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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y4 Residential

Year 4 had a wonderful time on residential this week at The Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. They enjoyed lots of activities including walking the plank, canoeing and archery and came back exhausted! A big thank you to all the staff who accompanied them on this trip and a huge well done to the children - Miss Blakeley reported they were all fast asleep by 8.30pm on Tuesday night!! It was wonderful to hear how well behaved, polite, respectful and enthusiastic they were during their time away - really displaying our Hawthorn values.

School Improvement

As always at Hawthorn, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that we are keeping up to date with current research and offering your child the best provision we possibly can. Over the last term our focus has been on developing writing across the curriculum. This has been an area on which we have been working on over the last year and have made great strides forwards. Our children are consistently developing their ability to retell stories and create longer pieces of writing with flair. This term we have carried out a writing peer review with staff who have all benefitted from watching some model lessons and taking away ideas to try out in their classes. Do ask your children what story they are focusing on in English lessons and see if they can retell it with actions!

Morning Drop-Offs

A reminder to our EYFS and KS1 parents to please line up in the morning along the Hawthorn school fence, not in front of our neighbours' houses. Please be respectful to the people living near us and make sure your children are supervised at all times whilst waiting for the gates to open.

Parking around Hawthorn Road and Broadway remains an ongoing issue at school drop-off and pick up times. We regularly have reports of cars parked dangerously on corners and on double yellow lines. We feature this so frequently in the newsletter because we want to keep all of our children and parents safe. Please ensure you park safely and do not block visibility. The police and traffic wardens patrol our area regularly and will issue tickets for unsafe parking.

Book Fair

A reminder that the Book Fair will be in school next week. Parents and carers are invited into school to browse the bookcases and purchase books. The fair is open from 3.30 - 4 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday . Follow this link to see a selection of books which will be on sale.

[The books - Travelling Book Fairs](#)

*On the day payment should be made by scanning the QR code which will be on display. **No cash will be accepted.***

Class Photographs

Links to your child's class photograph were sent out last week. For free delivery to school please order by Sunday 23rd March 2025. Follow the link, order via the Tempest website or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



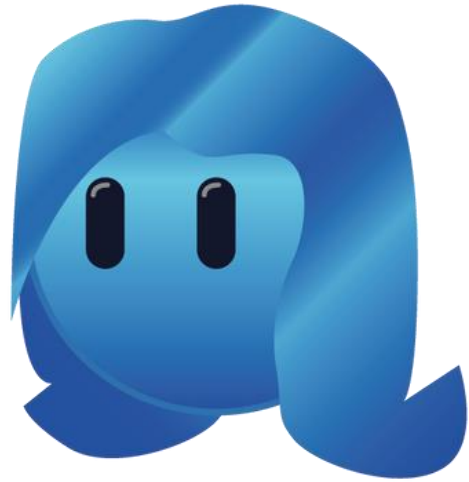








House Points so far...



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

Earth - 563 points

Air - 567 points

Water - 716 points

Fire - 720 points!!!

We have a new leader: Fire!!! Well done Fire, you have moved into the lead following the World Book Day House Challenge! The House Challenge Cup is now on display in school decorated with the red ribbons! But can you keep it up Fire?

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

What Parents Need to Know About...Roblox

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 ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS
Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS
The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can contact with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT
Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION
Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING
The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS
Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT
While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER
Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS
Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS
Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert
Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGible.

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Cedars heads up the list this week - well done Cedars !

Cedars: 98%

Elm: 97%

Maples: 96%

Silver Birches: 96%

Bay: 95%

Cherries: 95%

Oaks: 95%

Apples: 95%

Redwoods: 93%

Ash: 93%

Willows: 91%

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](#)

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](#)

Friends of Hawthorn Upcoming Events



Raising money to support our school

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

Mother's Day GIFT SHOP

FRIDAY 28th MARCH 2025

During the school day, children are invited to visit our pop-up gift shop to choose a surprise gift for the mums/aunties/Grandmas/step mums/special people in their life. Gift choices will include candles, stationery, toiletries, pampering, mugs, books etc...

All gifts - **£3.50** (£2 pupil premium) with personalised gift bag and tag!

Please pay for your gifts on MCAS by 3pm Monday 24th March. Access to gift shop will be for children who have pre-ordered only to allow us to ensure we have enough gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com or the school office



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FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

Family BUNNY BINGO!

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

3.30 - 4.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ENTRY VIA OFFICE

£10 PER FAMILY
UP TO 5 PEOPLE
LIMITED TICKETS
PLEASE PAY ON MCAS

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO CASH PRIZES.
PRIZES WILL INCLUDE EASTER EGGS, GAMES, VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. TOP PRIZE WILL BE LUXURY FAMILY HAMPER

If you have any questions, please contact friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com or the school office

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40	95	18	78	20
92	70	30	97	94
71	38	96	72	39
99	31	19	98	2

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

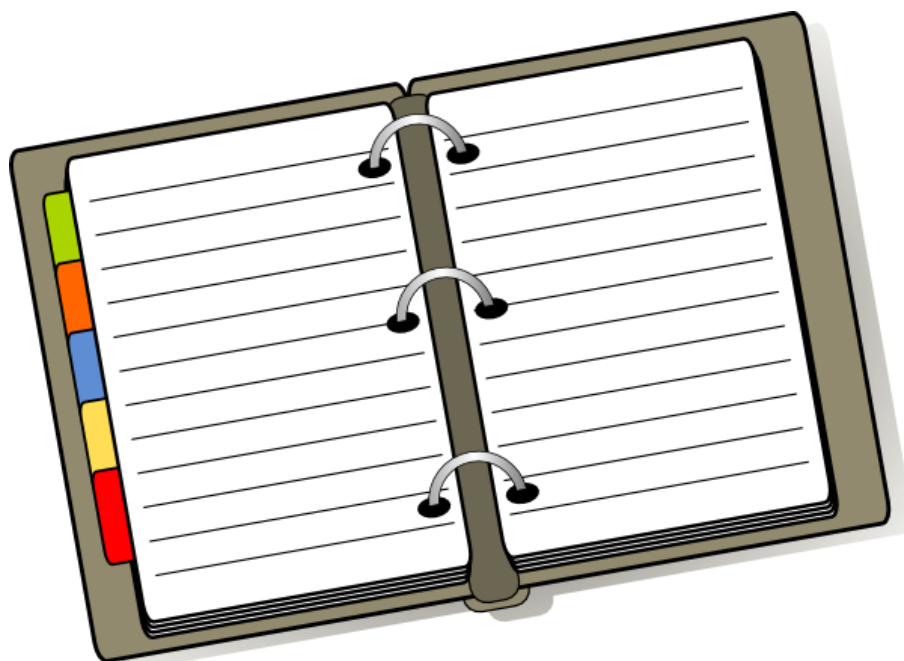
Also needed

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...



Mon 17th - Thurs 20th Mar: Book Fair in school

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

Comic Relief - Add a bit of red to your school uniform (see letter sent out on MCAS today)

Tues 25th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm) - bookings are open on MCAS

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

Thurs 27th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm) - bookings are open on MCAS

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: Family Bunny Bingo for Families (FoH)
