



Menu (w/c 11 May)

Week 2

Monday 11th May

Year 4/5 Swim

Tuesday 12th May

Skylarks visit Stansted
Aerodrome

Turtle Class Forest
School

Wednesday 13th May

9.00 – Dolphin class
assembly

Year 2 Swim

Thursday 14th May

9.00 – Turtle Class
Assembly

Friday 15th May

KSS Quiz Night – tickets
still available

**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:

Twelve children represented KSS at the KS2 Tennis Tournament at Dame Bradbury's this week. After seven weeks of committed squad training—developing their groundstrokes, serving technique, and understanding of scoring—three teams competed in singles matches against other local schools. Our Year 5 & 6 team finished 2nd, securing a place in the finals. The second Year 5 & 6 team placed 5th, and our Year 3 & 4 team achieved a strong 4th place. Every child played with determination and sportsmanship, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

We were also fortunate to have Mrs Eagleton's father - a double Wimbledon champion and current Great Britain tennis player join us on the day to support KSS, making the experience even more memorable for the children. He will also be attending a couple of squad training sessions in the next few weeks to support and inspire the children!

Year 3 and 4 pupils attended their Rapid Fire Cricket tournament at SWCC and both teams performed brilliantly throughout the day. Katherine Semar Blue played five games, while Katherine Semar Yellow played four, with both teams showing excellent teamwork and determination. There were lots of impressive 4s and 6s scored, alongside some brilliant fielding performances.

An amazing achievement saw both teams remain unbeaten and finish 1st in their groups. Huge congratulations to everyone involved — well done!

Quiz Night – rescheduled date! – Tickets still available

Mr Aiken will be running his very popular quiz night on Friday 15th May. 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. We have some people coming alone, or in smaller groups so please let the office know if you would like to be placed into a team! If you already brought tickets (prior to the Easter holidays) then these are still valid for the new date – please let the office know if you can no longer attend and need a refund.

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 22nd 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.

Early Years Class Assemblies

Our Early Years class assemblies take place on the following days.

Wednesday 13th May – 9.00-9.20am – Dolphin Class

Thursday 14th May – 9.00-9.20am – Turtle Class

Parents/carers with children in Turtles & Dolphin class 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.



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.

Vacancy at Saffron Academy Trust

Saffron Academy Trust is recruiting a Chief People Officer to join the Central Trust team.

Full details, including the Candidate Information Pack and Application Form are available on the Saffron Academy Trust website, here: [Vacancies - Saffron Academy Trust](#). This closes on Tuesday 12th May.

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.

Young carers

We are considering setting up a young carers' group. This will support children who care for a parent or a sibling. It might be you feel they do not have caring responsibilities but do have a sibling whose special educational needs or disability affects their lives and you feel they would benefit from some additional support.

This group would not start until September and only if we identify a need for this provision.

If you would be interested in accessing support for your child(ren) please email the office with your child(ren's) name(s) and why you are nominating them for support.

GOVERNOR NEWS



Bernie Gilbert was also delighted to visit Katherine Semar recently to celebrate Mathematics for all and to be part of small group intervention sessions. It was wonderful to see all students enjoying maths and feeling safe to learn and thrive. The development of maths by teachers and TAs across the school is evident and both TAs and teachers feel confident on the shared models, ideas and progress.





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

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 long weekend

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

