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Merry Christmas!

The team at STA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks to our members, customers, staff and Trustees, it's been a great year for STA and here's looking forward to a prosperous 2018.

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Christmas Opening Hours

STA's offices will be closed over the Christmas period from 17:00 on 21st December 2017 and will re-open on 2nd January 2018. Please also note that any orders placed on the STA Swim-Shop, STA Online or by telephone after 12:00 on 21st December 2017 will not be despatched until we re-open on 2nd January 2018.



STA Wales Launches Bilingual Certificates

STA Wales officially launched the new bilingual International Learn to Swim Programme (ILSP) certificates on 17th December at a special event held at Likeafish Swim School in Carmarthen, West Wales. At the launch young learners participating in the new Welsh language swimming lessons were awarded with their first ever Welsh Language certificates. The Welsh Language commissioner's office has worked with STA Wales to support this exciting development.

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New Year, New Career

If you are looking to expand your learning portfolio in 2018 or are interested in an exciting new career opportunity, please see a list of STA Excel's Tutor courses [here](#).

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First Pool Plant Conference

SPATEX 2018 is just over a month away and for the first time at the show, STA's pool plant team will be hosting a pool plant conference on 30th January 2018. At the conference you can learn more about STA's new Pool Plant Operators qualification and hear from Luke Griffiths and Robbie Phillips. All delegates will also receive ½ CPD point.

[Register to attend](#)



Last Opportunity for Octo-Offers

All through December (until 2nd January 2018) members have the opportunity to benefit from a 20% discount on our exclusive Octonauts range of branded certificates and badges when purchased as a bundle. See here and get ready for an Octo New Year!

[Shop now](#)

2018 Dates for Your Diary

- **SPATEX** - 30th January-1st February (includes STA's pool plant conference)
- **International Learn to Swim Week** - 21st-27th May
- **STA Conferece 2018** - 6th October

And Finally...

We'd like to send Barry Stevenson our best wishes for a happy retirement. Barry retires aged 74 years and has been a wonderful STA lifesaving and first aid tutor since 2005.

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Q: What do you call people who are scared of Santa?

A: A Claustrophobic!