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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

The start of the summer term is always a busy, but exciting time, with so much to look forward to. Over the coming weeks, we'll be enjoying sporting events, SATs, maypole dancing, school trips, and even a foray into Shakespeare! And before we know it, we'll be preparing to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s and welcoming our new Reception children.

But before we get ahead of ourselves, here are the more immediate things you need to know...

Family Support Worker

Our Family Support Worker, Mrs Emma Brown, will be leaving us on May 2nd to pursue a new career opportunity. Whilst we are very sad to see her go, we are incredibly grateful for the many years she has dedicated to Hawthorn. Mrs Brown has supported many families throughout her time with us. We wish her all the very best for the future and every success in her new role.

We look forward to introducing our new Family Support Worker very soon, and are confident she will continue the important work of building strong relationships and supporting our families.

Toast & Tales

On Weds (30th), we will be holding Toast & Tales for EYFS parents. Please come and join your child for a story and a light breakfast from 8.20am in the hall. Please book your place by completing the form <https://forms.office.com/e/d38jqPU2Dm> . Unfortunately if you do not pre-book your place you will not be admitted to this event.

Please note: there will be no Sensory Circuits on Toast and Tales days.

Y3/4 Cake Sale

On Weds (30th) LKS2 will be hosting their cake sale to raise money for school funds. Please could LKS2 children bring in some baked goods which will then be sold on the top playground at the end of the day. CAKES MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS. The children in LKS2 will get the chance to visit the cake sale before the end of the day. If you would like your child to purchase some cakes please provide a donation in a named envelope.

Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 1st May at 2 pm, Mrs Brown will be holding a Coffee Afternoon - Read with Your Child or Grandchild. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend. Mrs Brown will be hosting the event and it is hoped our new Family Support Worker will also be able to attend. If you would like to attend, please sign up on MCAS under Trips & Events. There are limited places available so please book early.

Easter Bonnet Parade

A huge thank you to everyone in EYFS and KS1 who took part in our Easter Bonnet Parade at the start of the week. We were amazed by the creativity and quality of the bonnets – judging was no easy task!

*Congratulations to **Scarlett-Mae, Braedyn and Louis G**, who were selected as our overall winners for their wonderfully original designs.*

A special shout-out to Air House, who won the Easter Bonnet House Challenge by submitting the most entries — take a look below to see how this has impacted the current house points...

Awards Assemblies

We have been presenting further Bronze Awards this week to children who have secured 15 house points. Well done to everyone who has received this award. Your child should wear their bronze award on the left hand side of their shirt collar.

Next week, our amazing Lunch Time Supervisors are hosting a week of sports for our children. Every lunchtime, there will be a different sporting activity taking place on the playground for the children to compete in. Winners will earn house points to boost their own, and their house's tally!

School Uniform Discount Code

If you are planning on purchasing any new school uniform in the next few weeks, please see the discount code below for MyClothing. This will entitle you to a 10% discount until the end of May. Please see our website for details of our school uniform requirements.

*Code = **MYCSS10%***

Expires = 31/05/2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - Easter Bonnet Parade



Dodgeball Tournament

UKS2 attended the Pathfinder Dodgeball tournament today and, as usual, displayed brilliant behaviour whilst at the event. Showing great resilience, and some really good dodging skills,

Team A - Niamh, Jayden, Harry, Jack, Hugo and Chloe put up a great fight in their group.

Team B - Daniel, Ose, Harley, Flynn, Joseph and Kier combined those skills with some precision throwing to overcome Havelock in the final to become Dodgeball Champions! Well done to all players, especially those on the winning team. Great display Hawthorn!

Mr J



2 - Dodgeball Tournament



Summer Term 1 Sports Clubs

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

EYFS/KS1 Tagging and Chase Games



- **When:** Wednesdays
 - **Time:** 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
 - **Year Groups:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
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KS2 Basketball Club

- **When:** Tuesdays
 - **Time:** 3:15 PM - 4:15 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.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact EcoCoach 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: 3:15 PM - 4:15 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.

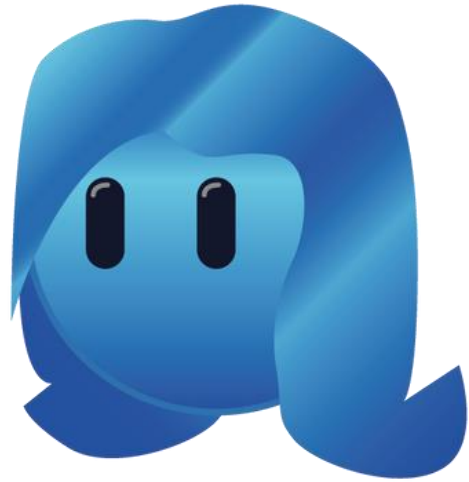
GET DISCOUNT CODE: FORWARD THE CONFIRMATION TO

GREENTEAM@ECO-UKCOACH.CO.UK TO RECEIVE YOUR FSM CODE.

BOOK WITH DISCOUNT: USE THE FSM CODE AT CHECKOUT TO PAY £3.50



House Points so far...



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

Earth - 874 points

Air - 929 points

Fire - 997 points

Water - 1016 points!!!

What Parents and Children Need to Know About...Making Friends Online

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. Trigger Warning: This guide contains mention of suicide, which may be distressing for some readers.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ONLINE GROOMING THREATS**
Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.
- EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 48% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.
- COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY**
Meeting an online "friend" in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.
- PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS**
Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. "Extortion" gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 14, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.
- LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS**
Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 28-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 15-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.
- PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS**
Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 16-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

- TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS**
Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning. Use pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.
- ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS**
Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.
- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN**
Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert
Gabriela Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 20 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.

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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](#)

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



5th Kettering Scout Group
PLANT SALE
24TH MAY 2025

10am - 2pm
St Michaels Church
Roundhill Road
Kettering
NN15 6BE

Herbs
Flowers
Seedlings
Vegetables
Hanging Baskets:

Generous sponsors from **Melcourt**
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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, Whistbands from £22



**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



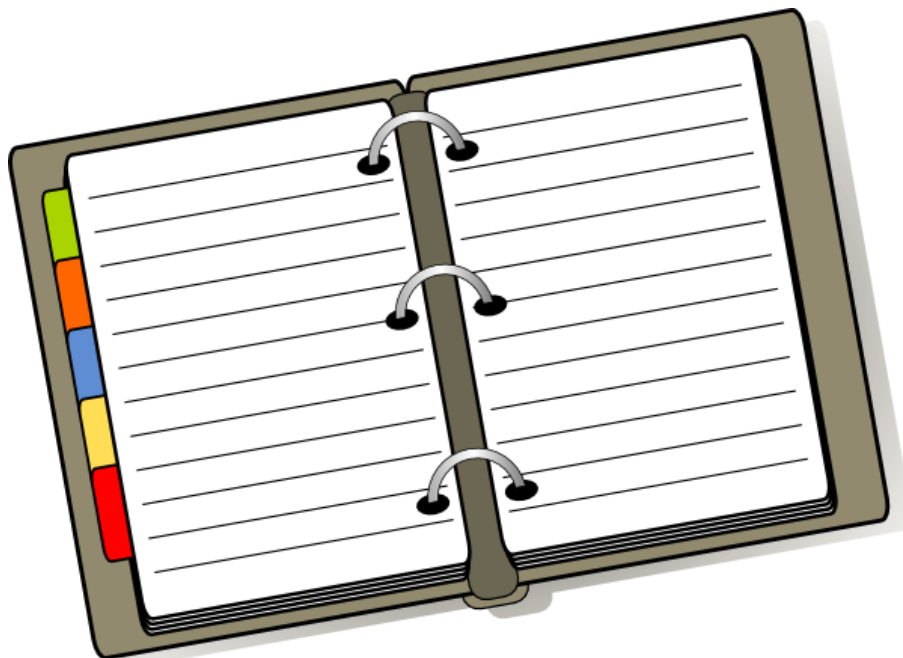
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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...



Mon 28th April: Willows Pizza Tasting (2:30pm)

Tues 29th Apr: Y3 Ukulele sessions begin

Silver Birches Pizza Tasting (2.30pm)

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

Redwoods Pizza Tasting (2.30pm)

Thurs 1st May: Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Brown (2pm)

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

Y5 & 6 at Wicksteed Park

Tues 20th May: Y6 Paddleboarding

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

Y6 Sports Morning at Rothwell

Fri 23rd May: Break Up

*****Half Term*****

Mon 9th June: Phonics Screening Week (Y1/2)

Tues 10th June: Y5 & Y6 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Weds 18th June: New Reception Intake Sept 2025 Welcome Meeting (6pm)

Thurs 19th June: Y5 at Irchester Country Park

Fri 20th June: Y6 at Irchester Country Park

Weds 25th June: Sports Day at St Peter's School

Thurs 26th June: KS2 Midsummer Dancing (PM)

Mon 30th June - Weds 2nd July: Y6 Residential at Longtown

Weds 9th July: ReSolve in for Y6 children

Mon 14th July: Whole School Transition Day

Thurs 24th July: Y6 Leavers' Party

Fri 25th July: Break Up
