



Official newsletter of STA



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National Water Safety Week 2016



STA is pleased to announce that this year's National Water Safety Week will be taking place between 6th - 10th June. [Find out more and register for the week here.](#)

Rochdale Extends its Swim Academy Partnership with STA

The Link4Life Swim Academy in Rochdale, one of the first local

authorities to sign up to the programme in 2012, has extended its partnership with STA after seeing a 30% increase in swimming enrolments over the last 3 years. [Read more](#)

STA Pilots Swimming Teaching Mentor Course

Following the results of our recruitment survey last year, STA has responded positively by piloting a Swimming Teacher Mentor Course and pictured here with STA's Kayle Burgham are our first successful candidates to achieve STA's Award in Swimming Teaching through the mentor course. [Read more about the programme here.](#)



New Award in Open Water Safety

After extensive development and piloting we are pleased to announce the availability of our new STA Award in Open Water Safety. The award is designed to train candidates in rescue techniques, CPR and first aid competencies in order to act as safety cover in an open water environment for competent swimmers. [Read more](#)

Get Involved in This Year's Sport Relief Swimathon

STA is proud to be supporting the 2016 Sainsbury's Sport Relief Swimathon which takes place on 18th March. [Find out how to get involved](#) either as a team or an individual challenge.

Important DBS Check Reminder

Please take note that if you are applying for an enhanced DBS check, you need to familiarise yourself with the process before making an application. For working with children, [see guidance here](#) and for working with adults, [refer to information here](#).

Stroke Badges Are Back!

Due to popular demand, STA's Good Stroke Badges are back with a new colourful design - [see them here!](#)



STA Makes a Big Splash With Kid Vlogger

This month, STA's Zoe Cooper made a splash in the pool with Amazing Arabella, the popular kid vlogger, to show how fun synchronised swimming is and to raise awareness of the Junior Lifeguard Academy programme - [read more here](#).

Free Swimming Gala for Blind and Partially Sighted Children

British Blind Sport is holding this year's annual National Visually Impaired (VI) Youth Swimming Gala on Saturday 16th April. The charity event will take place at the Tudor Grange Leisure Centre in Solihull and is free to all blind and partially sighted children aged between 8 - 17 years old. For further information, [please click here](#).

Caps Off to Oldham's 2016 Sprint Triathlon

This year STA is pleased to be supporting Oldham Community Leisure's 2016 Milltown Sprint Triathlon by providing 300 swim caps for the participants. To find out more about the event, which takes place on Sunday 24th April, [see here](#).

Teaching Babies and Young Children with a Disability

Pictured here are local teachers from Norfolk who recently attended a CPD titled *Babies and Young Children with a Disability and Swimming* that was hosted by STA's Irene Joyce.



John Holden from STA's East Anglia office said: *"The focus for the CPD was how to adjust lessons for children with different disabilities, with Irene sharing her extensive knowledge and teaching tips. Irene also brought her seminar alive with real life experiences and examples; some amusing and other serious."*

Miracle Water Babe Awarded Roll of Honour

Six-year-old Rosanna Ogden overcame a life-threatening heart tumour as a baby by learning to swim and has since gone on to raise thousands of pounds for charity. In recognition, STA's Zoe Cooper presented Rosanna with STA's Roll of Honour Award during her latest sixtastic challenge, swimming six miles in six days. [Read more](#)



And Finally...

Thanks to everyone who took part in our member's survey, your feedback is vital to us and all the results and comments are now being collated. We are also delighted to announce the winner of the £100 STA Swim-Shop voucher is Roberto Jimenez - congratulations!

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