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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are now back into some sort of a routine! We have had a good first week back here at Hawthorn, despite the challenges from the weather!

Parking

We have had complaints about parents parking unsafely on Broadway - over the driveways to the elderly care homes and on the double yellow lines outside our school gates, when dropping off/collecting children from school. Please be respectful of our neighbours, other parents and children, and ensure you park safely and considerately at all times. The police and traffic wardens continue to carry out regular patrols of our school boundary and are handing out tickets for dangerous parking. Thank you.

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns, our Parent and Under 5s group, will be held on Monday from 2-3pm in The Palm. Please sign up on the link below if you are interested in attending.

[Little Hawthorns under 5's group Monday 12th January 2-3pm \(2\) – Fill in form](#)

Toast and Tales

Toast and Tales will be held next week for Years 5 & 6: Year 6 on Tuesday and Year 5 on Wednesday. If you have booked a place, please come along at 8.20am and enjoy a book and a light breakfast with your child. Booking has now closed for these events.

Break the Rules Day

On Friday, the Friends of Hawthorn will be holding a Break the Rules day to raise money for school funds. Please see the poster for details on how this works. Please use MCAS to pay 50p for each rule broken. A reminder to wear school uniform alongside your rule breaks.

School Uniform Discount Code

Parents can enjoy 10% off school uniform orders at MyClothing by entering the code below at checkout.

Code: MYCQ110

Expires: 31/03/2026

Link: myclothing.com/discount/MYCQ110

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



'BREAK THE RULES' DAY!
Friday 16th January 2026!

Choose from the list below and pay 50p per rule you break! Please pay on MCAS and wear your usual uniform besides your rule breaks.

SCHOOL RULES

- #1 NO NAIL POLISH OR MAKE UP!
- #2 NO JEANS OR TRAINERS!
- #3 NO SPORTS KITS OR HATS!
- #4 NO FACE PAINT, GLITTER OR TEMPORARY TATTOOS!
- #5 NO COLOURFUL TIGHTS OR ODD SOCKS!
- #6 NO CRAZY HAIRSTYLES OR COLOURFUL HAIR!
- #7 NO JUICE IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE AND ONLY FRUIT FOR SNACK TIME!

If you have any questions please email friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com or do not hesitate to ask any of your FOH members

January Sports Clubs

Please see details of this term's Sports Clubs, run by EcoCoach. 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 NOVEMBER 2025!

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 MULTI SPORTS: STARTS: 5TH NOVEMBER 2025 (WEDNESDAYS, 7 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 CRICKET: STARTS: 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 (TUESDAYS, 7 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.

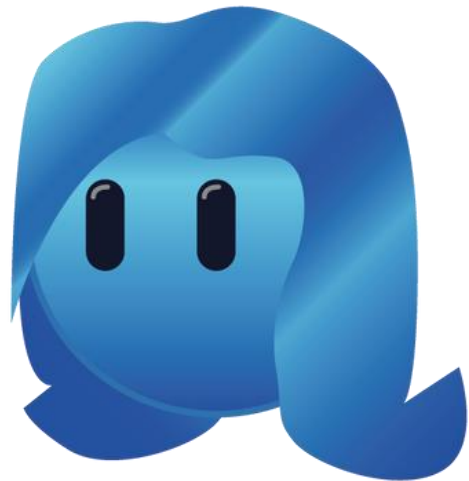
HOW TO BOOK:
 PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
 THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
 IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

BOOKING LINK:
[HTTPS://ACTIVITIES.BOOKPEBBLE.CO.UK/SUPPLIER/ECOCOACH-CIC-D2997bfd-8ecf-4d63-af1d-cdb98fcea881](https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/ecocoach-cic-d2997bfd-8ecf-4d63-af1d-cdb98fcea881)



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 to see which house is in the lead so far!!

Air - 497 points

Fire - 507 points

Earth - 608 points

Water - 628 points

Cherries: 93%

Redwoods: 93%

Elm: 93%

Apples: 92%

10 Top Tips for Parents - Essential Online Safety

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

- 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.
- 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING**

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.
- 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE**

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.
- 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS**

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.
- 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT**

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.
- 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING**

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.
- 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.
- 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.
- 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

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Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

See full reference list on our website

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The National College

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](#)

County Lines Webinar

Invision Trust are holding interactive webinar for parents discussing what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. Explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. Cover trends in local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned. Sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation.

What you will learn

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

County Lines in East Midlands -13th January 2026. [**Book your place.**](#)

County Lines in East Midlands – 14th January 2026. [**Book your place.**](#)

Community News & Events

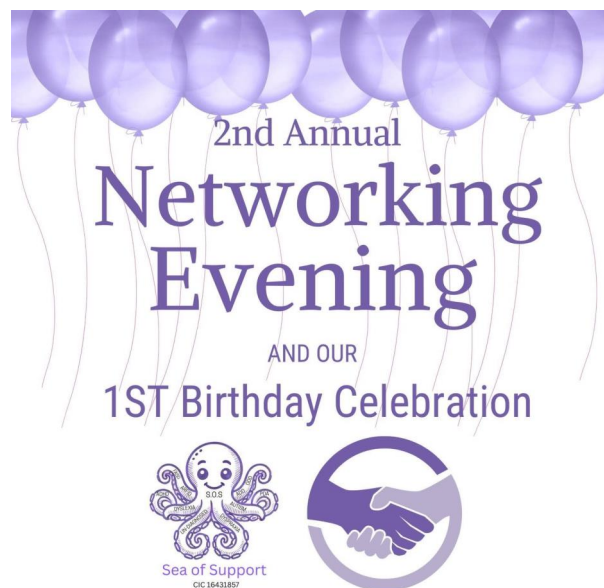
Sea of Support

Kettering-based SEND support group **Sea of Support** are hosting a session on **Tuesday** for parents and carers of children with SEND. This will be an opportunity to meet other local organisations and explore the range of support available. **1:1 appointments with Specialist Support Services (SSS)** can also be booked on the evening.

Sea of Support hold **monthly evening meetings**, each focusing on a different topic. In **February**, they will be joined by a **Speech and Language Therapist**, who will deliver a talk for parents and carers. From next month, they will also be introducing **monthly daytime tea and coffee sessions**, alongside events for children and families, and for adults who are neurodiverse or who support someone who is — whether or not they have a diagnosis.

For more information or to book a place, please see the poster or email:

s.o.s.kettering@gmail.com



Join us for an evening of connecting with other organisations and cake celebration!

Tuesday 13th January
7.30pm - 9.30PM

At Kingsley Special Academy

Please let us know if you can attend.

Details of organisations attending will be announced nearer the time.

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

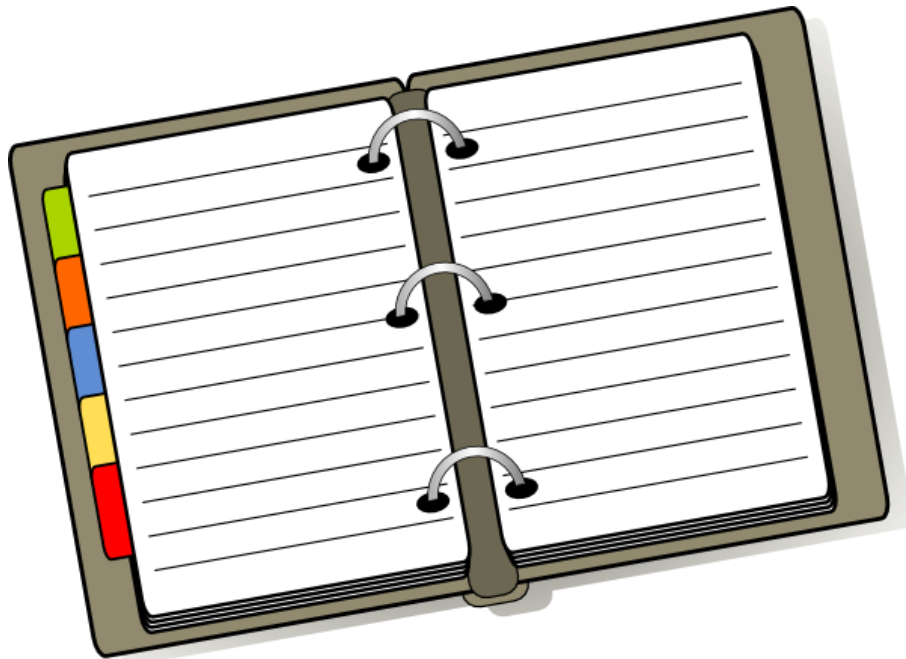
£6 per child

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...



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

Reception 2026 new intake tour (4pm)

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

Weds 14th Jan: Year 5 Toast & Tales (8.20 am)

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

Mon 26th Jan: Big Bubble Theatre in school (Y2/3/4)

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)

Thurs 5th Feb: Y4 Residential 2026 Parents Meeting (3.30pm)

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



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