



## Menu (w/c 11 May)

### Week 3

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4/5 Swim

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Y3 to West Stow

Turtle Class Forest School

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

9.00 – Skylark Class Assembly

Year 2 Swim

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

9.00 – Red Squirrel Class Assembly

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Non-Uniform Day – in return for donations for the summer fayre

Ice cream sale after school (weather permitting).

**SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM.**

**REOPENS ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

Dear Parents/Carers

### This week in School:

Last week we started our showcase assemblies for the Infants, where Junior pupils perform on their chosen instrument that they are studying with our peripatetic tutors in school. This week, it was the turn of four Year 5 pupils: Fionn, Rosie, Zoe and Olive. Parents of current Year 2 - 5 pupils are welcome to start applying for in-school lessons to begin in the new school year (note, there may be a waiting list for some instruments). Our offering is: flute, saxophone, brass instruments (including but not necessarily limited to cornet and trombone), voice, piano, guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, violin, drum kit, clarinet. The form can be accessed here [Katherine Semar Schools - Music](#), or you could contact Mrs Pawson at admin-jun@katherinesemar.net for any questions. Our peripatetic tutors will be undertaking some of their own assemblies after half term for Years 2-5, to help pupils decide if they would like to learn an instrument, and which one.

Our Early Years children had their first-class assemblies this week, and they were fantastic - they performed with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was a real joy to watch, and we especially loved hearing the songs about *Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf*. Well done to everyone involved!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with resilience and determination and have done themselves (and us) proud.



### Summer Fayre – only 10 offers of help so far – please complete the link if you can help!!!

Please see the attached document relating to our Summer Fayre and our non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. On this day the children are invited to come into school in non-uniform in return for donating items towards our summer fayre. The attached document details everything – you can also sign up to help at the event here – [Katherine Semar School Summer Fayre Friday 5th June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

### Ace closures

Just a reminder that Ace Club will be closed over the May half term.

It will however be open on the non-pupil day on Monday 1st June.

Please also note that Ace Club will be closed for one week during the summer holidays, from 3rd–7th August.

### Year 1 Class Assemblies

Our Year 1 class assemblies take place on the following days.

**Wednesday 20th May – 9.00-9.20am** – Skylark Class

**Thursday 21st May – 9.00-9.20am** – Red Squirrels Class

Parents/carers with children in these classes are welcome to attend the assembly for their class. Pre -school siblings are welcome to attend. Due to space restrictions and for fire safety please leave any buggies outside or in the main office area. Please can we respectfully ask that these assemblies are not filmed and photographs are not taken. The teachers will add photos to seesaw after the assembly.

### Polite Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that dogs (unless they are assistance dogs) should not be brought onto the school site under any circumstances. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



### Community Event – Clothing & Accessories Sale

Due to suggestions from our community, we are excited to be holding a *Vinted-style Clothing & Accessories Table Top Sale* on Thursday 25th June from 7:00–9:00pm.

If you would like to be a seller, you can hire:

- A large table for £15
- A small table for £10
- Or bring your own clothes rail for £10

All proceeds from table hire will go towards school fundraising, and you will of course keep all profits from your own sales.

There will also be a bar available, so if you'd prefer to come along and browse, you can enjoy a few drinks while you shop. Entry is free for everyone, and we will also be advertising the event within the local community.

We are giving our parents first opportunity to book tables. If you would like to reserve a space, please purchase via the *Shop section on SchoolMoney*. (Listed as - Clothing sale – large table etc). Tables will be opened up to the wider community from 22nd May.

### The Uttlesford Big Green Festival - 5 to 14 June

The festival is a collaboration between Uttlesford District Council and Sustainable Uttlesford, celebrating local action on climate, nature and sustainable living. It features a wide range of free, family-friendly community events including workshops, nature walks, creative activities, film screenings and hands-on sustainability projects.

Full details of the programme can be found at: [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/green-festival](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/green-festival)

### Position at Uttlesford Foodbank

The foodbank are recruiting for a part-time position – details can be found here - <https://uttlesford.foodbank.org.uk/current-vacancies>

### Children's stationery

Children do not need to bring in pens and other stationery equipment from home as the school provide everything they need.

We know that some children like to bring in their own but please only send in items that are not special to them as this can be upsetting if things get lost or broken.

## INFANT SCHOOL

### Fathers' Day Visits

We are so excited to be able to celebrate Father's Day events this year. 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 child will be buddied up with a friend and still get to have a special morning. We want to celebrate the special males in your child's lives so if you prefer Grandads/Uncles or any special person in your child's life can attend.

**The morning will run from 9.00 am – 10.15am.**

**A polite reminder that we cannot accommodate preschool children 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 15<sup>th</sup> June - Skylarks

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Red Squirrels

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Arctic Wolves

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Polar Bears

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Turtles

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Dolphins

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### KSJ's got Talent

During the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> June children in the junior school will have the opportunity to take part in auditions for KSJ's got talent.

If your child would like to take part in this, either solo or with friends, they may start wanting to think about their act, costumes etc over the half term.

We look forward to seeing the different performances from the children and exact dates for each year group will be sent home nearer the time.





## 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<br>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

### 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.

#### 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.

### Pre Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact [preloved@katherinesemar.net](mailto:preloved@katherinesemar.net). Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

