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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start back this week with lots of events happening at Hawthorn and many more taking place over the coming weeks!

Nuts

A gentle reminder to please avoid sending any nuts or nut-based products into school with your child, including items like peanut butter sandwiches, as we have some children in school with allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Over the next couple of weeks we will be carrying out the Phonics Screening Check for our Year 1 children. This is a short assessment (5-10 mins) that confirms whether children have learned phonic decoding to an expected standard. During the check, your child will be asked to read 40 words - a mix of real and made-up words. You will receive your child's result in their end of year report. If they do not meet the expected standard, they will receive additional support and will have the opportunity to retake the check in Year 2.

You can help your child to be successful by reading regularly with them at home, focusing on sounding out and blending, and using phonics games and books with simple decodable words.

Toast & Tales – Years 5 and 6

*We're excited to invite parents and carers of Years 5 and 6 to our Toast & Tales event on **Tuesday (10th)**. Join us from 8:20am for a light breakfast and the chance to enjoy a book with your child before the school day begins.*

Please note: You ***must have signed up in advance*** to attend this event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

UKS2 DT Project

As part of our DT learning, UKS2 pupils will be visiting Southfield to take part in a hands-on cooking experience next week. In a fully equipped, specialised kitchen, the children will be developing their culinary skills by learning how to make a traditional ragu sauce. This fantastic opportunity supports both independence and life skills, and gives pupils a taste of working in a professional environment. We can't wait to see and smell the delicious results!

TTRs - Battle of the Houses!!

On Monday, we revealed the winners of our KS2 Times Tables Rockstars' Battle of the Houses! We were so impressed by how many children took part, showing enthusiasm, determination, and fantastic times tables skills.

*We're thrilled to announce that the winning house was... **AIR!***

Congratulations to Air, who retain the House Challenge Cup for a second time—a brilliant achievement!

A big well done to all the children who participated. The top three point scorers from each house were recognised in our assembly and presented with certificates for their outstanding efforts.

Thank you also to everyone who dressed up as a Rockstar—children (and staff) looked amazing! It was wonderful to see so much fun and energy around learning times tables.

Celebration Assemblies

*It was a pleasure to celebrate our Hawthorn Heroes this week for demonstrating last term's core value: **Respect**. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our special assemblies and stayed to enjoy afternoon tea—it was wonderful to share this occasion with you.*

*As we move into the final term of the school year, our new focus is the value of **Thoughtfulness**. This will be at the heart of our assemblies and class discussions, as we continue to encourage our pupils to consider others in their actions and words.*

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

Year 6 Parent Workshops

Our local Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are running an online parent workshop for parents of Y6s who will be going to secondary school in September. The workshop will be held over Teams on Tues 10th June at 5pm and Thurs 19th June at 10am. It will run for one hour, parents need only attend one. The workshop will reinforce the transition work that the MHST team is doing with our children this term. To book your place, please scan the QR code, select the date you wish to attend and provide an email address for the workshop link.



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM:
PARENT WORKSHOP**

Change can be scary, there might be worries around being in a new place, new teachers and not having all their friends

The transition to secondary school can be worrying and stressful for the whole family.

Supporting my child with transition to secondary school

- Understanding common worries relating to transitioning to secondary school
- Coping strategies for my child and how I support with these
- The workshop will help normalise these worries and support parents to manage these

Workshops can be accessed through your child's school - please contact your mental health lead or scan the QR below to sign up

QR Code

Summer Term 2 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 Athletics



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

KS2 Athletics

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

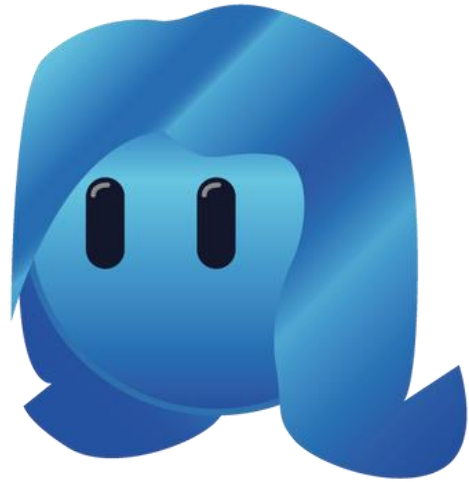
 **Cost per session:** £5 (General Admission) 15% off for Pupil Premium.

 **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@ecocoach.co.uk.

House Points so far...



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

4th Place:

Earth - 1226 points

3rd Place:

Fire - 1352 points

2nd Place:

Water - 1365 points

1st Place:

Air - 1418 points!!!

We have a new leader!!!! What a difference the TTRs challenge made!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



A great start to the last term by Willows with 100% attendance, followed closely by Elm with 99%. Well done.

Willows: 100%

Elm: 99%

Silver Birches: 98%

Bay: 98%

Ash: 98%

Cedars: 97%

Apples: 97%

Oaks: 97%

Cherries: 96%

Maples: 94%

Redwoods: 94%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Emojis

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 EMOJIS

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION**
An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.
- SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE**
When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.
- RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS**
Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness, but might now be reappreciated for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.
- MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM**
Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 🍷 (wine emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (cherry blossom emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.
- NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS**
Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍑 🍷 🍷 (🍑 = 'woozy' face + jail emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- LEARN THE LINGO**
Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.
- CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION**
Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.
- ASK, DON'T ASSUME**
Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.
- PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE**
While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:	POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS
🍑 (Crown face) Fossil-fueledness or cleaning around	🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
🍷 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	🍷 (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
🍷 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🍷 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
🍷 (Mood) Stone-faced, unbothered	🍷 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
🍷 (Crown) 'slaying', as in doing great	🍷 (PS) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
🍷 (Smiling face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'	🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
🍷 (Eyes) Watching drama unfold	🍷 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🍷 (Good) Dreamt of all time (I.O.G.T.)	🍷 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍷 (Health) Confidence, sassiness, or sassiness	🍷 (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
🍷 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour	🍷 (Steaming bowl) Refers to rudes ('roods' is an abbreviation of rudes)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Brani is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.

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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



St Michael's & All Angels

Garfield Street NN15 6BU

ECO CHURCH



We are currently working towards an eco award for the church garden and buildings to make this vibrant community hub more sustainable and environmentally friendly

We are looking for funds to help with this work to provide tools, materials, storage plants & volunteers to help create a sensory garden for users of all abilities.

We have already built a Dead Hedge with the help of the Kings Trust [volunteers](#) and wildlife are already visiting. Please help us to keep going! Any donations gratefully received.

Enquiries SMAA.warden@gmail.com or Julie Gillies Tesco Community Champion



**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



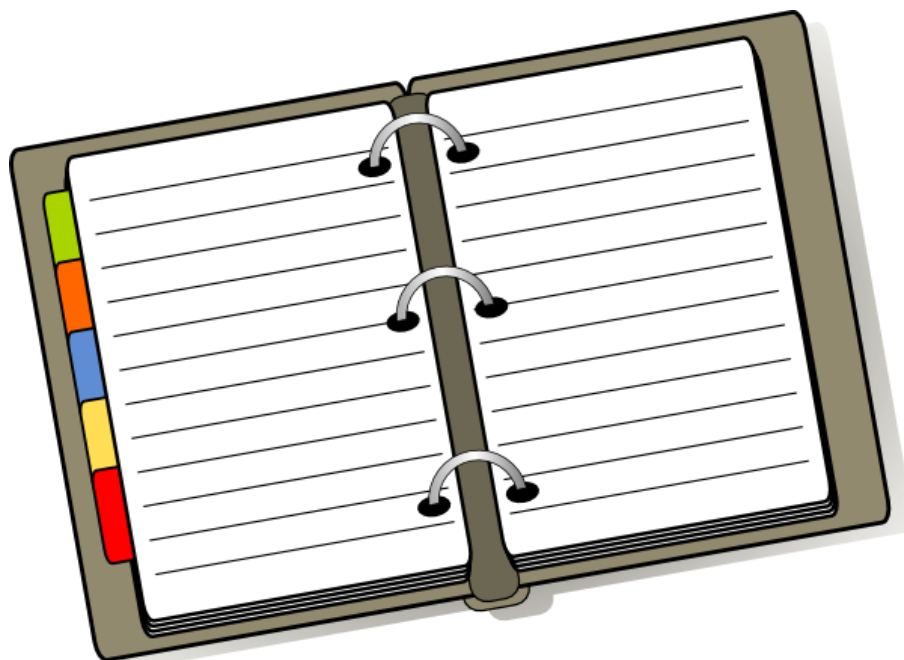
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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

Cedars at Southfields for DT Project

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

Maples at Southfields for DT Project

Thurs 12th June: Oaks at Southfields for DT Project

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
