

IAPS National Swimming Championships 2017

- The regional rounds consist of over 250 schools and nearly 5,000 swimmers taking part in different age groups and events. It is a National competition and only the top 16 individuals are given a place for the finals. I am always impressed that our swimmers qualify for this very competitive national event and are able to compete with confidence whilst achieving some excellent results.
- This year was one of our most successful. 7 individual qualifiers and 2 relays. The results are exceptional for a small School. Our girls came 5th place out of the 86 schools represented at the finals and our boys came 15th out of 74 schools. When looking at the co-educational schools, adding our points together, St. Piran's School came 3rd place overall, with Millfield Prep in first place.
- Our U10 girls qualified in the medley relay – Sasha Rycroft, Caitlin Haslehurst, Millie Stebbings and Amelia Flower. They came 4th place overall, narrowly missing out on a bronze medal by 0.09 seconds. It really couldn't have been closer. Sasha also came away with a silver medal in the 25 metres breaststroke event. The U10 boys qualified in 2 individual events. Johnny Ireland came 5th in 25 metres backstroke and Joshua Oliver-Willwong came 4th.
- The U11s were well represented this year with Alexander Moore and Helena Kennedy qualifying in the 25 metres butterfly event; Priya Palmer and Ben Phillips qualifying in the 50 metres backstroke. All these swimmers reached the final 8. Alexander came 12th, Ben and Priya came 4th and Helena came 3rd. There was less than half a second between the top 4! The girls in the U11 medley relay did themselves proud, coming away with a bronze medal. Fantastic swims girls.
- These swimmers were an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and St. Piran's School and I couldn't have been prouder 😊

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