



Menu (w/c 6 July)

Week 3

Monday 6th July

Y3/6 Swim

Y5 to Flatford Mill

Polar Bear transition
lunch

Tuesday 7th July

Polar Bears Forest
School

Wednesday 8th July

Y6 Leavers

Performance – 9am &
5pm

Year 1 Swim

Happy Bag Collection –
please drop bags off to
the junior hall before
9am

Thursday 9th July

Y3 to Walton on the
Naze

Arctic Wolves
transition lunch

Friday 10th July

Junior Summer Choir &
Orchestra Performance

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in School:

What an exciting week we have had! We held our KSJ Final this week, all the finalists were fantastic – Felix in Year 5 was voted winner – his performance of “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen was incredible! We are so proud of all the children who took part in all rounds - who knew we had so much talent in KSJ.

Our Swim Gala also attended the swim finals in Chelmsford, both teams swam fantastically and we came home with bronze medals! Our Year 3 & 4 Cricket Squad also attended the finals at Saffron Walden Cricket Club. We won all our games and reached the final – where we narrowly lost against RAB. To come 2nd out of 14 teams in a great achievement – well done!

A big thank you to Harry Baker’s dad who donated 10 fans to the school and also to all the parents who have made a donation towards fans. We have had a fan delivered for every classroom today and will buy more if we can.



Medicines

We kindly ask that all parents collect their child’s medication (EpiPens/inhalers etc) on the last day of term. If your child will be attending ACE over the summer, please ensure that all required medication is brought with you when they attend. All medicines should then be returned to the school office on the first day back in September.

As a reminder, children with asthma must provide the school with a Personalised Asthma Action Plan (PAAP). This can be obtained from your GP or asthma clinic. We kindly request that all plans are submitted by September. By sharing this information now, we hope this gives families sufficient time to arrange this in readiness for the new school term.

Please also note that no medication should be brought into school in children’s bags. All medicines must be handed in via the school office and a form completed. School staff are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by a GP and is clearly labelled with the child’s name and dosage instructions. This ensures the safety of all pupils and helps protect our staff. If a child needs antibiotics and the dose is 3 times per day, we would expect this to be given at home (unless the child attends Ace club). For antibiotics prescribed to be taken 4 times per day we can administer one dose (or 2 if children are at Ace).

Summer Term Scootathon – new date Sunday 20th September

Due to the hot weather expected at the weekend we have made the decision to postpone the Scootathon. It has been moved to Sunday 20th September. We will send out a new form shortly for volunteers to sign up and help.

**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 have begun our extensive transition programme. They have already begun playing in the junior field, playground and using the library at lunchtime. They also had their first lunch in the junior dining hall yesterday. Almost all children continue to have a school dinner, and the children were delighted that the food was the same food they have enjoyed in the infant school. We will be sending home a booklet and video link later this term for parents to look at.

Monday 6th July 12.00 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). Please arrive at 12.00.
Thu 9th July 12.00 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 6 th July. Please arrive at 12.00

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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 (we cannot accept bags before this date).** Please see attached poster for what can and can't be accepted.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

