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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're at the end of a very busy few weeks! Thank you for supporting all of our Christmas performances, activities, workshops, etc! One of the highlights of being part of a school community is the way in which all of our families come together at Christmas time.

Visit from Santa

Sleigh bells were heard across Hawthorn today as we welcomed Santa to school! The children were thrilled to visit his grotto and share their Christmas wishes! Santa also took

some time out to visit the classes with his mischievous Elf, to deliver presents and spread some extra festive cheer!

KS1 Christingle

Thank you to everyone who attended our KS1 Christingle Workshop and our Christingle Service at the Toller Church this week. It is always a wonderful way to finish off the term. The children performed the Christingle story beautifully, bringing the true spirit of Christmas to life. It was a precious opportunity for us all to take some time out and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

Polar Express

Our children enjoyed a magical experience yesterday as the Polar Express made a special stop at Hawthorn! The impressive truck visited our playground, giving all pupils the chance to see it up close. Part of A C Binns' transport fleet, the Polar Express is currently collecting donations in support of the Thrapston Food Bank. We would like to thank the Friends of Hawthorn for organising this wonderful opportunity and for making a generous donation to such a worthwhile cause.

Carols Around the Tree

At the time of writing, we still have our Carols Around the Tree event to look forward to in the playground at 3 pm today. Please join us for some old favourites, a performance from the Hawthorn Choir and hot chocolate and mince pies from the Friends of Hawthorn.

*On that note, it's time to hang up our tinsel and reflect on what has been a busy but fabulous term. On behalf of the whole Hawthorn team, we want to thank you all for your continued support of our school - your involvement and enthusiasm make all the difference. Thank you also for all of the lovely cards and gifts. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year **(Tuesday 6th Jan)**.*

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

January Sports Clubs

Please see details of our Spring Sports Clubs, run by EcoCoach and starting in January. All clubs will run from 3.30-4.30pm and cost £5 per session (Pupil Premium discount available).

Reception and KS1: Pokémon & K-Pop Demon Hunters Club

Starts: 7th Jan 2026 (Wednesdays, 6 sessions)

KS2: Nerf Action Club

Starts: 6th Jan 2026 (Tuesdays, 6 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book



**ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING JANUARY 2026!**



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 POKÉMON & K-POP DEMON HUNTERS CLUB: STARTS: 7TH JANUARY 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

KS2 NERF ACTION CLUB: STARTS: 6TH JANUARY 2026 (TUESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6

**🕒 TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
💷 COST PER SESSION: £5**

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:
WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKING CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE:
15% OFF FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)
10% OFF FOR NHS, MILITARY, OR BLUE LIGHT CARD HOLDERS**

**TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID).
WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.**

**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://PBBL.UK/ECOCOACHCIC](https://pbbl.uk/ecocoachcic)

**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**

ECOCOACH CIC - IN SUSTAINABILITY & SPORT



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.gofundme.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.

School Uniform Discount Code

*My Clothing are offering a 10% discount on school uniform. **Code:** 10%MYC2025*

***Expires:** 31/12/2025.*

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.

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.

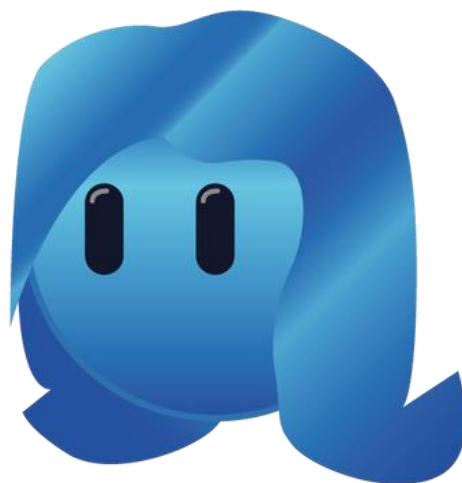
WHY ECOCOACH?
We are a not-for-profit coaching CIC working in schools across your community. Every child matters, every penny goes back into supporting inclusive, joyful, child-led sport.

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 will end 2025 in the lead!!

You can now view your child's house points on the MCAS App under Behaviour.

Air - 487 points

Fire - 500 points

Earth - 600 points

Bay: 94%

Oaks: 94%

Cherries: 92%

Silver Birches: 91%

Online Safety: Make the Most of the Online World this Christmas

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are countless of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

- EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY**
Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!
- THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?**
We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs - no more pinning for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizard.
- DECK THE HALLS**
There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.
- A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW**
From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide - curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!
- THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES**
Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.
- KIDS FROM ONE TO 92**
If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.
- A WINTER'S TALE**
Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an angsty yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.
- CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES**
People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents - and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.
- BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'**
Shuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.
- GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?**
Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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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



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU

**JOIN INN
NATIVITY**

**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
3.30PM**

**COME AND EXPERIENCE
THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS
AT THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH
SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS...**



**STAR
INN**
SAUKEN ROUER
DREI BRUNNEN
CARR & OHLPA
HAWTHORN
PRINCE & ADIYAR



**ALL WARMLY INVITED TO
DRESS AS SHEPHERDS,
INN KEEPERS OR
ANGELS, LAMBS ALSO
WELCOME!**



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

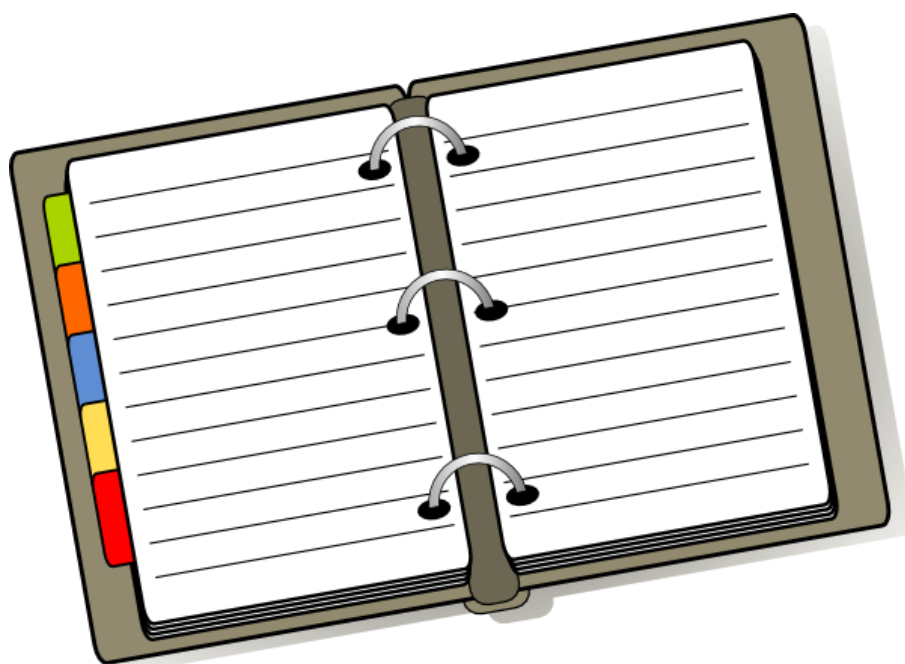
£6 per child

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...



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)

Reception 2026 new intake tour (4pm)

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



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD