



Menu (w/c 29th June)

Week 2

Monday 29th June

Dolphins Fathers' Day

Y3/6 Swim

Tuesday 30th June

Polar Bears Forest
School

Wednesday 1st July

Year 1 Swim

Friday 3rd July

Junior Sports Day
9.30am

Early Years visit to
Southend Aquarium

Sunday 5th July

Scotaton from 10am –
see separate
attachment

**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

We would like to thank all our parents (and children) for being so fantastic this week. We feel so fortunate to have such supportive families. A special thanks to Leo Kidman Arnold's Dad who donated ice lollies to keep the children cool and to all the parents who lent us fans and air conditioning units to cool us down. A special thanks also must go to our kitchen staff who cooked a roast dinner in the heat on Wednesday. Today for lunch, the children had hot dogs and ice lollies – the uptake for this meal was higher than usual so we would love to hear your thoughts on whether this (or a variation) should become a weekly treat in the summer term.

Summer Reading

It seems that the push to encourage children to read for pleasure is paying off. The latest survey from the National Literacy Trust shows that more than 1 in 3 children said that they enjoyed reading in 2026 and that 1 in 5 children reported that they read daily at home. This is a slight improvement on the figures for 2025, so whilst it is good news, we still have some way to go. Over the summer it can be difficult to keep up the daily reading. We would like to remind you of the BookSwap Cabinet which is outside the school hall doors just before you get to reception. It is full of high-quality picture books, fiction and fact books. You can borrow as many books as you like and keep them for as long as you like. It will be available all through the summer. Do please have a look at the books on offer – I think the selection of picture books is particularly good.

If you have any books in good condition that you no longer want, please let us know and we can add them to the cabinet. We really want this to be a high-profile facility for your children. Very soon we will ask for all library books to be returned to school before we break up, so this would be an ideal time to use the BookSwap Cabinet.



Summer Term Scoot-athon

Our Summer Scoot-athon is fast approaching and information and sponsorship forms have been sent out today. This will take place on Sunday, the 5th of July, on a course set up around the school grounds. Please see the information sent home with your child today.

Call for support: if you can help marshal or serve refreshments, please complete the form here –
<https://forms.gle/SLVgbnQn689e96G98>





Parent School dinners **AVAILABLE EVERYDAY IN BOTH SCHOOLS**

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £6.00. **To book please email the office on admin-inf@katherinesemar.net with the date you wish to attend (3 days' notice is required) and the colour meal (green or yellow) you would like.** We will then confirm whether we have availability on this date and how you can make payment. If you have booked to come for lunch in the infants, please go to the main office at 11.55am, for the Juniors please go to the main office at 12.05. Please note parents will eat lunch with their child but are not permitted to go out into the playground afterwards – this is for safeguarding reasons. Parents are also not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in the dinner hall.

Lost Property & Forgotten items

We are finding more and more unnamed waterbottles, snack pots and items of clothing. If an item is not named we cannot return it back to the child. Unnamed items will be donated to our preloved uniform bank or thrown away. Please name everything! If you need to purchase stickers for your child's belongings we recommend Stikins what a % back to our school. The website is <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> The fundraising code to enter is **10784**.

INFANT SCHOOL

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.

Monday 6th July Yellow – Burger Green – Jacket	Polar Bear class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – one parent is 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 9th July Yellow – Baguette Green - Lasagne	Arctic Wolf class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – one parent is 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). If you choose baguette please email the office with your baguette choice – cheese/ham/tuna or egg. Please do this by Mon 6th July.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior Sports Day

Just a reminder that this takes place on Friday 3rd July. This will start at 9.30am and will be finished between 11.30-12.00. We will be serving tea, coffee and cold drinks during the event for the spectators. Attached is more information about the event.

Junior School Disco

The Junior school End of Term discos take place on Wednesday 15th July. Year 3 & 4 takes place from 4-5pm and Year 5 & 6 from 5.15 – 6.15pm. All children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco (unless Y3/4 children are going back to ACE afterwards). The cost is £4.00 and this includes an ice lolly. There will also be a pocket money stall selling disco accessories & tuck shop items. The children may bring a maximum of £2 to spend or you can pay this via SchoolMoney.

Tickets/pocket money MUST be booked by 9am on Monday 13th July on SchoolMoney. This is to give us time to print the fire registers – we will be unable to accept any bookings after this date/time and children not booked in will not be able to attend.





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
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

Happy School Bag

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a clothing collection with the Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme on 8th of July 2026. This scheme is designed to help schools to raise needed funds and at the same time to help the environment by keeping textiles away from landfill and giving the clothing a new lease of life. To take part you simply need to fill the bag your child brought home today with your unwanted clothing and bring them to the school on the scheduled collection day. **Please drop your bag off by the Junior Hall Door by 9am on Wednesday 8th July.** Please see attached poster for what can and cant be accepted.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

