

Friday 11thMenu (w/c 14th
Sep)

Week 3

Monday 14th
September

Year 3 & 4 Swim

Wednesday 16th
September

Skylarks Forest School

Year 2 Swim

Year 6 to Norfolk Lakes

Friday 18th SeptemberY6 Return from
Norfolk LakesSUNDAY 20th
SEPTEMBER

Scoothaton from 10am

Just a reminder squads
begin at 8.15am.
Please be punctual.
We cannot admit
children who arrive
late.
You will need to stay
with your child until
school starts if you
arrive late.

Dear Parents,

**This week in school:**

Our new EY cohort are settling in so well, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they are adapting to their new routines. We have especially enjoyed seeing them happily enjoying their lunches this week, chatting with their peers, and becoming increasingly comfortable and confident in their surroundings. Our Year 6 children have also been fantastic, showing kindness, patience, and leadership as they help the younger children learn their new lunchtime routines and settle into school life. Their support has made a real difference and has been a lovely example of our school community working together.

Sports Coach Update

After more than ten years of dedicated service, Mr Gilkes will be leaving us. Throughout his time here, he has inspired a love of sport in countless pupils and made a huge contribution to school life, for which we are extremely grateful. We do not yet have a confirmed leaving date, but we will keep you updated. In the meantime, we are advertising for a new Sports Coach. If you know any who may be interested please ask them to email the office for further information.

Seesaw

Just to inform parents that if you log out of your seesaw account (or if you have more than one child and switch accounts) you will need to log back in with the QR code – therefore we advise that you keep the paper copy that was sent out in the first week of term. Unfortunately it is not possible to view multiple children on one account.

School Lunches

We offer the option for parents to come in and have lunch with their child. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to see how delicious of school lunches are. To book please call or email the office advising which day you would like to come and which meal option you would like (yellow or green). Once we have confirmed availability for your chosen day, we will add the cost to your SchoolMoney account. (The cost is £6 for a 2-course meal). **We will offer this for parents with children in the infant school in a few weeks once all the children are settled and used to the routine. We will pop a note on here when we are ready to take bookings for infants.** The lunch starts at 11.55am for infants & 12.05 for Juniors. Just a polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used whilst in the dinner hall and once you & your child have finished eating your child will go out to play with their friends – parents are unable to join them in the playground.

Shoe Boxes needed

If anyone has any spare shoe boxes that they no longer need we could use them for a project next week, please drop any to the office by Wednesday morning. Thank you

Inconsiderate Parking

We have received two reports this week regarding inconsiderate parking around the school.

One neighbour contacted us to report abusive behaviour after politely asking a driver not to park across their driveway. Sadly, this was a 71 year old gentleman who was left shaken by the incident. We have also been informed of damage caused to a resident's vehicle, as well as parents parking in private parking spaces belonging to the flats near the school.

We appreciate that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, but we ask all members of our school community to park considerately and respectfully. Please be mindful of residents, avoid blocking driveways, do not use private car parks, and ensure your vehicle is parked safely and legally at all times.



Vacancy at Saffron Walden County High

SWCHS have a vacancy for a Student Support Officer – please see their website for more information.

[Saffron Walden County High School - Student support officer](#)

SchoolMoney

A few helpful tips are listed below:

- If you have more than one child, you can view others by clicking on the arrow next to the name of the child you do see.
- Card details cannot be stored but Apple & Google pay should be an option.
- All payments can be viewed under the “payments” section. We do not use the “club” section – this is for schools that offer a drop-in facility.
- The date you see next to a payment item is the date a payment is due by – not the date of the event/club.
- In Juniors you can see what lunches you have been charged for by looking in “History/Dinner History on the app. Please note we only add lunches to the app 3 times per week so there may be in delay in seeing charges.
- Any items purchased in the shop selection by 5pm on a Thursday (Water bottles/badges etc) will be distributed on a Friday. We do not give out shop items at other times. The items will be taken to your child’s classroom. Those with children in Juniors should only purchase a house point badge when you have been advised that your child has achieved the number of points for the badge – we will check this with the teacher before giving out a badge. Lost house badges (red/blue/green and yellow) can also be purchased if required.

Medicines in School

If your child is prescribed any medication that needs to be taken in school you must bring the medicine into the school office and complete a medical consent form. We are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by your GP.

If you think your child may need Calpol during the school day you need to come to school to administer this. Please do not put medicine in your child’s schoolbag.

PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for the first half of the autumn term:

Autumn Term – first half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & FRIDAY * (changed from original email)	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday	n/a	Skylarks – 9/16/23 September Red Squirrels – 30 Sep/7/14 Oct
YEAR 2	Friday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 4	Tuesday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 5	Monday & Thursday * (changed from original email)	n/a	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 2 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.
- Year 3/4 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

INFANT SCHOOL

Play Equipment

Just a polite reminder that the play equipment in Early Years and in the infant playground should not be used when dropping off or collecting your children. The musical maze is available should the children wish to play after school. Please supervise your children in this area. Thank you for your cooperation.





JUNIOR SCHOOL

Wet Weather & Squads

If it is raining the following squad & clubs will not run:

- Monday – Football Y5/6
- Tuesday – Netball squad & Y3/4 Hockey OR Y5/6 Tag Rugby
- Wednesday – Netball squad & Tag Rugby Squad (after school)
- Thursday – Football Y3/4 & Y3/4 Archery Squad (after school)
- Friday – Cross Country Squad, Netball squad & Y5/6 Hockey club.

This is because these squads take place outside and we do not have space to move them inside on rainy days due to other squads already taking place in the hall. If it is raining please do not send your child to these squads – they should come to school at the normal time. **The office is not open early enough to send out an email informing you of the cancellation – however if you are unsure you can call the office from 8am.**

If we have to cancel any after school clubs due to bad weather, we will send an email out by 2pm informing you of the cancellation, please do check your inbox if the weather is bad.

Year 6 Secondary Applications & Open Evenings

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place between 12 September 2026 and 31 October 2026. You **MUST NOT** miss the application deadline! Here is the link to apply. [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Saffron Walden County High are holding their open evening on Thursday 1st October 2026 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. You do not need to book to attend but do need to book for the Headteacher presentation – please see their website for more details. [Saffron Walden County High School - Open Evenings](#) Joyce Frankland has not yet got information on their website relating to their open evening but this is the link to their website [About Us – Joyce Frankland Academy](#)

Please speak to the office if you need assistance in applying for your place.

FUNDRAISING

Summer Term Scootathon – Sunday 20th September

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 is the event that was postponed in the summer term).

This will take place on Sunday 20th September on a course set up around the school grounds. Please click here if you are planning to come so we have an idea of numbers. [Scootathon - Sunday 20th September – Fill out form](#)

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

If you ever need any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net.

Please see on the next page the club/squad schedule. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher



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Clubs and Squads

Please see below information relating to start dates for squads (Juniors) and after school clubs. Clubs run until 4.15pm.

SQUAD OR CLUB	DAY	Starts	NOTES:	Pick Up point
Football 5/6 Squad	Monday	Monday 14 th September	Trial is Monday 7 th	n/a
Dodgeball 3/4 Squad	Monday	Monday 14 th September	Trial is Monday 7 th	n/a
Gymnastics 5/6 Club (first half term)	Monday	Monday 7 th September	First half term only	Junior Hall Doors
Drama and Music Y1/2 club	Monday	Monday 7 th September		Main Office Entrance
Art & Craft Club Y3/4 (first half term)	Monday	Monday 7 th September	First half term only	Main Office Entrance
Indoor Athletics 5/6 Squad	Tuesday	Tuesday 15 th September	Trial is Tuesday 8 th Sep	n/a
Netball beginner group squad	Tuesday	Tuesday 22 nd September	Trial is Tuesday 15 th Sep (Y3-6 children not already in a netball squad)	n/a
Tag Rugby Squad Y5/6 (after school)	Tuesday	Tuesday 15 th September	Trial is Tue 8 th Sep after school	Junior Hall Doors
Hockey Club Y3/4	Tuesday	Tuesday 8 th September		Junior Hall Doors
Art Club Year 2	Tuesday	Tuesday 8 th September	First half term only	Main Office Entrance
Indoor Athletics 3/4 squad	Wednesday	Wednesday 9 th September	Trial is Wednesday 2 nd Sep	n/a
Netball Advanced squad	Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd September	Current squad	n/a
Knitting & Crochet Club	Wednesday	Wednesday 9 th September	First half term only	Main Office Entrance
Gymnastics Club Y1/2	Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd September		Junior Hall doors
Tag Rugby 3/4 Squad (AFTER SCHOOL)	Wednesday	Wednesday 9 th September	Trial is Wed 2 nd September.	Junior Hall Doors
Football 3/4 squad	Thursday	Thursday 10 th September	Trial is Thu 3 rd September	n/a
Dodgeball 5/6 squad	Thursday	Thursday 10 th September	Trial is Thu 3 rd September	n/a
Urban Cheer Y3-6 Lunchtime club	Thursday	Thursday 17 th September		n/a
Choir 4/5/6 (during school afternoon)	Thursday	Thursday 17 th September		n/a
Orchestra Y3-6 Club (invite only)	Thursday	Thursday 10 th September		Main Office Entrance
Football Y1/2 Club	Thursday	Thursday 3 rd September		Junior Hall Doors
Archery Squad Y3-4 (after school)	Thursday	Thursday 10 th September	Trial is Thursday 3 rd September	
Cross Country 3-6 squad	Friday	Friday 11 th September	Trial Friday 4 th September	n/a
Netball Intermediate squad	Friday	Friday 4 th September		n/a
Archery Y5/6 Squad	Friday	Friday 11 th September	Trial Fri 4 th September.	n/a
Hockey 5/6 Squad (after school)	Friday	Friday 11 th September	Trial is Friday 4 th September (after school).	Old Junior Entrance Door
Gymnastics 3/4 Club (first half only)	Friday	Friday 4 th September		Junior Hall Doors
Show Choir Y3 Club	Friday	Friday 4 th September	No club on Friday 18 th September	Main office Entrance