

Oakhyrst Grange Makes a Splash at the ISA Regional Swimming Gala 2026!

On Friday, a team of 11 talented swimmers from Oakhyrst Grange School travelled to the K2 Centre in Crawley to compete in the **ISA Regional Swimming Gala 2026**. It was an exciting day of competition, determination and fantastic sporting spirit, as our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took to the pool to represent the school.

With **22 schools taking part**, the gala was a busy and energetic event, with eight lanes in each race and plenty of talented swimmers to compete against. Our children rose to the challenge, giving their very best in the 50-metre freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events.

Fantastic individual achievements

We were delighted to see several of our swimmers achieve outstanding results:

- **Willow P** had a brilliant gala, finishing **first in her backstroke race** and **second in her freestyle race**.
- **Freddie F** secured an excellent **second place in the breaststroke**.
- **George M** achieved a fantastic **third place in the backstroke**.

These are wonderful achievements, and we congratulate all three swimmers on their performances!

There was plenty more to celebrate, too. Olivia B, Cara M, Theo H, Ethan J, Harrison G, Isabella L, Georgia R-B and Alice S all gave their races everything they had, demonstrating determination, focus and excellent sportsmanship. It was particularly pleasing to see our swimmers challenging themselves and **improving on their previous times**. Every personal best is a reason to celebrate, and their commitment to developing their skills was clear throughout the day.

Teamwork, determination and sportsmanship

While individual results are always exciting, the gala was also a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience the value of teamwork, perseverance and representing their school with pride. Competing against swimmers from so many other schools gave the children the chance to test themselves, build confidence and learn from the experience.

Swimming requires a combination of technique, stamina, concentration and courage, and our pupils showed these qualities in abundance. Whether finishing on the podium or achieving a new personal best, every swimmer contributed to a successful day for Oakhyrst Grange.

We are incredibly proud of the way the children approached their races, supported one another and embraced the challenge. Their enthusiasm and determination reflect the positive sporting spirit we encourage throughout the school.

Thank you to our swimming supporters

A big thank you goes to all the parents who travelled to Crawley to cheer on the team. Your encouragement and support made the day even more special for the children.

We would also like to thank **Mrs Harris**, who took on the important role of placement judge, **Mr Marek** for driving the team to the gala, and **Steve** for providing the children with a lovely lunch. Events like these would not be possible without the time, organisation and support of our wider school community.

What happens next?

The children will be informed of their official times and whether they have qualified to progress to the **ISA National Swimming Championships** in due course. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for them!

Congratulations once again to all 11 swimmers who represented Oakhyrst Grange so brilliantly. We are proud of every one of you and look forward to celebrating your achievements as the results are confirmed.

Well done, team Oakhyrst! 🏊 🏊

