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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderfully festive week here at Hawthorn!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our KS2 Christmas Musical Evening and our Reception Nativities this week. I hope you enjoyed these events - the children were fantastic and really brought the magic of Christmas alive. Thank you to all the children involved, the teachers for doing such a great job and to all our parents and carers for supporting these events.

Support for a Family in Need

Here at Hawthorn we are reaching out on behalf of a local Corby family who urgently need our community's support. Max Hall is a much-loved 14-year-old boy who was recently given the devastating diagnosis of an aggressive brain tumour. This came completely out of the blue. Max is currently in Year 9 at Weldon Village Academy, and previously attended Priors Hall Academy, meaning he has friends, peers and connections across many schools in our wider community. Max now needs to access specialist treatment abroad at a cost of up to £250,000. If you are able to support Max and his family, please consider giving on the following link: <https://www.qofundme.com/f/save-our-son-max-hall>

Please also see the poster below, with a QR code on which you can also use to donate.

Thank you so much for your support with this.

Next Week's Christmas Events:

KS1 Christingle Workshop

On Tuesday (16th), KS1 will be hosting their Christingle workshop in the school hall. This fun-filled workshop will give you the opportunity to make Christingles with your children. We will have the Friends of Hawthorn on hand to provide refreshments. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £1 to go towards the Christingles. Please pay on MCAS in the store. No cash please. Please let us know if you will be coming to the workshop by completing the form using the link below by 9 am on Monday:

[*KS1 Christingle Workshop Booking*](#)

KS1 Christingle Service

On Thursday (18th) at 5.30pm, Key Stage 1 will hold their annual Christingle service, this year at The Toller Church in Gold Street, opposite Jamie's Butchers. During the event, the children will tell the story of the Christingle and sing some Christmas songs. This event is ticketed and due to the capacity of the church, places will be limited to 2 tickets per family. Please pay for your tickets on MCAS in the Store (£1 per ticket).

Tickets will be distributed on Monday.

Carols Around the Tree

Please join us at 3pm on Friday 19th December for Carols Around the Tree. This will take place at 3pm on the main playground. Entry via the Broadway gates at 2.55pm. The children will sing a selection of Christmas songs, and you are welcome to join in. The Friends of Hawthorn will have refreshments available. This year, we are delighted to announce that the Hawthorn Choir will be joining us to lead some of the Christmas songs.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their green jumper on Friday.

School Uniform Discount Code

[*My Clothing*](#) are offering a 10% discount on school uniform. **Code:** 10%MYC2025

Expires: 31/12/2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



#UnitedForMax ✨

Help support Max Hall

Local boy fighting a brain tumour
Your support can make a real difference

Every share, every pound,
every prayer helps

SCAN ME!

Thank you for supporting Max and his family

The poster features a black and white photo of Max Hall, a QR code with 'SCAN ME!' written above it in red, and a hand holding a heart icon at the bottom right.

School Council

Thank you to all the children who wrote an application to be a member of the School Council this term.

Following on from our recent votes, we are pleased to announce our new class representatives:

Oaks - Magnus

Cedars - Nia

Maples - William

Redwoods - Benedict

Silver Birches - Gabby

Willows - Bart

Elm - Alba

Ash - Max

Bay - Katie

EYFS representatives from Year 6: Anabella, Finn and Ella.

A big well done to our new school councillors - they are all looking forward to their first meeting in the new year and can't wait to get started on working with their classes and the wider school to suggest ways in which they can support Hawthorn as well as raise money for worthwhile charities.



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Christmas Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for our December Holiday Camp, run by EcoCoach, which takes place on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th of December, as well as the 2nd of January.

An early bird discount is offered on all bookings made from now until the 7th of December.
See the poster below for details of how to book on.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

Christmas Holiday Camp

Hawthorn Primary School

**Games & Sports · Movement & Dance · Arts & Crafts ·
Festive Treat Making · Christmas Challenges**

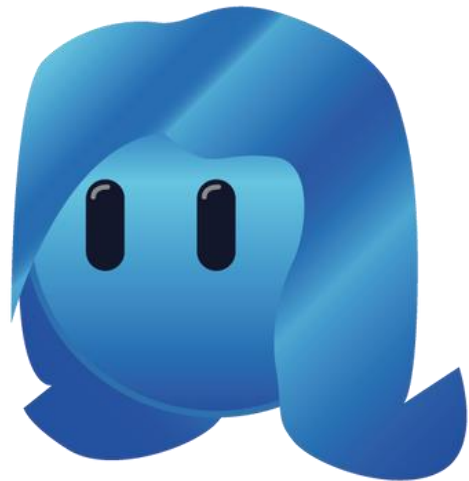


DATES: 22, 23, 29, 30 December & 2 January.
TIMES: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Early drop-off (8:00 AM) & Late pick-up (4:00 PM) available for £5 each.
Ages: 5 – 11 years. 4-year-olds welcome for half-days (8:00 AM or 9:00 AM to midday).
WHO CAN JOIN: Open to all schools – all abilities welcome! SEND friendly & fully inclusive!
PRICING AND DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD 17% OFF available until 7 December (USE CODE: ECOCHRISTMAS17)
Standard prices apply from 8 December of £22.50 per day.
15% OFF for FSM, 10% OFF for NHS and Military families (Cannot be combined with the early bird offer).
BOOKING: Visit <https://pbbl.uk/EcoCoachCIC> or scan the QR code to secure your space.

WHY ECOCOACH?
We are a not-for-profit coaching CIC working in schools across your community. Every child matters, every penny goes back into supporting inclusive, joyful, child-led sport.
Our camps are designed around what children need most: freedom, fun, friendship and movement.
“EVERY CHILD SEEN, EVERY CHILD SUPPORTED”



House Points so far...



Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!! There's been a change in the Leader Board following last week's Great Beanbag Challenge!

Air - 438 points

Fire - 447 points

Earth - 550 points

Water - 567 points

Maples: 94%

Willows: 92%

Apples: 92%

Top Tips for Parents - Supporting Children with Self- Regulation

At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents and carers with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with their children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips please visit [nationalcollege.com](#).

10 Top Tips on Supporting Children with SELF-REGULATION

Children need to learn to understand and recognise their emotions, while finding healthy ways to process them. Emotional self-regulation, however, depends heavily on age and development. While very young ones or children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may find it particularly challenging to self-regulate, nurturing these important skills can be hugely beneficial. Here are ten top tips for supporting children with their self-regulation.

- 1. DESIGNATE A TRUSTED ADULT**

It's vital that children feel safe and know that there's someone they can always go to (and if they need it, someone consistent) for help. It's particularly important to establish this with this person - through play and games - meaning that in the end, ensuring that the child is more likely to reach forward if anything is wrong rather than hiding their emotions.
- 2. MEET CHILDREN HALFWAY**

Unless you know where a child is developmentally and tailor your approach to meet needs, you're less likely to have an impact. It's particularly important to meet children with SEND (or young children with self-regulation and attention issues) to help them. We call this 'top-down' for those children struggling with self-regulation, it could be better to start co-regulating with a trusted adult first.
- 3. FACTOR IN THEIR BASIC NEEDS**

Remember that for a child to develop emotional regulation skills, their basic needs must be met first. Children who are hungry, tired, cold and so on - as well as childhood experiences - may struggle to self-regulate. Before you develop strategies with any child, make sure they feel safe, secure and comfortable in themselves.
- 4. REMAIN PATIENT**

If a child is struggling with their emotions, it can often become difficult to stay calm. Remember that dysregulation is by and large a coping mechanism. If a situation or trigger could negatively impact the situation, instead, children need to be met with consent and understanding as they manage these problematic feelings.
- 5. BE A DYSREGULATION DETECTIVE**

While some children can tell you why they become dysregulated, many others can't. You could therefore encourage them to try keeping a diary of what's going on in their lives. When the child becomes dysregulated, check down details like the time, what they're doing and who they're with - the trigger may be someone they're near, an unmet sensory need or something else entirely. Once we identify some triggers, we can help to avoid or overcome them.
- 6. USE SUITABLE LITERATURE**

There are some wonderful books that can help you teach self-regulation to children. However, these who a child can be especially powerful. Take time to discuss the content. Children may struggle to self-regulate if they're experiencing sensory overload in busy situations, for example. Positive sensory input can help calm. Books about line resources such as weighted blankets and blue light lights. Of course, what works for one child might not work for another - so it's important to have a choice of resources to discover which they prefer.
- 7. TRY SENSORY RESOURCES**

An overlap between sensory needs and emotional regulation is possible. Children may struggle to self-regulate if they're experiencing sensory overload in busy situations, for example. Positive sensory input can help calm. Books about line resources such as weighted blankets and blue light lights. Of course, what works for one child might not work for another - so it's important to have a choice of resources to discover which they prefer.
- 8. NURTURE INDEPENDENCE**

If you feel it's appropriate, let children try out these strategies alone. Always offer them a choice: they could listen to music when they're feeling stressed, for example, or they could write down their worries or draw something to represent how they feel. This may make them feel able to get things done, so be patient. Encourage them to share any helpful strategies with a trusted adult.
- 9. MODEL GENUINE FEELINGS**

Children learn a lot just from watching grown-ups. Don't be afraid to share your own emotions and self-regulation strategies. Unless you absolutely want to avoid sharing anything too personal with children, it's important to model your feelings. Tell them how you are feeling, then show them how to respond in a healthy way.
- 10. FORMULATE A PLAN**

As much as we try to prevent children from experiencing dysregulation, it's always wise to have an appropriate plan for when it does happen. Discuss this strategy with the child in question and their family. The best approach for an individual child is often a bespoke one. It's really important to know in advance what might help and what could worsen the situation.

Meet Our Expert
Georgia Turner is an author, former teacher, Special Educational Needs Coordinator and the founder of the award-winning podcast [Resources Blog](#), where she shares activities, videos and worksheets for parents and teachers of children with SEND.

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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

[Christmas Advent Trail](#)

Follow the London Road to Headlands advent window trail. Hawthorn was No.4 in the trail this year.

Community Advent Trail Walk - Christmas Eve at 10am.

Meet at St Michael's Church (No 1 on map), we'll walk round together to see all the windows before returning for a hot choc & mince pie! All welcome, spotting maps available for the children.

**LONDON ROAD TO HEADLANDS
ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL**

Follow the trail around our neighbourhood as a new festive window is revealed each day in the run up to Christmas!

2025

Advent Trail Walk - Christmas Eve - 10am
Meet at St Michael's Church (No 1 on map), we'll walk round together to see all the windows before returning for a hot choc & mince pie! All welcome, spotting maps available for the kids.

Want to be involved next year?
Text 07356 216215

Paper maps available from
Hawthorn Store, Argyll St

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

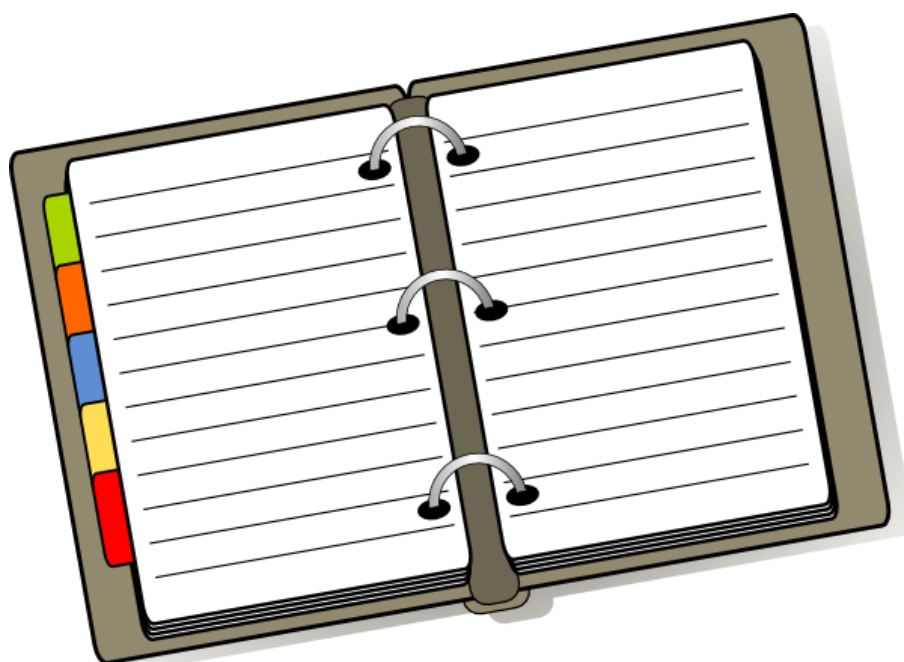
£6 per child

Suitable for children from when they can sit!

Come and spend some time with your little one exploring different textures, sights, sounds and smells.

For more info contact Linda at MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com

Dates For Your Diary...



***Tuesday 16th December:** KS1 Christingle Workshop (2.30pm) - bookable event. See letter dated 13th November*

***Thurs 18th Dec:** Kingswood Christmas Lunch*

*5.30 pm: KS1 Christingle Service at **The Toller Church on Gold Street** - Please buy tickets on MCAS*

***Fri 19th Dec:** Santa's Grotto at Hawthorn*

Carols Around the Tree (3pm)

Break Up

*****Christmas Break*****

Tues 6th Jan: Children back to school

Reception 2026 new intake tour (4pm)

Mon 12th Jan: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

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Tues 13th Jan: Year 5&6 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Fri 16th Jan: FoH Break the Rules Day

Tues 20th Jan: Y4 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshops in school

Weds 21st Jan: Y3 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Robin Hood Production in school for EYFS & KS1

Tues 27th Jan: Y2 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Weds 28th Jan: Y1 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Fri 30th Jan: Dress-down day in support of Cransley Hospice

Weds 4th Feb: EYFS Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Mon 9th Feb: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

Weds 11th Feb: EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm) invitation only

Y4 Cake Sale

Thurs 12th Feb: KS2 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm) invitation only

FOH Silent Disco (after school) more info to follow

Fri 13th Feb: Break Up

