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Dear Parents and Carers,

Toast & Tales

This week, Year 4 will be hosting Toast & Tales on Tuesday (30th) and Year 3 on Weds (1st Oct). We look forward to seeing the parents who have signed up for this event which takes place at 8.20am in the hall for breakfast and a book.

Sports Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our after-school clubs with EcoCoach.

Clubs running this term include:

- KS2 Dodgeball Club: Tuesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.*
- Reception & KS1 Obstacle Course: Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.*

If you would like your child to be part of these clubs, you can book a place directly on [EcoCoach Booking](#). Spaces are available at £5 per session, 15% off for children eligible for Pupil Premium.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please forward confirmation to greenoffice@eco-coach.co.uk and use the code at check-out.

Sponsored Bounce!

Our whole school Sponsored Bounce was a great success last week. In total we raised an amazing £2500!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, it is greatly appreciated. All the monies raised will go towards the celebration events held at Hawthorn: Toast and Tales, Celebration Assembly Afternoon Teas and book prizes for the reading raffle, as well as resources for our children.

Harvest Festival

Next Friday (3rd Oct) we will be holding our school Harvest Festival. Parents are welcome to join us on the playground for the celebration. The Broadway gates will open at 2.25pm ready for a 2.30pm start.

We will be collecting donations for Home Start Kettering. More than 30 Home Start volunteers visit families across Kettering at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. The scheme also holds a Christmas party for the families they support, and each family is provided with a food hamper to take home with them.

Please bring donations into school on the morning of Friday 3rd October. Donations can include tins, packets, sweets, essentials such as toothpaste, shower gel or luxury items. Please do not send in fresh produce.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 7th October and Thursday 9th October

Our first parents evenings of this academic year will be held in October. We encourage all parents to attend as this is an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing with their teacher. Appointments can be booked online via MCAS under "Parents Evening". This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.

Bookings can now be made and will close on Monday 6th October at 4pm for Tuesday bookings and Wednesday 8th October at 4 pm for Thursday bookings. Should you wish to make any changes after this please contact the school office.

Mrs Martin, Inclusion Leader, will also be available on both evenings. If you would like to make an appointment to see her please telephone the office and we can arrange this for you.

Uniform Discount

MyClothing are offering a 15% discount of school uniform between 25.9.25 and 29.9.25.

Please take advantage of this offer if you need more uniform. Use code at checkout: **SEP15**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

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**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!

**KS2 DODGEBALL: STARTS: 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025
(TUESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6**

**KS1 OBSTACLE COURSE: STARTS: 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025
(WEDNESDAYS, 7 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**⌚ TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 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.**

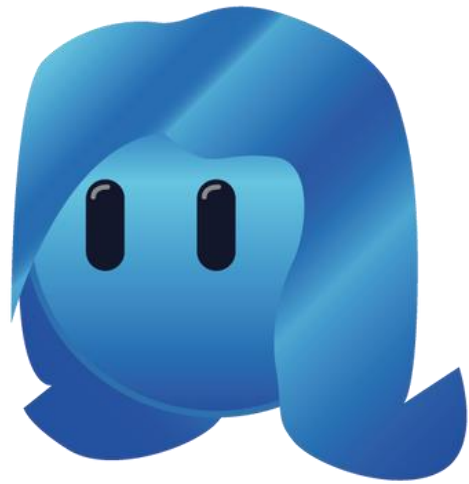
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

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 - 142 points

Air - 157 points

Fire - 162 points

Water - 193 points

Elm: 93%

Bay: 93%

Maples: 92%

Online Safety: What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Youth Violence

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. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit [thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?
A recent study surveyed over 5,000 young people affected by violence, asking why someone might assault another young person. Such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to personal characteristics of the victim (e.g. race, religion, sexuality, gender), a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked, while not all young people face these issues, they lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON BE AT RISK?
Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behavioural rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, anxiety, withdrawal, aggression, excessive phone use, withdrawal from usual activities, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or excessive use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate serious risk factors that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES
Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shared by algorithms. Many use violent language that glorifies violence, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen user-generated content, and 50% felt less safe in their communities. A recent study found 70% had seen user-generated content, and 50% felt less safe in their communities. A recent study found 70% had seen user-generated content, and 50% felt less safe in their communities.

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?
For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply walking through unlit areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 55% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?
Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people feel as they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or they believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?
Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become riskier due to poor supervision, with less visible security and public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and supports us better support and safer routes.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE
Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. It is vital to speak or write, help them write before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice at the time being right. If you're worried, you're not alone, support is available.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES
Young people can be arrested by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon, if found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record, even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS
Encourage young people to consider the '50/50' – trust instincts, take a breath, and talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

REPORT INFORMATION
We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, please act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) or [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk), and speak with other parents, the police, or local police through 101. If concerned to be immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert
The Best Knowledge Trust is a UK-wide knife crime strategy educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit www.bestknowledge.org.uk

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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](#)

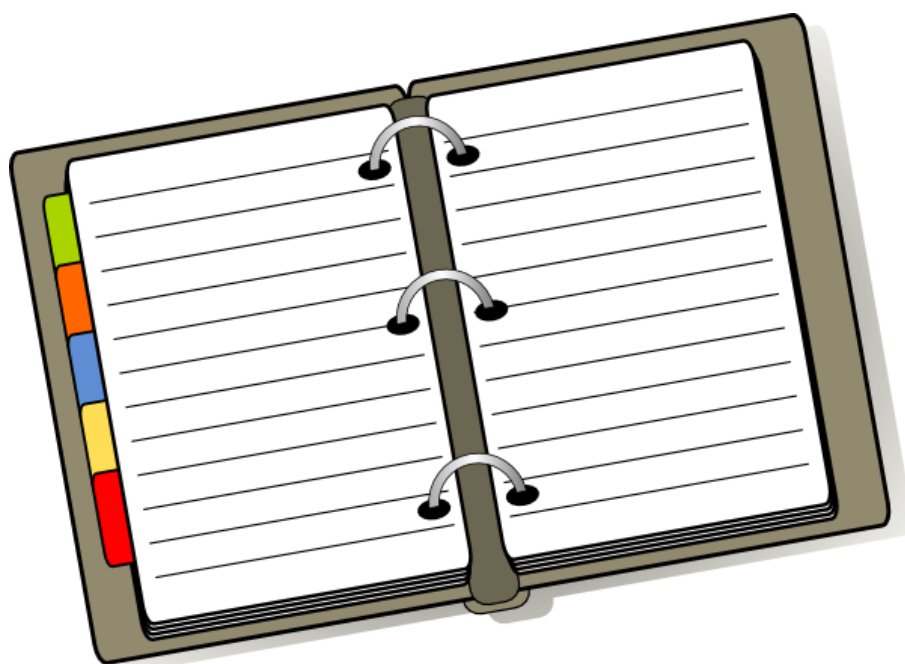
Community News & Events

Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:

[Hawthorn Primary - Community News and Events \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](#)



Dates For Your Diary...



Fri 26th Sept: Maths Workshop for Reception parents (2.45pm)

Tues 30th Sept: Toast & Tales (Y4)

New Reception Intake 2026 Tour (4pm)

Weds 1st Oct: Toast & Tales (Y3)

Fri 3rd Oct: Harvest Festival (2.30pm)

Mon 6th Oct: Whole school flu vaccinations

Tues 7th Oct: Toast & Tales (Y2)

Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 9th Oct: School photos

Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Fri 10th Oct: World Mental Health Day - HELLO YELLOW (see separate communication)

WMHD Coffee and Crafts with your child (2pm)

Tue 14th Oct: *Toast & Tales (EYFS)*

New Reception Intake 2026 Tour (4pm)

Thurs 16th Oct: *Wonderdome in for UKS2*

KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Y6 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

New Reception Intake 2026 Tour (4pm)

Fri 17th Oct: *KS1 & EYFS Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)*

Break Up

*******HALF TERM*******

Mon 3rd Nov: *Back to School*

Fri 28th Nov: Y5 Cake Sale

Tues 2nd Dec: KS1 & EYFS Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Thurs 4th Dec: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Thurs 18th Dec: Kingswood Christmas Lunch

Fri 19th Dec: Carols Around the Tree

Break Up

**Dates for Christmas events to be confirmed*



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