



Menu (w/c 1st June)

Week 1

Monday 1st June

School closed for non-pupil day

Tuesday 2nd June

Arctic Wolves Forest School

Wednesday 3rd June

Year 1 Swim

Friday 5th June

Summer Fayre from 3.15pm

Coming Up -
Wednesday 10 June – Class Photos (moved from Thu 4 June)

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in School: It was the turn of Year 1 this week to delight us with their class assemblies. We loved hearing about Mrs Armitidge and her adventures! Year 2 also celebrated their Twisted Tales topic with their royal ball this week. The children looked fabulous in their Prince and Princess outfits! They enjoyed an afternoon of ballroom dancing and party games.



Summer Fayre –HELP URGENTLY NEEDED please complete the link if you can help!!!

If we do not receive more offers of help for the summer fayre, we will unfortunately have to pull some of the stalls which would be such a shame for the children. Often families book to do a stall for an hour then enjoy the fete for an hour – children love to be special helpers on the stall. Please sign up here – [Katherine Semar School Summer Fayre Friday 5th June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Reception Area Update – Improved Security Measures

Over the half-term break, we will be installing new locks on the main entrance doors as part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all our children and staff. These changes are important in ensuring that children remain safely on site during the school day and that access to the building is carefully managed.

From the start of next half term, access to the school building will be through the main entrance only. Visitors will need to ring the bell and will be admitted into the reception area by a member of staff.

To support this change, the reception area will no longer be available as a general waiting space and should only be used by those attending a pre-arranged appointment. We appreciate your cooperation as we introduce this improvement.

Our current reception layout is somewhat unusual for a school, and we believe these changes will create a safer, more secure and better-organised environment. The office can also become very busy at times, and this new system will help us manage this more effectively.

For convenience, the doors will remain open at key times: from 7:45am to 8:15am, and again from 4:30pm for ACE drop-off and collection.

Thank you for your continued support as we make these important improvements.

Absences

As we approach the final week of this half term, we kindly ask all families to ensure that reasons for pupil absence are reported honestly. We are aware that, at times, children who are on holiday are being reported as unwell. While we understand that circumstances can change, we would always prefer open and honest communication. Providing accurate information is essential to ensure both pupils and staff are appropriately safeguarded, and to maintain fair and consistent attendance procedures for all. Today there are 43 children absent from school.

Please also note that a Leave of Absence form must be completed for any time taken off school, other than for illness or medical appointments. We kindly ask that this is submitted at least 10 days prior to the planned absence.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vacancies at Saffron Walden County High School

SWCHS are currently recruiting for a:

- Reintegration & Attendance Support Officer
- Inclusion & Attendance Support Officer
- Reading Intervention Lead
- General Catering Assistant

All details are on their website – [Saffron Walden County High School - Vacancies](#)



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

Unfortunately, we have made the decision to cancel this event due to a lack of sellers. There is also a similar event scheduled in Saffron Walden in early July, so we feel there may not be sufficient demand at this time.

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

Induction video

We created this Day in the life of Early Year video featuring our current EYs children for our induction evening last night. It is a lovely video so we thought we would share it with you in case you would like a look <https://youtu.be/Os7YQnhsYk0>.

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 15th June - Skylarks
- Tuesday 16th June – Red Squirrels
- Wednesday 17th June – Arctic Wolves
- Thursday 18th June – Polar Bears
- Friday 19th June – Turtles
- Monday 22nd June – Dolphins

Year 2 to 3 transition

To prepare our Year 2s for their move to the junior school we will shortly be starting a transition programme. We will be sending home a booklet and video link later this term for parents to look at. However, in the short-term we will begin to give the Year 2 children the opportunity to spend their lunchtime play in the junior playground.

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| Thursday 25 June | ALL year 2 children to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall | Parents do not attend this session – nor do they need to do anything, we will just take the children over to the Juniors for their lunch. |
| Monday 6 th July | Polar Bear class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – parents are welcome to book to come and join them. | If a parent wishes to come, please book via SchoolMoney by Wednesday 1 st July (Polar Bear parent lunch – please select the right colour meal choice). |
| Thu 9 th July | Arctic Wolf class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – parents are welcome to book to come and join them. | If a parent wishes to come, please book via SchoolMoney by Monday 6 th July (Arctic Wolf parent lunch – please select the right colour meal). |

JUNIOR SCHOOL

KSJ’s got Talent

During the week of the 15th 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 second half of the summer term

| Summer Term – Second Half | PE | Swimming | Forest School |
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| EARLY YEARS | Tuesday & Friday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 1 | Tuesday | Wednesday | n/a |
| YEAR 2 | Friday | n/a | Arctic Wolves – 2/9/16 June Polar Bears – 23/30 June & 7 July |
| YEAR 3 | Thursday | Monday | n/a |
| YEAR 4 | Monday & Tuesday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 5 | Monday & Friday | n/a | n/a |
| YEAR 6 | Wednesday | Monday | 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 3/6 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. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

