Drowning Prevention Week 2026

This week is **Drowning Prevention Week 2026**. This national awareness week is led by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and aims to educate young people about water safety and reduce the risk of accidental drowning. As we approach the warmer months, young people are more likely to spend time near water, including rivers, canals, lakes, beaches, and swimming pools. While these environments can be enjoyable, they also present serious risks if safety advice is not followed.

During form time this week our tutors have spoken to their class about:

- Understanding the dangers of open water such as cold-water shock, currents, and hidden hazards
- Making safer choices around water
- Knowing what to do in an emergency, including the 5 steps to know how to float and how to call for help
- Understanding the importance of peer responsibility and risk awareness
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We encourage you to support this important message at home by talking with your child about water safety and reinforcing sensible behaviour when spending time near water, especially without adult supervision. We have also shared this [clip](#) with them.

Further information and family-friendly resources are available from

- The **Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK)** at: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/drowning-prevention-week>
- The **Royal National Lifeboat Institution** at <https://rnli.org/safety/float>

By working together, we can help ensure our young people stay safe and make informed decisions around water. I have attached a useful leaflet from Merseyside Fire and Rescue.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Jo Leech
Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead

