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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term.

Class Photos

Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday (4th). Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. If they are due to have PE they will do PE in their uniform on this one occasion but please send in their trainers. Following the session, you will be emailed a link to your child's class photograph so that you can purchase online if you wish.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday (6th Mar). During the day we will be carrying out some exciting book-based activities for the children, aimed at developing their love of stories and reading. The children can come to school dressed as a book character, or wearing comfy clothing ready to curl up with a good book! PE will continue as normal, but adaptations will be made to the lesson to ensure costumes are not ruined!

We will also be running a book and biscuit session for parents / carers to come into school to share a share a book and biscuit with their child. If you would like to come please sign up on the link below by Monday 3rd March at noon:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4icLRxE18Q>

Please note: you will only be able to attend the book and biscuit event if you have signed up in advance.

We will be running a house competition based on creating a book character out of a wooden spoon or paper plate! The winner from each class will have the chance to choose a book from the book fair. The winning house will be the house that has the most entries. Children should bring their decorated spoon / plate to school on Thursday. Please make sure your child's entry is clearly labelled with their name and class.

The school council is organising a book swap on this day, if your child has any books they no longer read please bring them in on the day. They can then visit the book swap and choose one new book to take home and enjoy.

Y6 Leaver's Committee

Plans are already in process to give this year's Year 6 a send off to remember! A Y6 Parent Committee has been set up to help with the organising of the leaver's party and hoodies. If anyone would like to be a part of the committee please contact Kirsty on 07837647077.

Y6 Leavers Hoodies - Your child will be able to try on a hoodie for size in the playground on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March after school. Orders should be placed on MCAS by Friday 14th March at 3 pm. Late or incorrect orders will not be processed due to the deadline agreed with the supplier.

Have a lovely weekend.

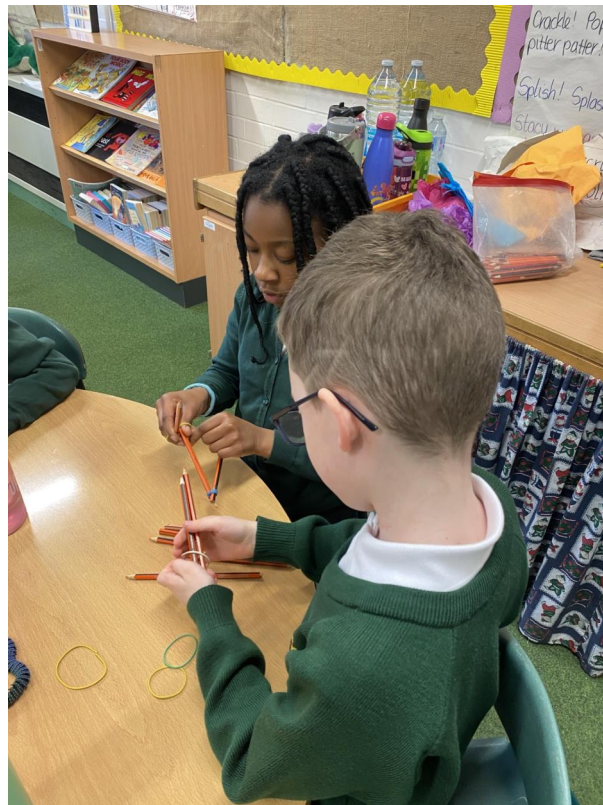
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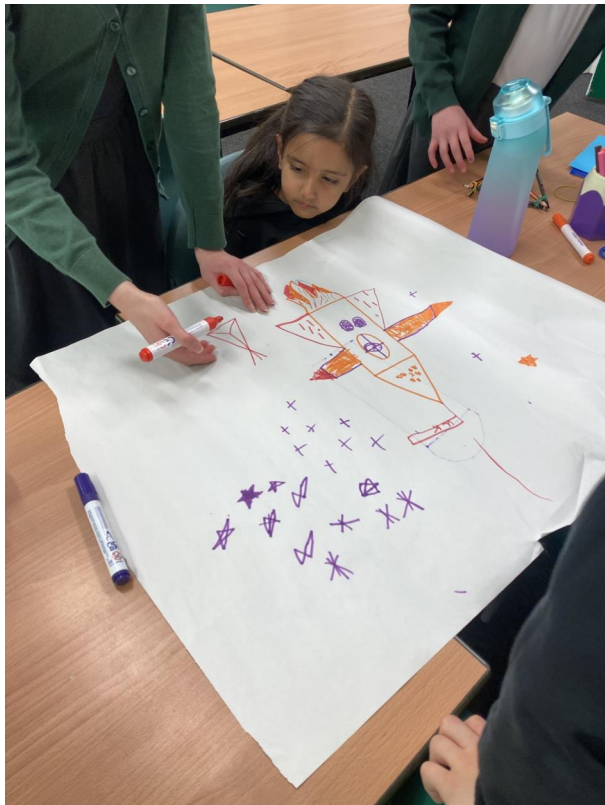
Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

Science Afternoon

Today we had a Science afternoon at Hawthorn, organised by Mr Lewis, our Science Lead. The children worked together in their houses to complete an enquiry linked to their house element. The children designed their experiments together and then carried them out...we had volcanoes exploding, butter sliding off spoons and air-powered rockets soaring across the playground, soaking everybody! Well done everyone!







Winter Games Festival

On Monday, some children from KS2 went to the KLV to take part in the Winter Games Festival. They had the chance to try 10 different sports. The sports included badminton, curling, volleyball and table tennis, among many others. The children were amazing, following all of our Hawthorn values. Well done to: Ethan and Tyler from Maples, Alan and Niamh from Oaks, Evaan and Aoife from Cedars, River and Annaliese from Silver Birches, Jessica and George from Willows, and Mati and Jeana from Redwoods. It was a pleasure watching you have so much fun!

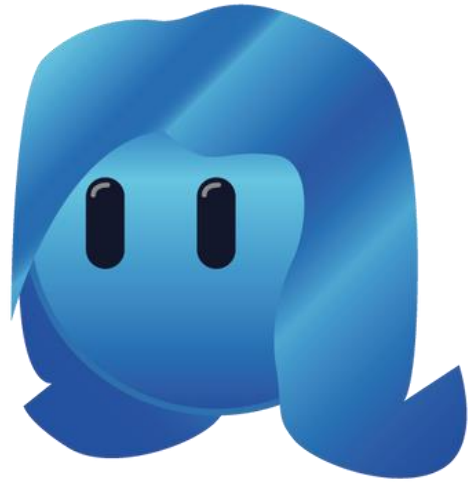
Mr J







House Points so far...



Click on the cards below to see which house is in the lead so far!!

Earth - 433 points

Air - 441 points

Fire - 542 points

Water - 599 points!!!

Well done Water - still in the lead but the flames of Fire are flickering just behind!! Earth and Air, the gap is widening. But this could all change with the upcoming World Book Day House Challenge!

Spring Term 2 Sports Clubs

Please see below for details of our this term's clubs, delivered by EcoCoach. Parents can book individual sessions or the whole term:

KS1 Dance and Gymnastics Club



- ***When:*** Wednesdays
 - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - ***Year Groups:*** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
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KS2 Football Club

- ***When:*** Tuesdays
 - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - ***Year Groups:*** Years 3 - 6
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Key Information

 **Cost per session:** £5 (General Admission) or £3.50 for Pupil Premium.

 **Booking Link:** <https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach>  **Capacity:** Limited to 20 children per session, with 5 spaces reserved for FSM children. If these spots remain unfilled, they will be offered to those on the waiting list.

Parents can book individual sessions or the whole term, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We're excited to offer these engaging opportunities for your children to stay active, develop skills, and have lots of fun next term. Should you have any questions or require assistance, feel free to contact us at greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk.



ECOCOACH PE SOLUTIONS **AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS** **AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL** **ECOCOACH GREEN JUNIORS**

ECOCOACH PE SOLUTIONS are excited to announce the launch of our new after-school sports clubs for KS1 (including Reception class) and KS2 children, offering an engaging and fun-filled opportunity to develop new skills, stay active, and make new friends!

KS1 DANCE & GYMNASTICS CLUB: STARTS: 26TH FEBRUARY 2025 (WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB: STARTS: 25TH FEBRUARY 2025 (TUESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6

⌚ TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM 🏠 COST PER SESSION: £5
GENERAL ADMISSION £3.50 FOR FSM CHILDREN (MUST BE VERIFIED BY SCHOOL).

HOW TO BOOK: PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.

THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.

IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

BOOKING LINK: [HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ECOCOACH](https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach)

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW! FOR AN ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT [GREENTEAM@ECO-COACH.CO.UK](mailto:greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk)

FSM DISCOUNT BOOKING STEPS:
CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY: CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) STATUS.
GET DISCOUNT CODE: FORWARD THE CONFIRMATION TO [GREENTEAM@ECO-UKCOACH.CO.UK](mailto:greenteam@eco-ukcoach.co.uk) TO RECEIVE YOUR FSM CODE.
BOOK WITH DISCOUNT: USE THE FSM CODE AT CHECKOUT TO PAY £3.50

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Maples and Cherries are in top this week!! Well done.

Maples: 99%

Cherries: 99%

Elm: 98%

Willows: 97%

Oaks: 97%

Silver Birches: 97%

Ash: 96%

Apples: 96%

Redwoods: 95%

Bay: 93%

Cedars: 93%

What Parents Need to Know about...Marvel Rivals

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MARVEL RIVALS**

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 12
ESRB advises nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

IN-GAME CHAT
Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is especially prevalent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively low, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES
While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a **100 Battle Pass** (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire - but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players - either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT
There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
The game includes some knowledge and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, departing from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS
The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS
The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters. (People can play as Iron, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF
The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT
Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.

DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS
Parents should ensure that no payment options - such as debit cards - are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, Techradar and plenty more.

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For information on talking with child about social media, please click on the following link which will take you to the Internet Matters website: [Internet Matters: Talking with your child about social media](https://www.internetmatters.org/talking-with-your-child-about-social-media/)

Internet Matters also offer *The Family Digital Toolkit* where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. [My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/my-family-digital-toolkit/)

Community News & Events



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU



SUNDAY CLUB

**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS
AT 9AM -9.30AM***

CRAFTS & GAMES

*For families attending Sunday Services

2025 DATES

19TH JAN
2ND FEB
16TH FEB
2ND MARCH
16TH MARCH
6TH APRIL
20TH APRIL - (EASTER SUNDAY)
4TH MAY
18TH MAY
1ST JUNE
15TH JUNE - (FATHER'S DAY)
6TH JULY
20TH JULY

Please help this cause run by a small group of volunteers provide a support network to provide a warm space and to combat loneliness



Mondays 10am - Noon run by Mel

Tea's Up!

Company, Friendship, Fun, Crafts, Activities, Well Being & More!

Come join us for refreshments, friendship, fun, crafts and well being support. Don't miss out!

St Michael's & All Angels
Garfield Street
Kettering
NN15 6BU

Cash or Card Donations Welcome

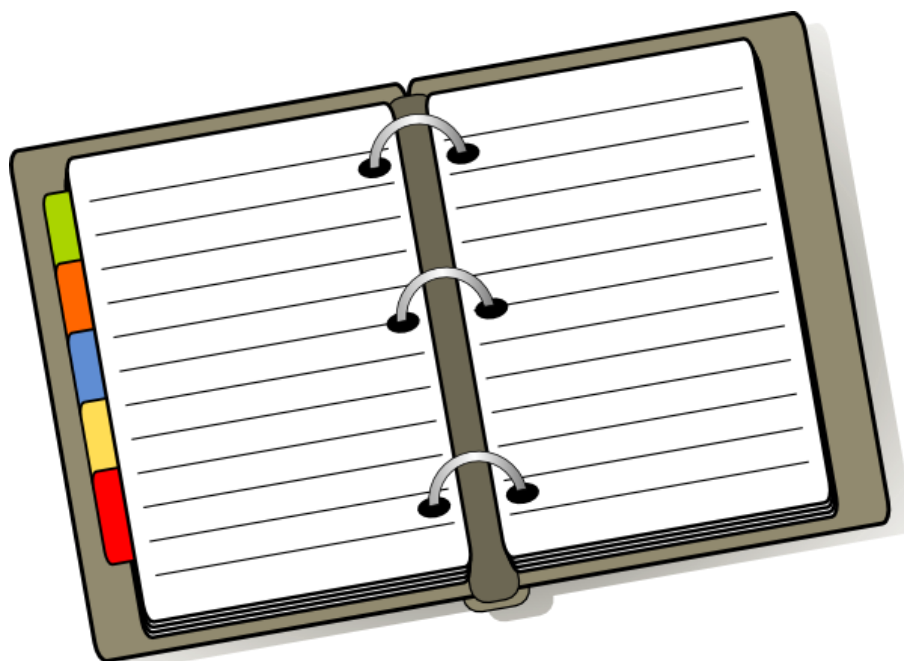
Also needed

Tea bags, coffee, biscuits, cake, Hot chocolate, long life milk, crafting supplies(wool, crochet needles, knitting needles, mindfulness colouring books/pens, jigsaws, recycled products(toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, plastic plates and bowls (picnic type) Eco friendly cleaning products(washing up liquid), tea towels
We also need to fundraise for a licence to play music and Films and tables that can be folded used indoor and out. All help or donations greatly appreciated.

Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:

[Hawthorn Primary - Community News and Events \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk)

Dates For Your Diary...



Tues 4th Mar: Tempest Class Photos

Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day - children to dress up as favourite character

Mon 10th Mar - Weds 12th Mar: Y4 Residential at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Mar: Book Fair in school

Fri 21st Mar: Rocksteady Concert (Friday Bands) 2pm

Tues 25th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Weds 26th Mar: Rocksteady Concert (Weds Bands) 2pm

Thurs 27th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Fri 28th Mar: Y5/6 Sponsored Bounce

FoH Mothers' Day Stall

Mon 31st Mar: KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs 3rd Apr: Coffee Afternoon: Easter Crafts

Fri 4th Apr: Break Up for Easter

3.30-4.30pm: Easter Egg Bingo for Families (FoH)
