

Friday 29th SeptemberMenu (w/c 2 Oct)

Week 2

Monday 2nd October9am Year 2 Phonics
Workshop

Year 5 swim.

Tuesday 3rd October9am Early Years
Phonics workshopRed Squirrels Forest
SchoolWednesday 4th
October9am Year 1 Phonics
workshop

Year 2 Swim

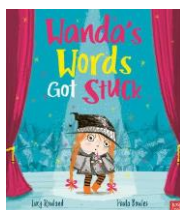
Gala

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into the Year 4 and 6 join us for our mathematics and reading workshops. We feel blessed to work with such supportive families. Please do not worry if you had to miss them – we will send the slides home. A HUGE thanks to Mr Hull for organising them. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to teach our core value of “Be Confident” to the infant children. We read the book “When Wanda’s words got stuck” and realised that everyone feels a bit scared and nervous



Be confident

**This week in school:**

Our Year 6 children received training from Mrs Coleman at the Sports Partnership. The children could become Sports Leaders and help with after school sports clubs and setting up games for the younger children at lunchtimes.

**ACE**

Booking is now open for ACE for the October half-term. Please click on the link if you would like to book in – please note any sessions booked will be charged. <https://forms.office.com/e/bGz17ZHAYm>.

Bookings must be made by 16th October

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/. 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 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>



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.

INFANT SCHOOL

Phonics Workshops

We will be holding Phonic Workshops for all infant year groups next week. 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

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>

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





GOVERNOR NEWS

In the summer term we had a governor visit from Pam Lochhead & Peta Torrance. Please see below an extract from their report.

"The end of Summer term was packed full of activities for the children. One of the highlights was Science Week, which I had the pleasure to come in and monitor for an afternoon. Pupil engagement with the workshops, that were provided by scientist parents at the school, was exceptional. These were informative and thought provoking. It was also great to see that Science was linked with other subjects such as PE, Music and Art as well as Maths and Literacy".

Pam Lochhead

Peta Torrance



FUNDRAISING



The Change Challenge

We will be holding a change challenge during October and November. In the main reception area there is a giant bottle which we hope to fill with loose change (ideally silver, but any coins are fine). Once the bottle is full children are invited to guess how much is in the bottle. There will be a prize for whoever guesses the closest. The money raised from this will help pay for the Pantomimes we have booked for the children to enjoy just before Christmas – Treasure Island for the Infants and Cinderella for the Juniors. Please bring any change to the reception area.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact 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

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher





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