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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely last week of term at Hawthorn hosting our Celebration Assemblies and Easter Crafts.

Celebration Assemblies

We welcomed several parents into school this week to share an afternoon tea with our Hawthorn Heroes for this term's value of Creativity. As always, it was lovely to read out the comments written by the teachers on the certificates and to hear about how our children have been displaying the school values. We also handed out prizes to the winners of the termly reading raffle. Reading continues to be a priority here at Hawthorn and is fundamental to everything we do. If your child would like to be in with a chance of winning next term's raffle, they need to read at least five times a week to earn a ticket. A winner from each class will then drawn at the end of the term.

Drop-off gates

After Easter, we will be trialling the opening of the Butcher's Gate on Hawthorn Road as an additional entrance for our KS1 and Early Years children. The gate will open at 8.30am, aligning with the opening time of our other gates, and will remain open until approximately 8.40am or until the majority of children have entered. The Hawthorn and Broadway gates will still remain open until 8.45am.

This trial aims to help ease congestion around the Hawthorn Road gate, making drop-off smoother for everyone. We kindly ask that children stand with you respectfully while waiting for the gates to open. Please remind them not to push against the gate to ensure everyone's safety and comfort during drop-off.

As a reminder, please continue to line up along the school fence and avoid standing in front of our neighbour's house to maintain positive relationships within our community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday (22nd Apr) we will be holding a Hawthorn Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS and KS1. If you would like to enter, please make an Easter bonnet with your child over the holiday, ready for the parade, which will be watched by the KS2 children. Prizes will be awarded for the three most original designs and the house with the most entries will also be awarded House points!

Easter Maths Club

Thank you to all the Y5s who have signed up for Easter Maths Club, which will be run by Mrs O'Key and Miss Greener. If you haven't yet informed us whether your child will be attending, please let us know by the end of today.

Easter Activities for KS1

A big thank you to the Travel and Tourism students from Tresham College, who came into Hawthorn this week to host an afternoon of games and an Easter Egg Hunt for our KS1 children. The children had a fantastic time and it was great to be able to support the Tresham students with their studies.

Easter Crafts

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Crafts sessions yesterday, run by Mrs Brown. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. Again, our crafts event proved very popular and places booked up quickly.

Sponsored Bounce

*The grand total raised from the Y5/5 and EYFS Sponsored Bounce was an incredible £852.32!
Thank you to everybody who donated to this event. All money raised will go towards funding
school events.*

Toast & Tales

*Next term sees the return of Toast & Tales starting with EYFS on Wednesday 30th April.
Please come and join your child for a story and a light breakfast from 8.20am in the hall.
Please note: there will be no Sensory Circuits on Toast and Tales days.*

*On behalf of all the staff here at Hawthorn, we wish you a peaceful and relaxing Easter break.
We look forward to see you after school if you have booked on to Easter Bingo, if not we will
see you all on **Tuesday 22nd April.***

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - KS1 Easter Games



2 - KS1 making fruit salads as part of their DT unit

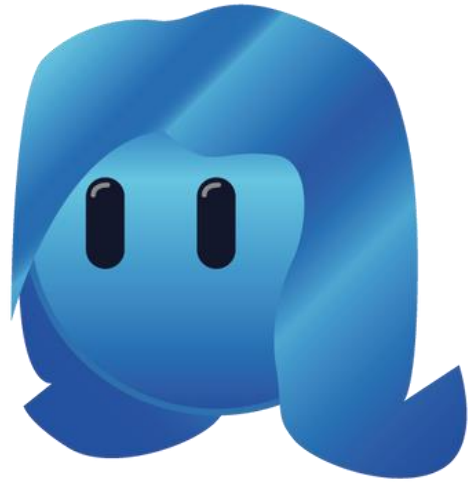


3 - Easter Crafts





House Points so far...



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

Air - 787 points

Earth - 804 points

Water - 920 points

Fire - 931 points!!!

*It's looking close at the top! But Fire, you are still in the lead going into the Easter holiday.
But how will the points change after the Easter Bonnet Parade?*

Summer Term 1 Sports Clubs

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

EYFS/KS1 Tagging and Chase Games



- ***When:*** Wednesdays (starts Weds 23rd Apr)
 - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - ***Year Groups:*** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
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KS2 Basketball Club

- ***When:*** Tuesdays (starts Tues 22nd Apr)
 - ***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.



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

ECOCOACH CIC 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 TAGGING AND CHASE GAMES: STARTS: 23RD APRIL 2025
(WEDNESDAYS, 5 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 BASKETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 22ND APRIL 2025
(TUESDAYS, 5 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 ANY
ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT 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 TO RECEIVE YOUR FSM CODE.**
- BOOK WITH DISCOUNT: USE THE FSM CODE AT CHECKOUT TO PAY £3.50**



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Attendance - Traffic Light Letter

Year to date attendance letters have been uploaded to MCAS under Reports. Please login to MCAS to view your child's attendance percentage to date.

This Week's School Attendance:

We have a three-way tie for first place this week with Cedars, Oaks and Elm all achieving 96%! Well done !

Cedars: 96%

Oaks: 96%

Elm: 96%

Silver Birches: 95%

Ash: 95%

Maples: 94%

Willows: 93%

Redwoods: 91%

Apples: 90%

Bay: 89%

Cherries: 85%

What Parents Need to Know About...Instagram

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 [thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME**
Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.
- AI CHATBOT CONCERNS**
Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may risk for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.
- RISKS OF GOING LIVE**
The live stream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.
- THREADS INTEGRATION**
Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.
- SCHEDULED MESSAGING**
Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.
- EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH**
Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS**
Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.
- SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI**
Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.
- OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION**
Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.
- BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS**
Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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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/parents/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](#)

Community News & Events



Barn Dance
with the incredible
Five String Thing!

Saturday
5th April
7 til 10.30pm


Athletic Club
Rockingham Road
Kettering

Tickets £10.00 (kids go free!)
Scan the QR code or go to <https://square.link/u/UixALpeM>

Bring your own snacks!
Strictly food only - all drinks
must be purchased from the bar


Green Party

Promoted by D.Dell on behalf of Northamptonshire Green Party
c/o 38 Waverley Road Kettering NN15 5NT



KETTERING NATURE GROUP
PRESENTS

Festival of Nature

24th May
2025
10.30am - 5pm

Free Entry to Nature Festival
Parking fees apply

All Park Attractions Open, Wildfowls from £22

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a natural scene with a peacock, a swan, a heron, a duck, a rabbit, a hedgehog, and various birds flying in the sky.



**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



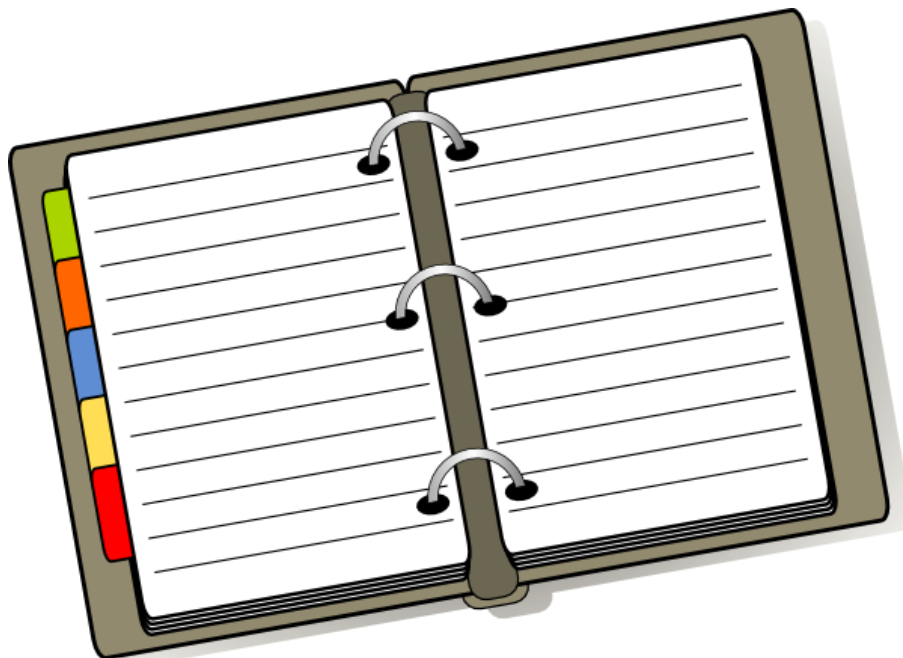
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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 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:

Dates For Your Diary...



Fri 4th Apr: Break Up for Easter

3.30-4.30pm: Family Bunny Bingo for Families (FoH)

********Easter Break********

Tues 22nd Apr: Back to school

EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (children only)

Tues 29th Apr: Y3 Ukulele sessions begin

Weds 30th Apr: EYFS Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 1st May: Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Brown

LKS2 Cake Sale

Mon 5th May: May Day (School Closed)

Tues 6th May: Y3 Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Weds 7th May: Y4 Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 8th May: EYFS & KS1 May Day Dancing (2pm)

Mon 12th May: KS2 SATs Week begins

Mon 19th May: Reception Screening

Tues 20th May: Y6 Paddleboarding

Weds 21st May: Y1 Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Y6 Sports Morning at Rothwell

Fri 23rd May: Break Up
