



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Menu (w/c 9
March)
Week 3

Monday 9th March

Arctic Wolves Mothers
Day

Year 4/5 Swim

Tuesday 10th March

Polar Bears Mothers
Day

Wednesday 11th March

Red Squirrels Mothers
Day

Year 1 Swim

Thursday 12th March

Dolphins Mothers Day

Y4 to Bhaktivedanta
Manor

Friday 13th March

Turtles Mothers 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.



This week in school:

What a busy week we have in school!

World Book Day was our highlight – we loved seeing all the fabulous costumes and it was fantastic to see the photographs during our assemblies of all our Extreme Readers. The children in the infant school loved seeing the “Battle of the Crayons” and it was wonderful to see the children share stories together in both schools.

Year 5 had a wonderful visit to the Victorian-themed Braintree Museum, exploring artefacts and hands-on activities that brought the era to life. The children were engaged, curious, and full of enthusiasm throughout! Orangutan class also had an afternoon at Forest School!

Children from Bentfield, Clavering, Katherine Semar, Great Chesterford, St Mary’s and St Thomas More schools came together for the annual Public Speaking Festival, hosted this year at Katherine Semar School. This year’s theme, “Endangered Animals,” inspired pupils to share thoughtful, informative and passionate presentations. We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Mayor of Saffron Walden, Councillor Jeanette Curtis, who thoroughly enjoyed listening to each presentation. Well done to Francesca, Penny, Reyansh & Leah who did a fantastic job representing Katherine Semar.

Our Year 3&4 Tag Rugby Squad attended the Tag Rugby finals at Carver Barracks on Wednesday 4th March. It was an intense tournament, 16 teams attended, KSS qualifying in the top 8 teams after 3 games and then played a further 7 games. The children worked so hard, pop passing into space, displaying explosive power when needed and making many tri’s throughout each game. The result of their hard work resulted in a Bronze! We have now qualified to attend the Level 3 final round.

Well done to everyone who attended.

Comic Relief

Children from our School Council have decided that, to raise money for Comic Relief, they will be holding a “**Make the Rules Day.**” Please see the attached poster for the list of fun rules the children have chosen.

Families can donate for their selected rules via **SchoolMoney**.

The event will take place on **Friday 20th March (Red Nose Day)**. We’re looking forward to a day of fun, creativity, and fundraising!

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg hunt takes place during the school day in the last week of term (parents do not attend but photographs will be on the website). The children will have great fun hunting for clues and finding some treats on the way! The cost of this is £1.50 per child and is payable on SchoolMoney. As always if you wish to support another child there is the option to do so in the shop section of SchoolMoney.

On Friday 27th March we will also be holding an Easter Raffle as part of our fundraising – **each class will hold their own raffle with several Easter themes prizes available in each class. Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased from the shop section of SchoolMoney by Wednesday 25th March.** There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase however please make sure you purchase under the correct child. **Cash cannot be brought in on the day for this event.**

INFANT SCHOOL

Mothers' Day Visits in the Infant school – 9.00-10.15am

We are so excited to be holding our events to celebrate Mother's Day. The event usually lasts for just over an hour with the chance to observe your child's learning with their peers, as well as joining in some special activities with your child and hearing your child tell you why you are so special! If for any reason, you are unable to make the visit, please do not worry as your children will be buddied up with a friend and still get to have a special morning. We want to celebrate the special ladies in your child's lives so if you prefer Grannies/Aunties or any other special person in your child's life can attend. Please arrive via the infant hall entrance where you will be signed in. Only one adult per child is permitted to attend.

A polite reminder that we cannot accommodate preschool children or babies on this visit and, as it will be a normal working morning for the other classes in school, we will not be able to staff a crèche.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 9 th March	Arctic Wolves
Tuesday 10 th March	Polar Bears
Wednesday 11 th March	Red Squirrels
Thursday 12 th March	Dolphins
Friday 13 th March	Turtles
Monday 16 th March	Skylarks



Easter Hat Parade – INFANT CHILDREN ONLY

We are looking forward to our Easter Hat Parade on Friday 27th March at 8.55am in the Infant playground. All families and preschool children are welcome to come along and watch. All Infant children get to wear an Easter hat they have created at home, so you have a couple of weekends to work on your creative ideas!



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Easter Disco

Our Junior Easter disco will take place on Thursday 26th March at the times detailed below. There will be no Junior School after school clubs or squads on this day. Tickets can be purchased on SchoolMoney and must be booked **by Friday 20th March**. If your child has an EHCP and receives 1-to-1 support, please contact the office if they wish to attend the disco, as we will need to arrange the appropriate provision. You will be unable to book until you have spoken with the office. **Late bookings cannot be accepted under any circumstances as we need to arrange staffing/print fire lists etc.** Tickets cost £3.50 and will include an Ice Lolly for all children.

Year 3 & 4 – 4.00 – 5.00pm

Year 5 & 6 – 5.15 – 6.15pm

Our pocket money stall is always popular and so we will be offering this again. Children may bring some pocket money (suggested amount of no more than £2.00 – we will not be able to give change) to purchase items in our shop.

Alternatively, you can pay £2.00 on SchoolMoney if you don't have cash and we keep a list of those who have spending money. Again, the deadline for this is Friday 20th March.

Out of School Achievement Assemblies

We are delighted to be holding another Out of School achievement assemblies for children in Years 3-6. These assemblies give children the opportunity to share their outside school successes with their peers. The kind of successes we would like to hear about should relate to out of school activities or clubs the children attend (such as Brownies/Cubs/Dance/Football/Swimming etc rather than home achievements such as learning to ride a bike or baking a cake). If your child wishes to take part in this assembly you must complete the form by Monday 16th March

Oak & Beech. Tuesday 17th March - [Out of School Achievement Assembly Oak & Beech. Tuesday 17th March 2026 \(2\) – Fill out form](#)

Horse Chestnut & Sycamore - Thursday 19th March - [Out of School Achievement Assembly Horse Chestnut & Sycamore - Thursday 19th March – Fill out form](#)

Book sale - Junior Library

We are excited to be acquiring new books for the library in line with the Reading for Pleasure initiative. As a result, we need more space on our shelves so we are having a mammoth book sale. Each book will be 30p or 4 for £1. There are books for every age group and will be on sale at break and lunch time in the library.



REMINDERS

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

Spring Term – Second Half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 2	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 3	Monday & Thursday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 4	Tuesday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	Monday	Orangutans – Tuesday 3 rd March Jaguars – Tuesday 17 th March
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 4/5 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

Squads and Wet weather

Just a reminder that if it is raining on a morning the following clubs/squads will be cancelled (as we do not have an indoor space available)

Monday – Year 3/4 Football Club

Tuesday – Netball Squad

Wednesday – Netball Squad

Thursday – Tennis Squad Y3/4

Friday – Tennis Y5/6 & Netball Squad

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

Amazon Wish-list

Lots of families have indicated that they do not have time to support our school by helping out at fundraising events but would be happy to purchase items needed by the school. We have therefore created an amazon "wish list" of additional items we would love for the children. The list can be accessed here, <https://amzn.eu/2G57jB4>. If you choose to buy an item – you do so via your own account but it is shipped directly to school. Thank you in advance! We are also very short on Glue Sticks!!! We would welcome any donations of Prittsticks!

Pre Loved Uniform

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

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

