

Fri 16th OctoberMenu (w/c 19 Oct)

Week 2

Monday 19th October

Year 3 & 4 Swim

3.30-6.30pm Parent
ConsultationsTuesday 20th October8.55am Flame Robin
Class AssemblyWednesday 21st
October9am Okapi Class Maths
Workshop

Year 2 Swim

3.30-6.30pm Parent
ConsultationsThursday 22nd OctoberMenu Swap – Chicken
Nuggets/Salmon
Fishcakes/Veggie
Fingers!9am Gray Falcon Class
assemblyFriday 23rd OctoberMenu Swap – Baguette or
Chicken Curry today!**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR
THE HALF TERM
HOLIDAY – RE-OPENS
ON MONDAY 2ND
NOVEMBER**

Dear Parents,

**This week in school:**

It was so lovely to watch the infant harvest festivals this week, we are especially proud of our Early Years children who sang beautifully in just their 7th week of school.

We were also overwhelmed by the donations for the foodbank. A huge thank you to all those who have donated.

The children in both the infant and junior school have explored the book Invisible by Tom Percival and considered our core value with (Bubbles the axolotl) of kindness. We also explored food banks and what they are and why they help people.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Monday and Wednesday next week. A reminder of your appointment time will be sent 24 hours prior to your appointment.

- Infant School: Please go to the Infant Hall via the Infant School entrance.
- Junior School: Please enter through the Junior Hall doors (not the old entrance).

On Arrival:

- Sign in with a member of staff.
- View your child's work before your 10-minute appointment. Please respect the time limit of a 10-minute discussion with the teacher.

Child Supervision:

- A creche (run by school staff) will be available in the Infant Hall only while you are meeting the teacher.
- A tv programme will be shown in the Junior Hall for older children who do not need much supervision.
- Please supervise your children while looking at books and waiting for your appointment.

Club Cancellations:

- No Sports, Arts or Knitting clubs will run on these days.
- Mrs. Gardiner's Monday club will still run.

⚠ Due to space restrictions, please leave the hall after viewing your child's books and meeting the teacher.

Menu Change

Due to a planned catering repair we have to make a change to the menu next week:

Thursday 22nd October

Yellow choice – Chicken Nuggets & Chips.

Green Choice – Salmon Fishcakes or Vegetable Fingers with chips. (Dessert – Raspberry & Yoghurt sponge/fruit)

Friday 23rd October

Yellow Choice – Baguette with ham/tuna/cheese or egg

Green Choice – Chicken Tikka Masala (Dessert – Shortbread/Fruit)

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on **05 November 2026**.

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that

***pre-registration is required for every photo shoot*.**

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRTMC8Y9B4
3. Enter your child's full school register name.

****Don't miss out – pre-register today!****



More reports of inconsiderate parking

We have today received two complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking at drop-off and pick-up times, including vehicles blocking driveways and creating unsafe conditions. Please be mindful of where you park, avoid blocking access to homes, and help us keep our children, families and neighbours safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

NSPCC Assembly

Children in Years 1-6 took part in an assembly linked to the themes explored in this video. https://youtu.be/gfY_xrSQNEk
The assembly focused on helping children understand the importance of making positive choices, treating others with kindness and respect, recognising potentially unsafe situations, and knowing how to seek help from a trusted adult if they have any worries or concerns. The content was delivered in an age-appropriate way and encouraged discussion about staying safe, both in school and in their everyday lives.

Spare Socks Needed:

If you have any small (infant-sized) socks in good condition that your child has outgrown, we would be very grateful for donations. We use spare socks for children who need a change during the school day. Thank you!

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 Class Assemblies

Year 3 have their class assemblies next week. Parents/Carers are invited to come to watch their child's class assembly in the Junior Hall. Pre-school children are welcome to attend, please leave buggies/prams in the main reception or outside the hall due to space restrictions.

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.





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

Christmas Festive Events as KSS – REMINDER TO BOOK!

We understand it is very early to be thinking about Christmas however planning festive events for over 450 children is quite time consuming so please see the attached documents for more information relating to our plans – some of which need to be booked before half term!

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



