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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic last week of term we have had. It's been a very busy, very short term but there are so many great things happening at Hawthorn and some wonderful opportunities taking place for our children!

Staffing Updates

Our new Family Support Worker, Miss Larkin, has now joined us at Hawthorn and has spent this week getting to know our children. Over the coming weeks, she will be touching base with parents and is available to support if you need it. Please contact Miss Larkin through the main phone number or via dojo.

We would like to thank Ms Walters and Miss Keating who both leave Hawthorn this week to further their careers. Thank you for your hard work during the time you have been with us and we wish you both luck moving forwards.

TTRs - Battle of the Houses!!

Our KS2 House Competition — Times Tables Rockstars' Battle of the Houses - is underway! The competition will run until 8:30am on Monday 2nd June. Please encourage the children to play on TTRs every day over half term, for a minimum of 10 minutes to raise points for their

house. To celebrate the end of the competition, we're inviting all KS2 children to come to school dressed as Rockstars on **Monday 2nd June**. We'll hold a special assembly that day to announce the winning house and dress the House Challenge Cup with the winning ribbons!

Holiday Club

A reminder that we will be offering holiday club over the May half term with EcoCoach. Activities on offer include arts and crafts, dance, sports, games and science experiments. Sessions are open to all children in Reception/ KS1 and KS2 and Mrs O'Key will be on hand to support. They will run from 26th-29th May from 9am-3pm and cost £22.50 per day. Early drop off (8am) and late collection (4pm) is also available for an additional £5.

Discounted rates apply for Free School Meal children (Pupil Premium), Military, NHS, Blue Light and School Staff families. Please contact greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk for a discount code.

Please see flyer below to book and for full details.

Busy Times in UKS2!

UKS2 have enjoyed a fantastic week of post-SATs celebrations!

On Monday, the children had a brilliant time at Wicksteed Park, taking part in a variety of team games and outdoor fun. Tuesday brought even more excitement: Year 6 had an exhilarating paddleboarding experience, thanks to the support of Orbis Education Trust, while several of our Year 5 pupils represented the school in a football tournament at Rothwell.

We are also delighted to welcome back Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre in Northampton. This week marked the beginning of an inspiring new Shakespeare project. Over the coming weeks, Year 6 will dive into A Midsummer Night's Dream, exploring the play through a creative mix of drama and dance. The project will culminate in a special performance for parents on **Friday 11th July** — more details coming soon!

Y6 Residential Parents Evening

On Tuesday (3rd June) at 3.30pm, we will be holding a Parent Meeting for Y6 children who will be going on the residential to Longtown next month. Please come along as we will be sharing lots of useful information about the trip.

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 half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 2nd June**.*

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - Playing scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream





With EcoCoach CIC at
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
27th May to 30th May

Price

£22.50 per day (9am–3pm). Early drop-off (8am) and late collection (4pm) available for £5 each.

*FSM, Military, NHS, Blue Light and School Staff families – contact us at greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk to receive your discount code!

Activities

- Arts & Crafts
- Dance
- Parkour
- Sports
- Games
- Gymnastics
- Science Experiments
- Temporary Tattoos
- Virtual Reality

Additional Information

Open to all children in reception, KS1, and KS2. 4-year-olds can attend either from 9AM to midday or from 8AM.
SEND-friendly & fully inclusive!

Location

Hawthorn Primary School, Hawthorn Road, Kettering NN15 7HT.

**Limited Spaces Available – Book
Now Before It's Full!**



Festival of Nature

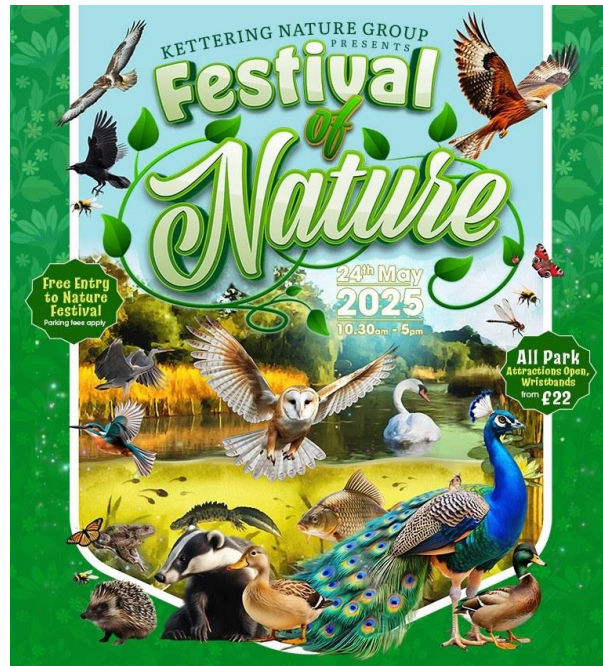
Come and explore Hawthorn's contribution to the Festival of Nature at Wicksteed Park!

Our display celebrates the fascinating world of owls and showcases creative work from children across the school, led by Cllr Polly from the Friends of Hawthorn. You'll find our exhibition in the Learning Space (just behind the carousel), now fully installed and ready to view.

Pop along on Festival Day — **this Saturday from 10am to 4:30pm** — to see all the schools' entries and cast your vote for Hawthorn.

The winning school will receive a fantastic wildlife bundle, including nest boxes, seeds, nature guides, and bug hunting kits — perfect for outdoor learning and connecting with nature.

Make your vote count... and choose wisely! 🏆 🗳️





Summer Term 2 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 Athletics



- **When:** Wednesdays (starts 4th June, 8 sessions)
- **Time:** 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
- **Year Groups:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

KS2 Athletics

- **When:** Tuesdays (starts 3rd June, 8 sessions)
 - **Time:** 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
 - **Year Groups:** Years 3 - 6
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Key Information

 **Cost per session:** £5 (General Admission) 15% off 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 ATHLETICS: STARTS: 4TH JUNE 2025 (WEDNESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS)

YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 ATHLETICS: STARTS: 3RD JUNE 2025 (TUESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6

**⌚ TIME: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM 📄 COST PER SESSION:
£5 GENERAL ADMISSION & 15% OFF 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.

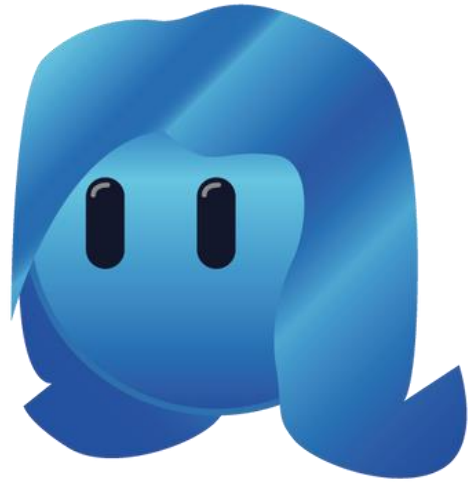
BOOKING LINK: [HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ECOCOACH](https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach)

To get 15% off, confirm your child's FSM status with the school, email proof to greenoffice@eco-coach.co.uk, and use the code at checkout.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW! FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK



House Points so far...



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

Earth - 1129 points

Air - 1161 points

Fire - 1267 points

Water - 1271 points!!!

The leader-board could all change with our TTRs House Challenge concluding on 2nd June!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Cedars wins again this week and Silver Birches joins them in the top spot with 99%. Well done.

Cedars: 99%

Silver Birches: 99%

Oaks: 97%

Cherries: 97%

Willows: 97%

Maples: 96%

Elm: 95%

Bay: 95%

Ash: 92%

Apples: 92%

Redwoods: 88%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Violent Content 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about VIOLENT CONTENT ONLINE

Around 70% of teenagers say they've seen real-life violence on social media in the past year – often from as young as primary school age. Just 5% actively seek it out; most encounter it through group chats or social media algorithms. From fights and pranks to hate speech and graphic media, exposure to violent content online is more widespread – and more harmful – than many adults realise.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA

Children and young people report feelings of anxiety, guilt, shame or fear after seeing violent content. For some, these effects may be short term, but for those with existing vulnerabilities or past trauma, the impact can be more severe. Many also feel pressured to 'laugh off' violent content to fit in with friends, even when they find it distressing.

DESENSITISATION

Older teens may become numb to violent content after years of exposure, admitting they're unlikely to report it. Younger children also tend not to report it – usually because they don't believe anything will be done or because they're afraid of being labelled a 'snitch' by their peers.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

Exposure to online violence can lead to fear and avoidance behaviours – such as skipping school or staying indoors. When children see weapons used in videos, it can heighten their perception that the world is unsafe and, in rare cases, increase the likelihood they'll consider carrying a weapon themselves, such as a knife for protection.

HARMFUL IDEOLOGIES

Violent content online may overlap with racist, misogynistic or otherwise extremist ideas. These messages can dehumanise others or glorify violence as a way to gain power, popularity or notoriety. Over time, this can normalise dangerous behaviours and attitudes among impressionable viewers.

ESCALATION AND PARTICIPATION

Violent videos often go viral quickly. What begins as an online argument can spill into real-world fights – which are sometimes filmed and shared to gain views or status. Some children even admit to sharing or creating violent content themselves to gain attention or boost their reputation.

DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT

Not all children are affected equally. Those who are excluded from school, marginalised, disabled or neurodivergent are often more vulnerable to the effects of online violence. It's essential to consider wider context – including home life and access to safe spaces – when thinking about potential harm.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SUPPORTIVE SPACES

Many children feel adults are too busy or won't understand their experiences online. Take time to build trust through non-judgemental conversations about what they're seeing. If they don't want to speak to you directly, gently signpost towards trusted services they can turn to for support.

AVOID HARSH RESTRICTIONS

Fear of punishment is a major reason young people stay silent about violent content. Try not to overreact or threaten to take away devices. Instead, reassure children that they can speak openly and that asking for help won't get them into trouble.

KNOW WHAT'S ILLEGAL

Some violent content is simply upsetting, while other examples may be criminal or a safeguarding matter that needs reporting. Help children understand the difference by staying informed about online laws and social media reporting procedures. A useful resource is reportharmfulcontent.com.

UNDERSTAND TECH AND TRAUMA

Older children may already know how to block accounts or avoid triggering content. Help younger or more vulnerable children learn these tools and encourage habits that reduce exposure. Just as importantly, teach techniques that help them process distress – building resilience and emotional literacy for both online and offline life.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in digital safety, media law, and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit onlinemedialawuk.com for 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](#)

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
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& 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



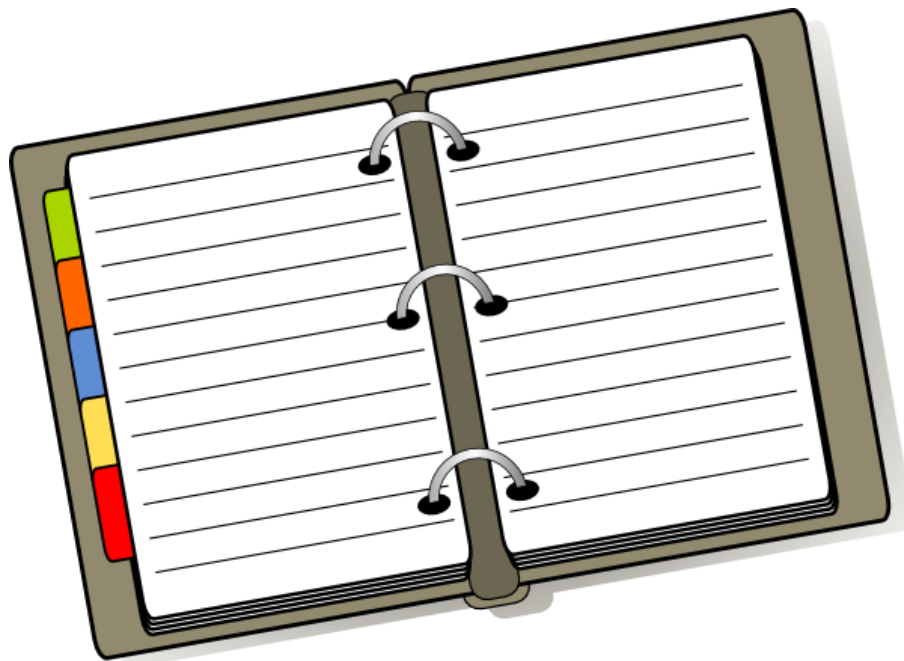
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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 23rd May: Break Up

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

Mon 2nd June: Rockstars Day - end of the TTRs house challenge

Y4 Multiplication Check Week

Tues 3rd June: Y6 Residential Meeting (after school)

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

Mon 23rd June: Y6 at Junior Citizens in Gold Street

Weds 25th June: Sports Day at St Peter's School (AM: KS2, PM: EYFS/KS1)

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

Fri 11th July: End of Year Reports out

Y6 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream (time TBC)

Mon 14th July: Whole School Transition Day

Weds 16th July: Rocksteady Concert - Weds chn (2pm)

Parent drop-ins - meet the new teacher/ discuss report (3.30-5pm)

Fri 18th July: FoH Non-Uniform Day

FoH Summer Fair

Rocksteady Concert - Fri chn (2pm)

Thurs 24th July: Y6 Graduation (afternoon - time TBC)

Y6 Leavers' Party

Fri 25th July: Break Up and Y6 Leavers' Arch
