

Menu (w/c 20 Oct)

Week 2

Monday 20th October

Year 3 & 4 Swim

Parent Consultations
3.30-6.30pm – No after school clubs except for Y1/2 Drama & Music

Wednesday 22nd October

8.55am - Grey Falcon
Class Assembly

Year 2 Swim

Parent Consultations
3.30-6.30pm – No after school clubs today!

Thursday 23rd October

8.55am - Flame Robin
Class Assembly

Menu change – see left!

Friday 25th October

Menu change – see left!

Start of Half Term.
School re-opens on Tuesday 4th November

Monday 3rd Nov is a non-pupil day.

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:

It was so lovely to watch the infant harvest festivals this week, we are especially proud of our Early Years children who sang beautifully in just their 7th week of school. We were also overwhelmed by the donations for the foodbank. A huge thank you to all those who have donated.



Menu Change

Due to a planned catering repair we have to make a change to the menu next week:

Thursday 23rd October

Yellow choice – Chicken Nuggets & Chips.

Green Choice – Salmon Fishcakes or Vegetable Fingers with chips. (Dessert – Raspberry & Yoghurt sponge/fruit)

Friday 24th October

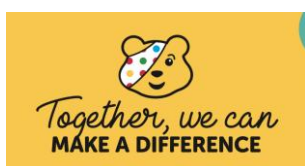
Yellow Choice – Baguette with ham/tuna/cheese or egg

Green Choice – Chicken Tikka Masala (Dessert – Shortbread/Fruit)

Parent Consultations

You will receive an email today reminding you of your appointment time next week. Appointments last 10 minutes and we politely ask that this is respected. Childrens books will be on display in each school hall so please come early to allow yourself time to look at these. If you need to bring your child(ren) along, Mrs Puxley and other staff can look after them in the infant school hall whilst you have your appointment. Please do return to collect your child(ren) straight after your appointment as it does get busy in the infant hall. If you only have children in the Junior school, they can stay in the Junior Hall whilst you have your appointment as office staff will be there to supervise. **All after school clubs will be cancelled on Monday & Wednesday except for Mondays Drama and Music Club with Mrs Gardiner**

Children in Need



Our school councils have voted to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 14th November by having another Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day. This was a clear favourite previously! The sale will be held after school outside each main gate on Friday 14th November.

To ensure purchasing is quicker and to guarantee a doughnut, we have set up an option to pay in advance using School Money and then collecting on the day. **Doughnuts cost £1.50 each, 4 for £5 or a dozen for £12.** You can purchase these on the shop section of SchoolMoney. Pre orders must be made by Friday 7th November. Please make sure you make a note of whether you purchase these under a child in the infant or junior school – as there will be different collection points. You will not be able to collect at the infant gate if you have purchased under a junior child and vice-versa – sorry! There will be a limited number of doughnuts available on the day but you should pre-book to avoid disappointment.

If your child attends ACE on this day you can purchase and collect your doughnut(s) from ACE club when you collect your child. Again – these can be purchased from the shop section of SchoolMoney but will have ACE collection in the title.



IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 6th of November 2025, to take Individual & Sibling Photos. All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: **JRMMVZF6W6** for the Infant school and **JRUBFUEFRM** for the Junior school
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

As we operate two different systems across our schools, we are unable to automatically identify siblings with different surnames. If your children have different surnames, please inform the school office so we can ensure a sibling photo is taken

Mid-October Reminder: Please Send Coats to School

As the weather has turned colder, we kindly ask that all children bring a coat to school every day. Unfortunately, we are unable to deliver coats to classrooms once the school day has started. Please also consider whether your child needs a hat or gloves, and ensure these are brought in with them first thing in the morning.

Parent Lunches – available every day for those with children in Y1-Y6 – Early Years parents/carers can join them after October Half term.

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £6.00. **To book please email the office on admin-inf@katherinesemar.net with the date you wish to attend (3 day's 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. If you have booked to come for lunch in the infants, please go to the main office at 11.55am, for the Juniors please go to the main office at 12.05. Please note parents will eat lunch with their child but are not permitted to go out into the playground afterwards – this is for safeguarding reasons. Parents are also not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in the dinner hall.

Metronome needed

Does anyone have an unused metronome at home that they could donate for use in music lessons? Mrs Savill, our music leader. would be very grateful if you could!

Lost Property

We are finding more and more unnamed clothing, 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**

Help needed

We are looking for parents/carers to help wrap Christmas gifts for our grotto. This can be done in your own home at your convenience. Please see Kate in the office if you can help.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Lunch Payments – Reminder

We kindly remind parents that junior school lunches should be paid in advance.

We completely understand that life gets busy, which is why we encourage families to load funds ahead of time to avoid any disruption. On SchoolMoney, there is a green highlighted box for lunch payments, pre-set to £12.50 (the cost of one week's lunches), but this amount can be increased if you'd prefer to pay for a longer period.

To help manage this smoothly, we will offer a one-week grace period (£12.50). After this, if payment hasn't been received, we will contact you to request immediate payment. If the debt remains unpaid, unfortunately, we will be unable to offer a lunch until the balance is cleared.

We really appreciate your cooperation with this. It would be a great help to our office staff, who spend a considerable amount of time chasing overdue payments. If we find that we are persistently having to follow up, we will call to advise that lunches must be pre-paid going forward.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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.

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 & Netball 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.

Reception Deliveries – A Kind Reminder

We've noticed an increase in the number of items being dropped off at reception during the school day. While we completely understand that things can be forgotten in the morning rush, we kindly ask families to consider whether these items are truly essential, as frequent deliveries can disrupt lessons.

Going forward we will only be able to accept and deliver the following items:

- Medication
- Glasses
- PE kits
- Swimming kits

Please note: Homework, planners, and reading books will not be accepted for delivery, particularly for children in Years 5 and 6, in line with SWCHS policy which does not allow items to be dropped to the classrooms. We hope this will support children in building resilience and independence.

If your child forgets their water bottle, please don't worry — cups are available in classrooms so they can stay hydrated. However, having their own water bottle is always preferable.

Punctuality

We've also seen a rise in lateness at both the start and end of the school day. To help us keep children safe and accounted for:

- If your child arrives after the gates have closed, you'll need to sign them in at reception and complete a Late Arrival slip.
- If you are late collecting your child, we kindly ask that you sign our Late Collection slip

We understand that occasional delays happen, but please be aware that **persistent lateness may be considered a safeguarding concern**. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, organised, and safe environment for all our children.



FUNDRAISING

Quiz Night

Just 17 tickets left for the quiz night on Friday 14th November – please book via the shop section if you wish to attend.

Christmas at KSS



**KATHERINE SEMAR
FESTIVE FUNDRAISING
PACKAGE**

Bronze package	Silver package	Gold package
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Uniform day • Visit to Santa's Grotto • Pantomime <p>£5.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Uniform day • Visit to Santa's Grotto • Pantomime • Christmas Movie Night • Take home Festive item made in class. (Infants) or Festive Photo shoot (Juniors) <p>£10.00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Uniform day • Visit to Santa's Grotto • Pantomime • Christmas Movie Night • Take home Festive item made in class. (Infants) or Festive Photo shoot (Juniors) • Visit to Elfridges shop <p>£15.00</p>

Just a reminder that these packages will replace our Christmas Fayre this year! Parents will not be asked to donate any items for (or spend money at) a Christmas Fayre.
Any proceeds from these events will go directly back towards enhancing the additional opportunities available to your children.
Thank you for your support.

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🌟 Christmas Packages

After feedback from our parent forum, we have decided not to run our Christmas Fair as parents are very busy at this time of year. We have decided to run other exciting activities in school instead.

We're offering **three magical Christmas packages** as part of our fundraising efforts. Each child can choose one — but we need to know their selection **in advance**, so our elves have time to prepare everything perfectly!

Please select which package you would like for your child by the end of October half term (Friday 31st October). You can pay a deposit now and the rest nearer the time, but we do need to know which package you would like for your child.

Please purchase or part-pay (by amending the amount highlighted in green) for your choice by 31st October on SchoolMoney.

Pre loved Uniform

If you ever need any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. We welcome donations of good quality and clean school uniform. Kindly ensure items are free from holes and stains so they can be reused and appreciated. There is a box outside to main office to you to donate items.

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

