



Menu (w/c 13th
April)

Week 1

Monday 13th April

Year 4/5 Swim

Tuesday 14th April

Dolphin Class Forest
School

Flame Robin visit
Cambridge Mosque

Wednesday 15th April

Year 2 Swim

Grey Falcon visit
Cambridge Mosque

Thursday 16th April

Leopard & Lynx visit
Sedgwick & Museum of
Zoology

3.30pm Caythorpe
Parent meeting –
Junior Hall

Friday 17th April

Y3/4 Gala at Great
Dunmow

Dear Parents/Carers



Thanks for another fantastic term – have a wonderful break.



This week in School:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Hat Parade this morning! There were so many wonderful creations – the children looked fantastic. They've also had great fun today taking part in the Easter Egg hunts!

On Tuesday, the school choir took part in a Spring Choral Festival at Saffron Hall. Choirs from seven local primary schools performed and received feedback from a visiting professional vocalist, Carrie Rawlings. It was such an amazing experience for the children in our choir. Thanks to Mrs Savill and Mrs Thomas for organising the event

A link to the performance is here

<https://youtu.be/C5pF6DIG5e0>

Early Years also visited Colchester Castle this week and our Year 2 children explored Saffron Walden as part of their Geography topic. They visited the museum, maze and went to the market to buy their healthy snack.

In the Junior school we held our Reading Celebration Assembly where we recognised the children who have been regularly reading. They were awarded their well-deserved certificates, and we were so proud to celebrate their fantastic commitment and enthusiasm for reading. Well done to all our super readers!



Summer Term Scootathon

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Sponsored Ride this summer for families to attend and to raise money for the school. Please find attached the event poster.

This will take place on Sunday, the 5th of July, on a course set up around the school grounds.

Families can come down anytime between 10am and 3pm to complete their laps, and we are asking the children to get family and friends to sponsor them per lap.

Children can use scooters, balance bikes, trikes, bikes with stabilisers or normal pedal bikes - anything with wheels.

More information will follow, and sponsor packs will be sent home with the children nearer the time.

We'd love as many families and children as possible to take part in this great event, so please save the date.

Call for support:

One of our parents, Peter Scott, is the lead organiser and has asked for volunteers to help run the event on the day.

To make this happen and ensure this is run safely, Peter needs support from parents.

If you can spare an hour or two to help marshal the course or run the stands, any time you can give would be much appreciated.

Please contact Peter via text or WhatsApp on 07525987111. He will then get in touch to arrange times and roles with you. Thank you in advance.

Golden Acre Car Park

Following recent security changes at the Golden Acre car park, the gate will now be locked when there are no hall bookings. We know many parents value using the car park at drop-off and pick-up, as it helps ease congestion and keep everyone safe.

Golden Acre has kindly agreed to let us continue using the car park, but this is only possible if we can open the gate for around 30–40 minutes at the start and end of each school day. **The key must be collected from the school office each day and returned once the gate is locked.**

We need volunteers to unlock the gate before drop-off and lock it again after parents have left, and the same at pick-up. This keeps the car park secure and prevents vehicles being left for long periods.

We already have a volunteer for Tuesday and Wednesday after school, and we know others had offered previously—please get in touch again if you can help. With enough volunteers, we can keep the car park available at both drop-off and pick-up.

Vacancy for a Music Teacher

Saffron Walden County High are looking for a music teacher – please click on the link for more information.

<https://www.swchs.net/blog/?pid=37&nid=3&storyid=373>

REMINDERS

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.





PE/CLUBS/SQUADS INFO

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

Summer Term – First Half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & Friday	n/a	Dolphins - 14/21/28 April Turtles – 5/12/19 May
YEAR 1	Tuesday & Wednesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 2	Friday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Monday & Thursday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 4	Tuesday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 1 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). We will not send an email out about this as it will be too early – but if it is raining please assume the clubs below will be cancelled.

Monday – Rounders Y3/4

Tuesday – Netball Squad

Wednesday – Netball Squad

Thursday – Tennis Y3/4

Friday – Netball & Tennis Y5/6

FUNDRAISING

Quiz Night - Friday 17th April

Mr Aiken will be running his very popular quiz night on Friday 17th April. This will be an evening event for parents/carers. Tickets can be booked now from the shop section of SchoolMoney. Tickets cost £7.50 per person, there will be a bar selling drinks however you are welcome to bring along nibbles (no nuts please). Maximum of 8 people per team, please email the office (admin-inf@katherinesemar.net) at least 7 days before the event letting us know your team's name and team members. If you are coming in a small group and would like to pair up with others, please let us know. This event always sell-outs so please book your ticket asap.

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.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter Break.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

