

Friday 8th SeptemberMenu (w/c 11 Sep)

Week 2

Monday 11th
September

Year 3 & 5 swim.

Year 6 to Norfolk Lakes

Wednesday 13th
September

Year 2 Swim

Year 3&4 Gala

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to you all! It was wonderful to see all the children happy to be back in school and we have loved hearing about all their summer adventures. We are so proud of our Early Years children who have settled so well already and it is lovely to see their smiley faces as they enter the classrooms. Year Six are proving to already be an asset to the school. They launched their topic with a WW2 day and the teachers leading the workshop said they were the best cohort of children they had ever taught. Well done everyone for a successful start – it has been so lovely to all be back together.

**School day – a reminder!****Infants**

8.35am Gate opens

8.40am Classroom doors open and all children must be in their classroom (otherwise they will be marked late).

3.10pm Infant children will be dismissed from class

Juniors

8.30am Gate opens

8.35am Classroom doors open and all children must be in their classroom (otherwise they will be marked late.)

3.15pm Junior children will be dismissed from class

As all children come into class at the same time, the teachers will not be able to speak to parents at the start of the day. Each morning a Senior member of staff will be on each gate to take down any messages or information that needs to be passed to the class teacher. You can also call/email or pop into the office should you need to get a message to the class teacher or inform us about medical appointments/changes to pick-ups etc. Your cooperation on this will be greatly appreciated!

If you drive to school please ensure you park considerably. We have already had a complaint where a neighbour couldn't access their drive-way for 40 minutes. Please do not park on double yellow lines or block neighbours in.



School Lunches

The cost of a junior school dinner is £2.30 per day for children in the Junior school unless you are eligible for free school meals. (All infant children receive a government funded free school meal). The food is freshly prepared onsite daily and provides a well-balanced and tasty lunch option. The majority of children do have school lunches in the junior school. The menu can be found here on our website.

<https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Meal+menus&pid=39>

PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for the first half of this term.

AUTUMN TERM – FIRST HALF	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a 3
YEAR 1	Monday	n/a	Red Squirrels – Tue 19/26 Sep & 3 October. Skylarks Tue 9/17/31 October
YEAR 2	Thursday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Tuesday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 4	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 6	Monday and Wednesday	n/a	n/a

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Year 2 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.

Year 3/5 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

Year 1 children should wear their Forest School clothes into school on their Forest School day.

SchoolMoney

Most parents are now signed up to use the SchoolMoney app – thanks so much for your support with this. A few helpful tips are listed below:

- If you have more than one child, you can view others by clicking on the arrow next to the name of the child you do see.
- Card details cannot be stored but Apple & Google pay should be an option.
- All payments can be viewed under the “payments” section. We do not use the “club” section – this is for schools that offer a drop-in facility.
- The date you see next to a payment item is the date a payment is due by – not the date of the event/club.
- In Juniors you can see what lunches you have been charged for by looking in “History/Dinner History on the app. Please note we only add lunches to the app 3 times per week so there may be in delay in seeing charges.
- Any items purchased in the shop selection by 5pm on a Thursday (Water bottles/badges etc) will be distributed on a Friday. We do not give out shop items at other times. The items will be taken to your child’s classroom. Those with children in Juniors should only purchase a house point badge when you have been advised that your child has achieved the number of points for the badge – we will check this with the teacher before giving out a badge. Lost house badges (red/blue/green and yellow) can also be purchased if required.

Absence & sickness

There is no entitlement for absence during term-time. Anytime off school for holidays/days out etc is likely to be unauthorised and Essex County Council could issue a penalty notice. If your child is going to be absent from school, you must complete a leave of absence form in advance. These are found on our website or available from the school office. You may wish to read our policy on attendance.

<https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=115> If your child is absent from school for illness you should call on 01799 521720.

The school office is open from 8.15am.



Clubs and Squads

Please see below information relating to start dates for squads (Juniors) and after school clubs. Clubs run until 4.15pm.

The highlighted clubs still have spaces, please email the office if you would like to book onto any of these, spaces will be on a first come, first served basis. Squad acceptances will be sent by the end of today (Friday). Netball/Football 5/6, Dodgeball 3/4 & Cross County 3-6 squad acceptances will sent on Monday.

SQUAD OR CLUB	DATE BEGINNING	Pick Up point
Football Squad Y5/6 (Mon)	Y5 Trial Monday 11 th . Squad starts 18 th September.	n/a
Dodgeball Squad Y3/4 (Mon)	Trial is Monday 11 th September, squad starts 18 th September	n/a
Show Choir Club Juniors (Mon)	Starts 18 th September	Main Office
Football Club Year 1/2 (Mon)	11th September	Junior Hall doors
Indoor Athletics Squad Y5/6 (Tue)	Starts 19 th September	n/a
Netball C Squad (Tue)	Starts 19 th September	n/a
Gymnastics Club Y5/6 (Tue)	Started 5 th September	Junior Hall doors
Art Club Y1/2 (Tue)	12th September	Main Office
Indoor Athletics Squad Y3/4 (Wed)	Starts 20 th September	n/a
Netball Group A Squad (Wed)	Starts 20 th September	n/a
Gymnastics Club Y3/4 (Wed)	Started 6 th September	Junior Hall doors
Hockey Club Y5/6 (Wed)	Started 6 th September	Old Junior Entrance
Drama and Music Club Y1/2 (Wed)	Starts 20th September	Main Office
Football Squad Y3/4 (Thu)	Starts 18 th September	n/a
Dodgeball Squad Y5/6 (Thu)	Starts 18 th September	n/a
Art Club Year 3/4 (Thu)	Starts 6 th September	Main Office
Multisports Club Year 5/6 (Thu)	Started 7 th September	Old Junior Entrance
Tag Rugby Squad (After School Thu) Y3-6	Starts 18 th September	Old Junior Entrance
Cross Country Squad Y3-6 (Fri)	Starts 22 nd September	n/a
Netball B Squad (Fri)	Starts 22 nd September	n/a
Urban Cheer Lunchtime Club Y3-6 (Fri)	Starts 22 nd September	n/a
Choir Y4/5/6 during the school day (Fri)	Starts 22 nd September	n/a
Orchestra Club Y3-6	Starts 22 nd September (Invitation only – invites will be sent in due course)	Main Office
Gymnastics Club Y1-2 (Fri)	Starts 8 th September	Junior Hall Doors

Ace menu

Please see new menu on school website.

Earrings

Just a reminder that if children do wear earrings to school, they must be small studs. Children must be able to remove them independently for swimming and PE lessons. – they cannot be taped. The school will not take responsibility for lost earrings.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Secondary Applications & Open Evenings

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12th September 2023 and 31 October 2023. You **MUST NOT** miss the application deadline! Here is the link to apply. <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

Saffron Walden County High are holding their open evening on Thursday 28th September – more details will be on their website in due course. www.swchs.net

Joyce Frankland are holding their open evening on 22nd September and more information should follow on their website – <https://joycefrankland.org/>

Please speak to the office if you need assistance in applying for your place.





FUNDRAISING

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you for all the donations over the summer, we are overwhelmed by the amount of donations by the families.

We now have a wide range of items: logo jumpers and cardigans, logo polo shirts, non-logo jumpers, cardigans, polo shirt, trousers, shorts, dresses, skirts, joggers, PE short sleeves and long sleeves, PE shorts, skirts, swimming shorts and costumes, swimming hats, jackets and fleeces, winter hats, plimsols and book bag / backpack.

- Logo items are £2
- Non logo items are £1
- Old PE Kit are £2
- New PE kit £3 (no current stock)

Over the years the preloved uniform has raised £1 741 for the school, and over 500 items have been reused. Each quality item reused has an environmental impact of 1-3Kg CO2 saved and 1000 to 3000 litres of water saved.

On the 22nd September the preloved uniform team will hold a "help yourself" to non logo uniform for free. This will include: non logo jumper, cardigan, trousers, shorts, dresses, skirts and plimsols. More details to follow.

In the meantime if you need some uniforms please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Letters sent out this week:

Year 1 Forest School (Parentmail only)

Dairy Dates for the Autumn Term for Infants and Juniors (Parentmail only)

EY/Y1 & Y2 Collection forms – Hard copy. Please return ASAP

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

