



Menu (w/c 26 Jan)

Week 1

Monday 26th January

Year 3/6 Swim

Tuesday 27th January

9am - Flame Robin
Maths workshop in
Junior Hall

Wed 28th January

9am Grey Falcon
Maths Workshop in
Junior Hall

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



Here is a link to short video with the highlights of the concert.

<https://youtu.be/H5b0nrnl-Y>

This week in School:

On Monday the children who attend choir on Year 5 & 6 attended the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in London.

Although it's a very long day, the children were so excited to be part of the world's biggest choir. It was an incredible experience for them – performing at the O2 with their family and friends watching.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Savill who organised the trip and also taught all the children the words and actions to the songs.

Thanks to all the other staff who went on this trip.

Parent Consultations - Bookings open on Sunday 25th January at 7pm.

Our Parents Evenings will be on **Monday 9th February** and **Wednesday 11th February** and will be held face-to-face in school. **The meetings should last no longer than 10 minutes and we ask that all parents respect this.** It is also a valuable opportunity to look at your child's books. If you need to bring your child along, staff can look after them in the infant school whilst you have your appointment. The halls can get busy so please take your children home as soon as you have seen the teacher and viewed your child's work. Please note we cannot offer separate appointments for separated parents.

Bookings open on Sunday 25th January at 7pm.

A booking link was sent today, please save this and click on it from 7pm on Sunday 25th January to book a slot. The link will not be live until 7pm so please do not try to book before this time. We recommend booking as soon as you can if you need specific appointment times.

Lynx class parent consultations take place on Wed 4th February and Monday 9th February. This has already been communicated to parents with children in that class. For your convenience if you have other children in the school; bookings for this class will open 15 minutes early at 18.45 on Sunday 25th January. Again, a link was sent to you, and the link will not be live until bookings open at 18.45. We will be in contact with those who have children in Orangutan class in due course to arrange their parent consultations.

Golden Acre Car Park

We have heard that the Golden Acre car park will be closed until the 9th March. We will be looking for volunteers to help with opening and closing this after half term.

Job vacancy

We have a job vacancy in the school kitchen. This would be perfect for anyone with school children as it is only in school hours and you would have all the school holidays.

All the details are here [Katherine Semar Schools - Vacancies](#) Please ignore the fact that it says the closing date says 19th January, this vacancy is still open.

There could be additional cleaning hours during the school day if this would be of interest to anyone. Please pass on these vacancies to anyone you think may be interested.



Beauty and the beast

SWCHS students from Years 7 - 13 are currently rehearsing a production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast, an exciting and vibrant show with many familiar tunes!

Tickets are now available from the link below for the performances on February 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 7pm in Saffron Hall.

[SWCHS production of Beauty and the Beast - What's On - Saffron Hall](#)

INFANT SCHOOL

Items needed

Our Early Years team desperately need donations of good quality, clean underwear, tights and socks which can be kept for emergency use. If you have children who have outgrown these items we would welcome them! Please drop anything into the office. We are also in need of navy blue joggers.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 Maths Workshops – Tuesday 27th January (Flame Robin) and Wednesday 28th January (Grey Falcon)

If you have a child in Year 3 we are inviting you to a special maths workshop designed for parents and children. These sessions are a fantastic way to support your child’s learning, boost confidence, and discover fun strategies to make maths enjoyable at home. Attending really sets a great example for your child and shows how important learning is. Please complete the form here to indicate if you will attend:

[Year 3 Maths Workshops – Fill out form.](#)

Workshops for year 5 will take place on Tuesday 3rd Feb (Orangutans) and Thursday 5th February (Jaguar) – please complete the form here - Year 5 Maths Workshops – Fill out form

REMINDERS

PE Timetable

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

Spring Term – First Half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday & Wednesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 2	Friday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 4	Monday & Tuesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Monday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday	Monday	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 3/6 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

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.





FUNDRAISING

Pre Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. Thank you for your continued support.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

We invite you all to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend on the 23rd, 24th and 25 January. You just need one hour.

By doing this, we can help the RSPB know which birds need help as their numbers are going down. This means they can target their conservation efforts e.g. starlings' numbers have dropped by over 80% since 1979.

1. Please sign up using this link (it takes about one minute) [Big Garden Birdwatch](#) You'll receive your FREE digital or printed Big Garden Birdwatch guide, which includes a bird identification chart, top tips for your Birdwatch, RSPB shop voucher, plus advice on how to help you attract wildlife to your garden.
2. Pick an hour on 23-25 January and spend it watching the birds on your balcony, in your garden or in your local green space. Only count the birds that land, not those flying over.
3. Submit your results to the RSPB online or by post.

You will be part of the biggest wildlife survey in the world!

Thank you!
The Junior School Council



House sparrow



Starling



Blue tit

Kind regards

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