

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> SeptemberMenu (w/c 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sep)

Week 1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
SeptemberElephants maths  
workshop

Year 3 &amp; 5 swim.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
September

Okapi maths workshop

Red Squirrels Forest  
SchoolWednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
SeptemberYear 6 maths workshop  
(Lynx & half of Puma)

Year 2 Swim

Year 5&amp;6 Gala

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
SeptemberYear 6 maths workshop  
(Leopards and half of  
Puma)

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week in school. I have been particularly excited to read a story with both Early Years classes about Bubbles the axolotl to introduce them to our core value of kindness.

**This week in school:**

On Thursday we hosted the Uttlesford Girls Football festival on our school field and sports pitch. We welcomed girls from all the schools in Saffron Walden and they had the opportunity to learn new skills, take part in training drills and play matches against each other. It was so wonderful to be able to hold such a large event on our school site and it was such a great experience for the children.

**School dinners**

We are so proud of our school dinners that we wanted to tell you more. Our team are extremely talented and consistently deliver delicious meals. They demonstrate a passion for food and commitment to cooking from scratch, using locally sourced meats and vegetables and rejecting processed foods. Almost all our children have a school meal - so do encourage your child to have one!

The team's culinary expertise is reflected in the mouth-watering dishes they create. From classic favourites like roasts and lasagne to international cuisine such as chicken curry and stir-fry, their menu is diverse and flavourful. The team always keen to get the children to try new food.

It's not just the quality of their food that deserves recognition. Our school dinners were so popular that our parents begged our cook to send them her recipes which she now presents on a popular Instagram account [https://www.instagram.com/school\\_lunches\\_unpacked/](https://www.instagram.com/school_lunches_unpacked/). Parents petitioned again and now parents get to come and book a school lunch. This has proved extremely popular and now our dining halls are filled with, not only happy children, but parents at lunchtime! Our youngest children are still settling into lunch in the infant school but we are opening the junior school dining room again if parents or relatives would like to join their junior child for a lunch. We will let you know when you can come and book a lunch with your infant child too.

The cost of a parent meal is £5.00. **To book please email the office on [admin-inf@katherinesemar.net](mailto:admin-inf@katherinesemar.net) with the date you wish to attend (3 days notice is required) and the colour meal (green or yellow) you would like.** We will then confirm whether we have availability on this date and how you can make payment.

Our menu can be found here: <https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Meal+menus&pid=39>

Watch our school dinners video to see more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNX2HXLnBOg&t=7s>



## 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.

## Headlice

We have had a number of reports of Headlice especially in Year 1 and Year 3. We ask that you check your children weekly and treat if required.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Mind Mental Health Support Team Book club

Mind are starting a new initiative which is available to all our families. Each term, all registered members (parents, carers and staff) will receive a newsletter straight to their email inbox with wellbeing book recommendations for children and young people aged 5-18 years old. Alongside these book recommendations there are questions and prompts to encourage conversation between parent/carers and children to support the development of emotional literacy.

Here is the link to sign up:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYI6ytxnn\\_hoXsnNiZge3AY4QGEvYsNammek4NB0CYy7PVw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYI6ytxnn_hoXsnNiZge3AY4QGEvYsNammek4NB0CYy7PVw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

## Blue Peter book Badge

Your child may be interested in applying for a Blue Peter Book Badge – please click on the link for more details.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge?fbclid=IwAR2dwqwsFBRFuQ5MijTw7pVsCwtKUEmgBGZ1VWT9TrJGfDf3LIIPUbrudew\\_aem\\_AeTkF71zYKDhyK-o3n5nGjjmj7poZL-HPoyyt3oIW79hQYNBfdggOkJC7lvJOaqqp8](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge?fbclid=IwAR2dwqwsFBRFuQ5MijTw7pVsCwtKUEmgBGZ1VWT9TrJGfDf3LIIPUbrudew_aem_AeTkF71zYKDhyK-o3n5nGjjmj7poZL-HPoyyt3oIW79hQYNBfdggOkJC7lvJOaqqp8)

## Termly learning letters

The termly learning letters can be accessed here: <https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=36>

Parents with children in the infant school can also see the weekly home learning letters here – just click on your child year group.

## INFANT SCHOOL

### Phonics Workshops

We will be holding Phonic Workshops for all infant year groups next month. These are very popular events as they allow you to watch a phonics lesson in the school and gives you valuable information on how to teach your child to read. Following are the dates for your diary and please note that **unfortunately we are not able to invite pre-school children to these workshops** as it would be distracting for our children during the lesson demonstrations.

Year 2 Monday 2nd October at 9.00am <https://forms.office.com/e/hVcY0tFcuw>

Early Years Tuesday 3rd October at 9.00am <https://forms.office.com/e/t5CR1S1M9L>

Year 1 Wednesday 4th October at 9.00am <https://forms.office.com/e/9EQT2UDexZ>

Please click on the form by your child's year group(s) to inform us whether you will be attending.





## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Christmas Performances – Year 3, 4 & 5

You will be able to see from the termly dates sent out at the start of term (and again today) that children have been grouped into “teams” for the Christmas Performances. We ask that you make note in your diaries now of the dates your children will be expected back in school to perform. Performances can last for 1 ½ hours so please keep your evening free until 8pm on these dates.

#### Angels

Grey Falcon, Elephants & Orangutans  
Monday 11th December at 6pm  
Wednesday 13th December at 6pm

#### Shepherds

Flame Robin, Okapi & Jaguars  
Tuesday 12th December at 6pm  
Thursday 14th December at 6pm

### 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 - you must book to attend this at [www.swchs.net](http://www.swchs.net).

We are aware that the Joyce Frankland open day was this week and we have suggested to the school that parents may contact them requesting additional slots to visit the school.

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

## GOVERNOR NEWS



**One of our Community Governors Nick Osborne recently undertook a monitoring visit to look at our computing curriculum. Please see below for a brief summary of his visit.**

“An enlightening visit demonstrating how important it is that our children are educated in the ways of the internet and its potential traps and pitfalls, thankfully our teachers and our children are well informed. The online workshops the school runs for parents are well worth attending – be prepared to be shocked”!

## FUNDRAISING

### Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact [preloved@katherinesemar.net](mailto:preloved@katherinesemar.net). Thank you for your continued support.

### Bag to school Textile Collection:

Bag to School will be collecting any used textiles on Monday 9th October. A list of what can and can't be accepted is here. <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. We receive commission per kilo collected.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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Executive Headteacher





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