

Friday 19th September

Menu (w/c 22nd
Sep)

Week 1

Monday 22nd
September

Year 3 & 4 Swim

Tuesday 23rd
September

No Y3/4 Hockey Club

Wednesday 24th
September

Skylarks Forest School

Year 2 Swim

Just a reminder squads begin at 8.15am. (8.10am for netball). Please be punctual. We cannot admit children after 8.20am. You will need to stay with your child until school starts if you arrive late.

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in school:

Our Year 6 had the most incredible week at Norfolk Lakes. The children took part in such a huge range of activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, fencing, climbing and much more!

We were so proud of the children's resilience and confidence.

Our Early Years children have continued to settle into school, and we could not be prouder of how well they've settled in. They've loved meeting their buddies and sharing stories together.



Seesaw

Just to inform parents that if you log out of your seesaw account (or if you have more than one child and switch accounts) you will need to log back in with the QR code – therefore we advise that you keep the paper copy that was sent out in the first week of term. Unfortunately it is not possible to view multiple children on one account.

School Lunches

We offer the option for parents to come in and have lunch with their child. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to see how delicious of school lunches are. To book please call or email the office advising which day you would like to come and which meal option you would like (yellow or green). Once we have confirmed availability for your chosen day, we will add the cost to your SchoolMoney account. (The cost is £6 for a 2-course meal). **We will offer this for parents with children in the infant school in a few weeks once all the children are settled and used to the routine. We will pop a note on here when we are ready to take bookings for infants.** The lunch starts at 11.55am for infants & 12.05 for Juniors. Just a polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used whilst in the dinner hall and once you & your child have finished eating your child will go out to play with their friends – parents are unable to join them in the playground.

Lost Property & Forgotten items

We are finding more and more unnamed waterbottles, snack pots and items of clothing. If an item is not named we cannot return it back to the child. Unnamed items will be donated to our preloved uniform bank or thrown away. Please name everything! If you need to purchase stickers for your child's belongings we recommend Stikins who donate a % back to our school. The website is <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> The fundraising code to enter is **10784** Due to the increasing amount of forgotten items (such as hats, pencil cases, water bottles etc) being handed into the office throughout the morning, we have introduced a drop-off box in the reception area. If your child forgets something, please place it in the box, ensuring it is clearly labelled. Items from the box will be distributed to the classrooms at break and lunch to avoid disturbing lessons. For essential items (such as glasses) please leave these with a member of staff.

Items needed

If you have any unused/unwanted board games, we would love them in school. Please hand any donations to the office. We are also in need of good quality boys pants and socks (Aged 5-7).

Vacancy at RA Butler

RA Butler are recruiting for a pupil and family support practitioner. More details can be found here - [R A Butler Academy - Vacancies](#)



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. Please sign up by Friday 3rd October.

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| Early Years | Thursday 9 th October 9.00am | https://forms.office.com/e/TUMt0NujhW |
| Year 1 | Wednesday 8 th October 9.00am | https://forms.office.com/e/tC1ZbARFJe |
| Year 2 | Tuesday 7 th October 9.00am | https://forms.office.com/e/vRKZ0eqEdC |

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

Mystery Readers

Thank you to everyone who applied to be a mystery reader – we had an overwhelming response and unfortunately could not accept everyone who applied. We have sent home letters of those who have been selected for this term. We will invite more Mystery Readers in next term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 4 Maths Workshops & Year 6 Reading Workshops

Just a reminder for parents to sign up for the upcoming workshops

Year 4 parents should sign up here - <https://forms.office.com/e/AmGvf1rNmK>

Year 6 parents should sign up here - <https://forms.office.com/e/d2rMYPcB93>

Year 6 Secondary Applications & Open Evenings

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12 September 2025 and 31 October 2025. You **MUST NOT** miss the application deadline! Here is the link to apply. [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Saffron Walden County High are holding their open evening on Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. You do not need to book to attend but do need to book for the Headteacher presentation – please see their website for more details. [Saffron Walden County High School - Open Evenings](#)

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

PE TIMETABLE

Please find below the timetable for PE for the first half of the autumn term

| Autumn Term – first half | PE | Swimming | Forest School |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|
| EARLY YEARS | Tuesday & Thursday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 1 | Tuesday | n/a | Skylarks – 10/17/24 September Red Squirrels – 1/8/15 October |
| YEAR 2 | Friday | Wednesday | n/a |
| YEAR 3 | Thursday | Monday | n/a |
| YEAR 4 | Tuesday | Monday | n/a |
| YEAR 5 | Monday & Wednesday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 6 | Wednesday & Friday | 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 3/4 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.





Clubs and Squads

Please see below information relating to start dates for squads (Juniors) and after school clubs. There are some cancellations coming up due to the residential and staff training so please do check this table. Clubs run until 4.15pm.

| SQUAD OR CLUB | DAY | DATE BEGINNING | NOTES: | Pick Up point |
|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Football 5/6 Squad | Monday | Monday 15 th September | Trial is Monday 8th | n/a |
| Dodgeball 3/4 Squad | Monday | Monday 22 nd September | Trial is Monday 8th | n/a |
| Archery 3/4 squad (lunchtime) | Monday | Monday 22 nd September | Trial is Monday 8 th at lunchtime | n/a |
| Gymnastics 5/6 Club (first half term) | Monday | Monday 8 th September | First half term only | Junior Hall Doors |
| Drama and Music Y1/2 club | Monday | Monday 8 th September | No club on Monday 15 th Sep | Main Office Entrance |
| Art & Craft Club Y3/4 (first half term) | Monday | Monday 8 th September | First half term only | Main Office Entrance |
| Indoor Athletics 5/6 Squad | Tuesday | Tuesday 9 th September | Trial is Tuesday 2 nd Sep | n/a |
| Netball beginner group squad | Tuesday | Tuesday 9 th September | Trial is Tuesday 2 nd Sep (Y3-6 children not already in a netball squad) | n/a |
| Tag Rugby Squad Y5/6 (after school) | Tuesday | Tuesday 9 th September | Trials is Tue 2 nd Sep after school. No Club Tuesday 16 th Sep. | Junior Hall Doors |
| Hockey Club Y3/4 | Tuesday | Tuesday 2 nd September | No club on Tuesday 16 th or 23 September. | Junior Hall Doors |
| Art Club Year 2 | Tuesday | Tuesday 9 th September | First half term only | Main Office Entrance |
| Indoor Athletics 3/4 squad | Wednesday | Wednesday 10 th September | Trial is Wednesday 3 rd Sep | n/a |
| Netball Advanced squad | Wednesday | Wednesday 3 rd September | | n/a |
| Knitting & Crochet Club | Wednesday | Wednesday 10 th September | First half term only | Main Office Entrance |
| Girls Football Club Y3-6 | Wednesday | Wednesday 10 th September | No session on Wednesday 3 rd Sep | Old Junior Entrance door |
| Gymnastics Club Y1/2 | Wednesday | Wednesday 3 rd September | No Club on Wednesday 17 th Sep | Junior Hall doors |
| Football 3/4 squad | Thursday | Thursday 11 th September | Trial is Thu 4 th September | n/a |
| Dodgeball 5/6 squad | Thursday | Thursday 25 th September | Y5 children trial on Thu 4 th September & Y6 children trial on Thu 11 th September. No club Thu 18 th Sep. | n/a |
| Urban Cheer Y3-6 Lunchtime club | Thursday | Thursday 11 th September | | n/a |
| Choir 4/5/6 (during school afternoon) | Thursday | Thursday 11 th September | | n/a |
| Tag Rugby 3/4 Squad (AFTER SCHOOL) | Thursday | Thursday 11 th September | Trial is Thu 4 th September. No club on Thu 18 th September | Junior Hall Doors |
| Orchestra Y3-6 Club (invite only) | Thursday | Thursday 11 th September | | Main Office Entrance |
| Football Y1/2 Club | Thursday | Thursday 4 th September | | Junior Hall Doors |
| Cross Country 3-6 squad | Friday | Friday 12 th September | Trial Friday 5 th September | n/a |
| Netball Intermediate squad | Friday | Friday 5 th September | | n/a |
| Archery Y5/6 Squad | Friday | Friday 12 th September | Trial Fri 5 th September. No squad on Friday 19 th September | n/a |
| Hockey 5/6 Squad (after school) | Friday | Friday 12 th September | Trial is Friday 5 th September (after school). No squad on Friday 19 th September. | Old Junior Entrance Door |
| Gymnastics 3/4 Club (first half only) | Friday | Friday 5 th September | | Junior Hall Doors |
| Show Choir Y3 Club | Friday | Friday 5 th September | No club on Friday 19 th September | Main office Entrance |



REMINDERS

Wet Weather & Squads

If it is raining the following squad will not run:

- Monday – Football Y5/6
- Tuesday – Netball squad
- Wednesday – Netball squad
- Thursday – Football Y3/4
- Friday – Cross Country Squad

This is because these squads take place outside and we do not have space to move them inside on rainy days due to other squads already taking place in the hall. If it is raining please do not send your child to these squads – they should come to school at the normal time. **The office is not open early enough to send out an email informing you of the cancellation – however if you are unsure you can call the office from 8am.**

If we have to cancel any after school clubs due to bad weather, we will send an email out by 2pm informing you of the cancellation, please do check your inbox if the weather is bad.

SchoolMoney

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.

FUNDRAISING

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you ever need any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net.

Save the Date – Quiz night

Mr Aiken will be running his very popular quiz night on Friday 14th November. This will be an evening event for parents/carers. More information to follow but please do save the date!

Bag to School Collection

We hold a few textile collections each year with Bag2School. They will collect specific textile items and pay us commission for each kilo collected. More info can be found here <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> **The next collection is Thursday 13th November.** Bags will need to be dropped outside the junior hall on that morning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

