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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another exciting week at Hawthorn with so much to celebrate and look forward to!

Staffing Update

We're very proud – though also a little sad – to share that our Deputy Head, Miss Liz Blakeley, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up an exciting new role as Associate Headteacher at a school in Wellingborough.

Miss Blakeley has been a valued member of the Hawthorn team for 11 years and has played a key role in supporting the school on its improvement journey. She will be greatly missed, and we will remember her fondly for her outstanding teaching, beautiful piano playing, and her wonderful coordination of our Christmas Carol Service – among many other contributions.

We wish Miss Blakeley every success in her new role and have no doubt she will continue to inspire and make a difference in the lives of the children and staff she works with.

Following a recent round of interviews, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Jayne Tinto has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher from September. Mrs Tinto has made a significant impact in recent years, in leading teaching, learning, and assessment particularly

in KS2. We are thrilled for her as she takes on this new role and know she will continue to drive our school forwards – congratulations, Mrs Tinto!

Sports Day

This week saw a brilliant Sports Day, full of energy, smiles, and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr J for organising and everyone who came along to support. Well done to all the children for taking part so enthusiastically. Air won the morning event (KS2) with Earth winning the afternoon (KS1/EYFS). The overall winners of the house challenge cup for this event was Earth, so the green ribbons are on the House Challenge Cup!! Well done Earth - look at how it changes the leader-board!

Midsummer Dancing

Our KS2 children also had a wonderful time taking part in yesterday's Midsummer Dancing. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch this event and also to Mrs Dix for again preparing the Hawthorn Horrors so well! It was a joy to see them embracing the tradition with such enthusiasm and grace!

Sharing Our Story

Today, we welcomed several delegates from schools across the county who visited Hawthorn to hear more about the journey our school has been on. It was a fantastic opportunity to share the hard work, growth, and achievements of our school. During the day, we took colleagues on a tour of our school, spoke to them about assessment and our curriculum and also about learning behaviours and SEND provision.

Looking Ahead to Next Week!

Next week, our Year 6 children will be heading off on their residential trip to Longtown – we know they'll have an unforgettable experience and enjoy all the exciting activities on offer. The weather looks fabulous...although I think you'll enjoy being in the coolness of the caves!

We're also excited to be welcoming our new Reception children in for their first taster sessions. We can't wait to meet our new children and their families!

Dates for Your Diary

*The Friends of Hawthorn will be hosting Summer Bingo next **Friday (4th July) 3:15–4:30pm**. It promises to be a fun-filled event – we hope to see you there! Tickets can be purchased in the store on MCAS.*

End of Term Coffee Afternoon

Please join us on Monday 21st July for our End of Year Coffee Afternoon, hosted by Ms Larkin, our Family Support Worker, in The Palm. Come along for a chat, a hot drink and some biscuits! Everyone is welcome.

Please book on [Coffee Afternoon Booking Link](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

You are warmly invited to
join Miss. Larkin for our

End of year coffee afternoon

Monday
21st July
2pm



Please come along to enjoy a hot drink
and biscuits. A great opportunity to meet
other parents.

Booking link will be sent through MCAS



1 - Sports Day





2 - Midsummer Dancing





Quad Athletics

On Monday, KS2 took part in the Northamptonshire Quad Athletics tournament at Corby Athletics Club. All of the children represented Hawthorn brilliantly, and gave their all in each event they took part in. Individual times and distances were taken by the organisers, and we had some great placed finishes from lots of children, including: All of the Y3/4 boys and girls finishing in the top 2 of their 50m sprint heats, with a number of firsts. Thalia winning her 400m heat, and Connie and Zara winning their 600m heats. Harry and Theo B picked up second places in their long distance heats, and Daniel, Mollie and Sam all gained a third place finish. Overall, the Y3/4 team came 5th out of 11 schools, and the Y5/6 team came 7th out of 12 schools. Well done to everyone that attended!

Mr J



3 - KS2 Quad Athletics





Summer Holiday Club

EcoCoach will be running our summer holiday provision at Hawthorn this year.

Activities on offer include games and sports, movement and dance, arts and crafts, plus water games and splash days.

Dates: 4th- 29th August

Times: 9am - 3pm (early drop-off at 8am and late pick up at 4pm - £5 each)

Ages: 5-11 years (4-year-olds welcome for half days 8/9am to midday)

Who: Children from across the community (not just Hawthorn). All abilities welcome, SEND friendly and fully inclusive.

Cost: £22.50 per day

Early Bird Discount: 20% off until 30th June, use code: GREENBIRD20.

15% DISCOUNT for FSM, Military and NHS families (can't be used with Early Bird Discount).

Booking: Visit [EcoCoach Summer Camp](#)



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
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KS2 Athletics

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

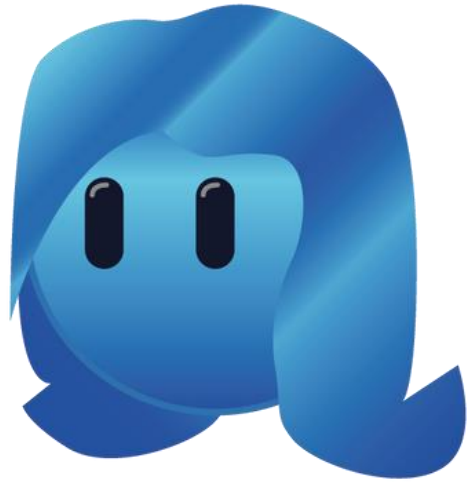
 **Cost per session:** £5 (General Admission) 15% off for Pupil Premium.

 **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@eco-coach.co.uk.

House Points so far...



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

4th Place:

Fire - 1536 points

3rd Place:

Water - 1996 points

2nd Place:

Apples: 94%

What Parents And Carers Need To Know About...Nintendo Switch

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT**
Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, several games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Elden Ring have been released onto the platform, with the latter's unrated performance. Teenagers will be able to play even more mature-rated games. There's no age restriction for children to do so either physically, as the console's content lock is highly customizable for young purchasers.
- IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES**
The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and the protection is disabled, children may unintentionally make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetics items or online game releases without parental approval.
- UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES**
While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Roblox allow voice chat, and some have stranger chat settings that are unregulated, meaning children could communicate inappropriately to those on connected consoles.
- GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION**
GameChat enables live chatting with up to 10 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen sharing. Though children cannot be sent to chat rooms only with approved friends, the added interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain silent during conversations.
- CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS**
The optional USB-C camera supports video chatting and facial tracking in games. However, this also raises the risk of identifying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.
- POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS**
Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Princess Peach, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in child audiences. A sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, check the content ratings your child's age, use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.
- REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**
Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider setting funds into prepaid eShop credits or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to support transactions manually.
- REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS**
Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which speed up reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coulson is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for over a decade. A regular contributor to the Daily Star, he has written for a range of tech and fitness websites and has been published on sites including iD, TechRadar, and plenty 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](#)

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

BINGO				
1	93	41	90	79
40	95	18	78	20
92	70	30	97	94
71	38	96	72	39
99	31	19	98	2

Family
SUMMER BINGO!

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 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 CHOCOLATE, GAMES, VOUCHERS, HAMPERS, TOYS ETC

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



Raising money to support our school
FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

SUMMER FUN DAY!

FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025

The children will be able to visit our outdoor Summer Fair during the school day, taking part in games, challenges and creative activities with their class.

£3 donation via MCAS. Please pay by 9am on the day

Can you volunteer to help on the day?
Please contact 07792510671

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



Hawthorn School Lottery

Exciting news! Our School Lottery just reached an incredible £5000 of funds raised for Hawthorn!

For just £1 a week, you can join our weekly draw with a GUARANTEED CASH PRIZE won within our school supporters EVERY SINGLE WEEK. This prize increases the more tickets we sell, so please share with family and friends too. There is also always the chance to win the jackpot of £25k as well as other top prizes which are added every month (e.g. PS5, £1000 cash, family vouchers).

This is the easiest way to support our school fundraising and really does make a huge difference. Visit the link below or click 'Buy a Ticket' on the poster.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hawthorn-community-primary-school>

Friends of Hawthorn

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

£1 TICKET

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Hawthorn Community Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Hawthorn Community Primary School

Splitting the £1.00

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

Buy A Ticket

GambleAware 18+

Refer a friend

TO BE IN FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN £200!



- An extra way to support the lottery!
- Win a £200 Amazon gift card
- Entry into our exclusive monthly bonus draw
- Refer more friends for more entries!

Refer a friend



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Community News & Events

Hold onto your weeples, it's time for...

NORTHANTS BOARD 25 GAME CONVENTION

1ST & 2ND AUGUST 2025
10AM - 3PM | 3.30PM - 8.30PM
KETTERING ARTS CENTRE
£6 TICKETS | UNDER 5s FREE!

ORGANISED IN ASSOCIATION WITH

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 **KETTERING
Arts Centre**
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  @NorthantsBoardGameCon

FROM LONDON ROAD
TO HEADLANDS

Street Sale

**SUNDAY
13.07.25
10AM - 1PM**

**HOUSES WILL BE
SELLING
CLOTHES, TOYS,
BOOKS, DVDS,
GAMES,
HOMEWARES,
PLANTS, CAKES
& MORE!**

**MEET YOUR
NEIGHBOURS
& SUPPORT A
LOCAL CAUSE!**

Broadway
Garfield St
Argyll St
Headlands
Roundhill Rd
St Michaels Rd
Hawthorn Rd
London Rd
Bishops Drive
The Oval
Highfield Rd
& more...



To have a stall outside your house, contact
07792 510671 / headlandsstreetsale@gmail.com

Money raised will be donated to
Highfield Barnes Community Centre
(Suggested voluntary donation from each house £3)



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



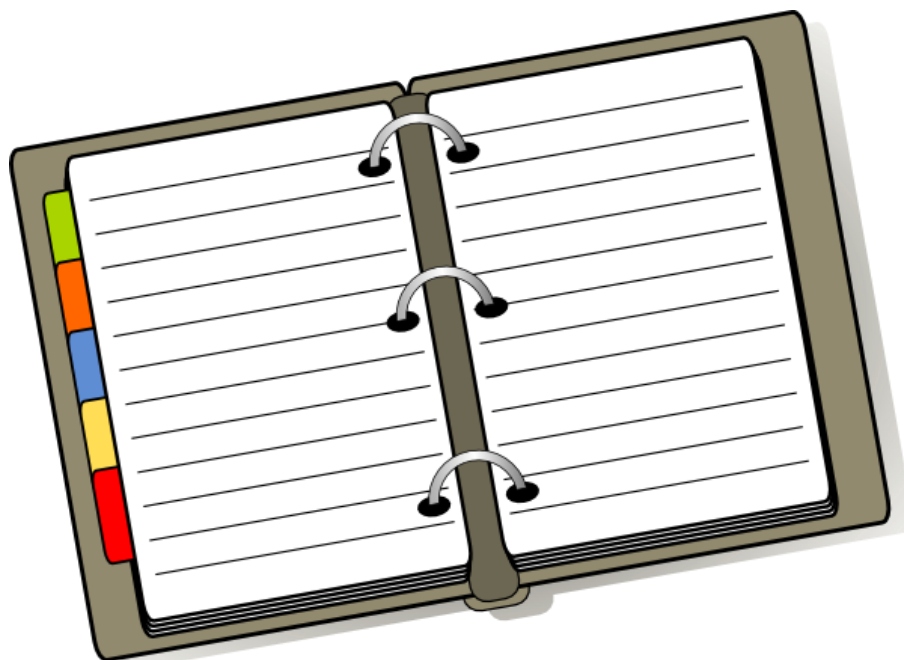
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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 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 (1.30pm and 3.30pm)

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
