



St Mary's Community Pool update 12.5.2023

Thanks to the efforts of previous parents and local residents, St Mary's has had a swimming pool on site for over 20 years. The current pool has reached the end of its life and we are striving to create a new pool for the benefit of children and the community for years to come.

We've been striving for two years already – and the bottom line is this. Pools are expensive, construction costs have risen dramatically, and all we have left of the current pool (that can be used) is the hole in the ground!

The pool build will cost £1,000,000. *Anyone interested in the details of the project can email bursar@stmaryspmimary.org and Mark Tunnell our business manager would be happy to take you through the tender document prepared by our surveyors.*

We have already raised £100,000 (10%) and are making 3 bid-applications

- 15% from Tandridge District Council
- 5% from Oxted Parish Council
- 40% from Your Fund Surrey

The Governors are considering investing up to 15% - which leaves us with about 15% left to find

The more we can raise BEFORE we submit our bid to Your Fund Surrey, the more likely we are to be successful.

All our initiatives this summer - like the Fun Run, Peter Pan, Festival in the Field and the Music Night in the Circus big top – are crucial. However, because there are no guarantees, all fundraising in school moving forward will be for 'facilities developments' - meaning that if we are unsuccessful in our bids (or don't raise enough money) we can use the income on other premises projects.

Equally, if the pool project is successful not only will we be able to carry on swimming at school, but we will be able to use some of the income generated to reinvest in other premises developments in the future.

The first big event is our Sponsored Fun Run on Friday 26th May – details in a separate letter. Please do everything you can to support us, and remember you can come along and enjoy the spectacle of all 660 of our children running round the school at once!

Best wishes

Sarah Lewis

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