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Annual Presentation

This years Annual Presentation will take place at the **Colne Cricket Club** on Saturday, 10th January 2026. The doors open at 7pm, with the presentation starting about 7:30pm.

After the presentation there will be a disco which will run until 11pm.

There will be a buffet which will be open at the end of presentation. If there is sufficient space we will open the buffet sooner, but remember to have your ticket on you.

Please let us know about any dietary needs.

Please collect your buffet tickets on a Club night.

For bank transfer: **Nat West Bank**

Acc/Name: **Colne Amateur Swimming Club**

Sort Code: **01-02-20** A/C No. **23636696**

Reference: **Buffet + <surname>**



Last Session Inflatable

We have hired the inflatable at Pendle Leisure Centre for an evening of fun on Thursday, 18th December from 7pm until 8:30pm.

There will be no teaching or training in the large pool, just a lot of fun!

Small pool	7pm - 7:30pm.
First session	7pm - 7:45pm
Second session	7:45pm - 8:30pm

We would like some parents to help out, especially with the younger children. So bring your swimming costume.

Christmas Holidays

Last Session 2025:

Large Pool	Thurs 18th Dec
Small Pool	Thurs 18th Dec

First Session 2026

Large Pool	Mon 5th January
Learner Class	Thurs 8th January

Enjoy your Christmas break and we will see you in the new year.

Annual Subscriptions for 2026

The Annual Club Subscriptions for 2026 will be frozen at last year's prices.

If costs rise further, then future subscriptions may have to rise.

The annual subscription is due on 31st December 2025, and renewing members have until Thursday, 29th January in which to pay. Payment terms can be negotiated upon arrangement.

The prices for 2026 are:

Full Swimming Member:	
Adult	**£80**
Students	**£70**
1st Child	**£70**
2nd Child	**£60**
Additional Child	**£45**
Associate Member	**£60**
Committee Member	**£10**

The membership application form for 2026 is now available to download from the Club website.

Teachers Required

We are currently running on minimum staffing levels on the poolside, as a result we would like people to volunteer and help with the teaching of the children.

Anyone who is interested, then please contact a member of the Committee on a Club night.

If anyone knows someone who has teaching qualifications, who you think could help, then please ask them to contact the Club's Secretary for more details.

We actually require level 1 and level 2 teachers in order to teach the children properly, using helpers does kind of work, but bad habits can result from these situations. A fully qualified teacher would be able to spot poor technique and correct it accordingly.

The Club will pay for any courses that are required, either paying direct or reimbursing the individual after they have paid for a course. Any teaching courses paid for by the Club does require a 12 month commitment to teach.

Sponsored Swim Total

When we held our sponsored swim event in October, we were hoping to raise about £2,000 to be shared between the Club and our charities - Pendleside Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

But you lot are amazing, as we raised:

£ 3,138

This means we can donate £1000 to both our charities. Thank you.

Birthdays

December 2025

22nd Anna Griffin
26th Adison Croxall
27th Erin Gowling
29th Ella-Grace Whitehead and Daniel Griffin
31st Max Dickson



Jayne is Leaving

Teacher Jayne Wilkinson will no longer be teaching next year.

She has helped so many children to swim over the past few years.

Thank you

Forthcoming Events:

18th December
Last Session of 2026
Inflatable Fun!

5th January 2026
The Club Resumes

8th January
Learners Classes resume in Large Pool

10th January
Annual Presentation and Disco. Colne Cricket Club
Doors open 7pm

5th February
February Age Group Gala

12th February
Swimming Club Trials
Learners: 6pm
Large Pool: 7:30pm

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Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has finished and they are off the pool side. Colne Swimming Club is no longer responsible for their welfare.

Would all Members please note that Colne Swimming Club will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a swimmer failing to turn up on time for their lesson, and thus missing the vital warm-up part of the session.

Could anybody changing their address or telephone number please inform the Secretary.

If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: **press@colne-asc.co.uk**

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Christmas Sprint Gala Report

The Christmas Sprint Gala took place on Thursday, 4th December and was well attended especially amongst the girls events. Also a huge thank you to all the parents who had a go on the night, it makes the event more fun!

The climax of the evening was Parent and Child relay, in which, the child goes first and the parent second.

It was very close in the dad's race as Luke Chew and his dad just beat William Brennan and his dad, but then they were both beaten when Jamie Higginbottom and his dad (teacher Andrew Higginbottom) set a new record! Just as this was his second relay swim, as he swam with his daughter Jasmine in the first heat!

Whilst in the mum's race it was close between Abigail Scanlan and her mum and Matilda Walker and her mum, with Abigail's mum Gemma, just touching ahead.

In the main age groups we had four new records being set, with Beatrice Greenwood setting new records in the 6 years 25m backstroke, butterfly and frontcrawl, whilst in the Parents & Teachers category her dad Martin Greenwood set new records for the Backstroke, Butterfly and Frontcrawl events.

Full Results	Girls	Boys
6 years and under	Beatrice Greenwood	*No swimmers*
7 years	Isabella Davies	*No swimmers*
8 years	Elena Godfrey	Jack Haydock
9 years	Connie McIntyre	George Marks
10 years	Betsy Townsend	William Brennan
11 years	Belle Tattersall	Maverick Robson
12 years	Abigail Scanlan	Archie Goulding
13 years	Matilda Walker	Dylan Bowen
14 years	*No swimmers*	Luke Chew and Ethan Donald-Lopez
15 years	Matilda Critchley	*No swimmers*
16 years and over	Isabella Wallace	Thomas Holgate
Parent and Teachers	Kath Walsh	Martin Greenwood



The full results can be found on the Club Notice Board and on the website.

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/sprint-2025.php

Hats and Water Bottles

Swimmers need to wear swimming hats during Club sessions and when representing the Club during competitions, especially any swimmer that has long hair.

We did have an incident over ten years ago, in which a girl got her hair caught in the lane rope. In order to free her, we had to get her hair cut. So if you want to keep your hair long, then please wear a hat.

When you train, you will sweat, so it is vitally important that you replace these lost fluids. So please bring a water bottle in order to keep hydrated.

Do not bring fizzy drinks, as you will feel bloated when trying to train.

Just remember to take your water bottle home with you after your lesson has finished.

Parents Be Informed

The latest information regarding the Club can be found on the Club Notice Board and the Club website, with upcoming events written on a white board.

If any announcements need to be made **urgently**, then posts are made on the Club's X (nee Twitter) feed and Facebook page.

It is advisable that you follow the Club on X or Facebook.

If anyone wants the Club to use other social media platforms, then inform a Club official.

Small Pool for 2026

Starting from Thursday, 8th January 2026, we will no longer have the use of the small pool, which means our two Learner Classes will be moved to the large pool.

Class One: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Class Two: 6:30pm - 7:00pm

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Christmas is coming and no doubt a lot of you will be turning to the internet to get those gifts. Well why not do your shopping through the Easy Fundraising app or website and get those internet companies donating a small percentage of your gift to the Club.

To date we have raised **£1,990.54** from only **36** supporters, with **£128.77** in the last 12 months.

Going to the Easy Fund Raising page on the website will explain how it works. So go on, visit Easy Fund Raising today, and get Amazon to donate to the Club.

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/easyfundraising.php

It will cost you **nothing** to sign up, so why are you waiting.

Please sign up today

Club Cards for 2026

We will not be issuing any Club Cards for 2026 until after the Club presentation on Saturday, 10th January 2026. This is to ensure the surprise value for some of our awards.



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