

Fri 2nd OctoberMenu (w/c 5 Oct)

Week 3

Monday 5th October

Year 3 & 4 Swim

Tuesday 6th October9am Y2 Phonics
WorkshopWednesday 7th
October9am Y1 Phonics
WorkshopRed Squirrels Forest
School

Year 2 Swim

Thursday 8th October9am EY Phonics
Workshop

**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:**

Year 5 had a fantastic time in DT this week as they explored the process of designing their own pizzas. They began by sampling a range of different pizzas and carefully evaluating the toppings, flavours, textures and overall appearance of each one. Using their findings, the children analysed what makes a successful pizza and discussed which combinations worked best.

They then put their new knowledge into practice by designing their own unique pizzas, selecting toppings that would appeal to their chosen target audience. The children showed great creativity and thoughtfulness in their designs, considering flavour, presentation and nutrition. It was a fun and engaging project that gave pupils the opportunity to develop their tasting, evaluating and design skills while working collaboratively with their classmates.

Parent Consultations

Our Parents Evenings will be on Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October and will be held face-to-face in school. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss how your child has settled in, their wellbeing and the teacher's current assessment of their progress to date. It is also a time for you to share any information that will help your child's learning and wellbeing. The meetings will last no longer than 10 minutes and we ask that all parents respect this. It is also a valuable opportunity to look at your child's books with them. If you need to bring your child with you, Mrs Puxley and other staff will be available in the Infant School to supervise them during your appointment. Where possible, we encourage parents to attend without children, as the school can become very busy throughout the evening. If you do bring your child, we kindly ask that you leave promptly once your appointment has finished and you have viewed their work. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please note that we are unable to offer separate appointments for separated parents.

Bookings open this Sunday 4th October at 8pm.

A booking link will be sent to you today. You just click on the link from 8pm on Sunday 24th October to book a slot. We recommend booking as soon as you can if you need specific appointment times.

Office

If you are planning to stay and enjoy the Musical Maze after school, please ask your child to use the toilet in their classroom before the end of the school day, rather than coming to the office afterwards. At the end of the day, the office is not always staffed as staff may be delivering messages or supporting children and teachers around the school. Thank you for your understanding and support. If your child desperately needs to use the toilet then a parent should accompany them to the office – they should not be coming in alone to ask to use the toilet.

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. Please also advise at the time of booking if you have any allergies.

MIND in West Essex. (please see attached poster)

If you are interested in finding out more or signing up for the service, please either speak to Laura Quinn or use the link below to register interest. <https://forms.gle/2c3CxMrPMaNXAYxi6>

**Adult Community Learning (ACL) - courses to support you and your child**

The start of a new school year can bring excitement but can also come with worries, new routines and big changes. Whether your child is starting school or settling back, ACL have a number of free courses to help you navigate the year ahead. Courses include:

- A parent's guide to separation anxiety
- Understanding children's anxiety
- Understanding teen's anxiety
- Building better routines

Please use this link <https://www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning/>

Harvest Festival Assemblies

Early Years – Tuesday 13th October 9am

Year 1 – Tuesday 13th October at 2.45pm

Year 2 – Friday 16th October at 9am

Parents are welcome to attend the Harvest Festival Assembly for their child's year group. Pre-school children are also welcome, but we ask that any prams/pushchairs are left outside each school hall, due to space restrictions inside school. Assemblies last between 15-25 minutes.

As we usually do at this time of year, we are asking parents to donate food to our local Foodbank. We have asked for specific donations from each year group as the foodbank is supplying crates for each classroom as it reduces the number of volunteers needed. If you can donate from the appropriate year group that is great however anything is greatly appreciated. **Please could you bring items into your child's classroom on the morning of Friday 16th October (there will be crates in each classroom)**

Early Years	Cereal & Oats
Year 1	Tinned Vegetables & Tinned Fruit
Year 2	Tinned Rice Pudding & Custards
Year 3	Cooking and Pasta sauces
Year 4	Rice (including Microwave) and Noodles
Year 5	Fruit Squash and Long-life juice or UHT milk
Year 6	Toilet Rolls & Sanitary items such as toothpaste or deodorant

INFANT SCHOOL

Phonics Workshops – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

We will be holding Phonic Workshops for all infant year groups next month. These are very popular events as they allow you to watch a phonics lesson in the school and gives you valuable information on how to teach your child to read. Following are the dates for your diary and please note that **unfortunately we are not able to invite pre-school children to these workshops** as it would be distracting for our children during the lesson demonstrations. Please sign up by Friday 3rd October.

Early Years Thursday 8th October 9am [Early Years Phonics Workshop - Thursday 8th October 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Year 1 Wednesday 7th October 9am [Year 1 Phonics Workshop - Wednesday 7th October 2026 9.00am – Fill out form](#)

Year 2 Tuesday 6th October 9am [Year 2 Phonics Workshop 2025- Tuesday 6th October 9am – Fill out form](#)

Please click on the form by your child's year group(s) to inform us whether you will be attending.

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 4 Maths Workshops

We are writing to add details to the Year 4 Maths workshops we informed you about in the termly dates you received at the start of term. We are delighted to be able to invite you to our parent workshop and hope you are able to take the opportunity to come into school and work alongside your child in Maths.

Please note that **unfortunately we are not able to invite pre-school children to these workshops** as it would be distracting for our children during the lesson demonstrations.

For more information and to sign up please click on this link - [Maths Workshops Year 4 - Autumn 2026 – Fill out form](#)

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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 & Thursday/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.

FUNDRAISING

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley - Executive Headteacher



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