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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week at Hawthorn! Well done to our Y6 children who sat some assessments this week in preparation for SATs. We are very proud of how well our UKS2 children have been working this term, demonstrating focus and maturity.

House Competition

Our next House Challenge will take place next week and will be an in-class Spelling Bee. Children will have the opportunity to earn points for themselves and their house by correctly spelling 10 words (5 words in Reception). The words will be drawn from learning across the term, vary in difficulty, and reflect a range of curriculum subjects. It is wonderful to see such a variety of House Challenges taking place, giving all pupils the opportunity to succeed. Good luck everybody!

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns, our Parent & under 5s group will be held on Monday in The Palm from 2 - 3 pm. We're really excited to be opening these sessions up to all local families, so please do feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested.

You can book your place using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BbFuG3DqU7>

Celebration Assemblies

Next week, we will be holding Celebration Assemblies and afternoon teas for children who have been chosen as Hawthorn Heroes for this term's value of Resilience. If your child has been selected to receive an award, you will be invited to join us.

We have also held Awards Assemblies this week, and it has been wonderful to recognise so many children for achieving their Bronze Award.

Y4 Cake Sale

On Wednesday, Year 4 will hold their cake sale on the top playground at 3pm. We would be grateful for any cakes/ baked goods (not containing nuts) donated by this year group. All money raised will go towards school funds.

Silent Disco

*On Thursday, the Friends of Hawthorn will be holding Silent Discos in the hall. The EYFS/KS1 disco will take place from 3.15-4.15pm and KS2 4.30-5.30pm. Drop off for the KS2 disco will be at the Hawthorn Gate. Please pick up from both discos at the Butcher's Gate. **All children should come to school in full uniform.** EYFS and KS1 can bring party clothes to change into if they are going to the disco.*

Cransley Hospice Dress-Down Day

We are delighted to have raised 243.66 for Cransley Hospice following our recent dress-down day. Thank you so much for generously supporting this worthy cause.

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

Spring Term 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.

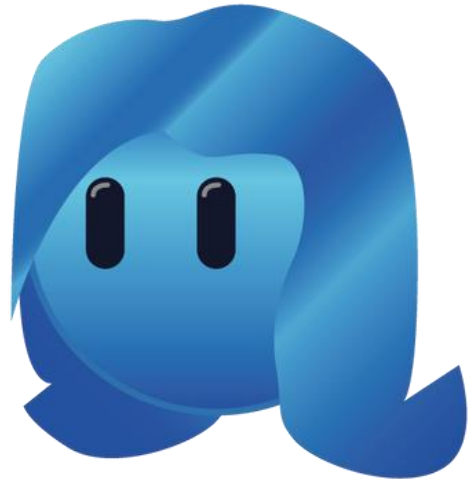
HOW TO BOOK:
 PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
 THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
 IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING 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 - 725 points

Fire - 748 points

Earth - 827 points

Water - 845 points

Top Tips for Parents...Supporting Safe Use of AI

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 SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly woven into young people's digital lives. It can offer some educational benefits and day-to-day assistance; however, it also raises concerns about misinformation, privacy, fairness, and safety. This guide provides parents and educators with practical strategies to support young people to navigate AI tools responsibly, and to use them safely and with discernment.

- 1 DEMYSTIFY WHAT AI REALLY IS**
 Children encounter AI in most online places, including games, streaming platforms, and school tools. Explain that AI uses patterns from past data to make decisions, but it doesn't think or feel like humans. Use age-appropriate examples, like how recommendations on YouTube or Netflix work, to build understanding and prevent false beliefs about AI being all-knowing or alive.
- 2 TALK ABOUT RISKS OF MISINFORMATION**
 AI can create convincing false information, including deepfake videos, photos, and fake facts. Encourage children to think critically about what they see and read. Teach them to double-check information using reliable sources, to look at images and videos carefully, and to ask an adult if something doesn't seem right.
- 3 DISCUSS DATA AND PRIVACY**
 Explain that AI systems learn by analysing lots of data, sometimes including personal information. Help young people to be mindful of what they share online and why protecting personal data matters. Model good habits like reading app permissions together or reviewing what's collected by voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.
- 4 ENCOURAGE CREATIVE USE OF AI**
 Support children, when using AI tools, to explore ideas, make art, or build projects. This fosters confidence, imagination, and independent thinking. When children use AI creatively, rather than just passively consuming it, they are more likely to stay engaged and make thoughtful choices.
- 5 USE AGE-APPROPRIATE AI TOOLS**
 Not all AI platforms are suitable for children. Choose tools designed for education or creativity, with clear safety policies. Review terms of use and privacy settings, and help children use them in age-appropriate ways. For example, some chatbot tools mimic conversation but should only be used with guidance and boundaries in place.
- 6 USE AI TOGETHER**
 Exploring AI tools together can help adults understand how they work and spot potential issues. Try co-writing a story with an AI writing assistant or experimenting with an AI art tool. This encourages curiosity, helps you stay informed about the latest AI tools, and allows you to reinforce safe and respectful use while modelling critical thinking.
- 7 SET BOUNDARIES FOR AI USE**
 Establish when, where, and how AI tools can be used, just as you would with any digital technology. For example, you might agree not to use AI tools to complete school assignments without permission, or to avoid unsupervised use of voice assistants. Consistent boundaries help manage overuse and misuse.
- 8 WATCH FOR OVERRELIANCE**
 Some AI tools, like homework help apps, may be tempting shortcuts. Encourage children to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. Celebrate effort and process over perfect answers. Reinforce that mistakes are part of learning and that relying too heavily on AI can limit real understanding.
- 9 TEACH DIGITAL ETHICS AND LITERACY**
 Help children explore how AI works, where it might be biased, and why ethical thinking matters. Building digital literacy alongside ethical awareness ensures children engage with AI critically, not just conveniently. Help young people to understand that not all people use AI for legitimate purposes; some use it for malicious reasons. Encourage questions about fairness, representation, and who benefits from certain tools; talk about algorithms, echo chambers, and the impact of automation on daily life.
- 10 STAY CURIOUS AND INVOLVED**
 AI is developing rapidly, and staying informed helps you support the young people in your care. Follow trusted sources for updates and keep the conversation going. If a child brings up a new AI trend or tool, take the opportunity to learn about it together. Showing interest builds trust and strengthens digital resilience.

Meet Our Expert
 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.

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A battle for the lead this week with Maples, Silver Birches, Ash and Oaks at 98%. Well done!

Maples: 98%

Silver Birches: 98%

Ash: 98%

Oaks: 98%

Redwoods: 97%

Cedars: 96%

Cherries: 96%

Apples: 93%

Bay: 92%

Elm: 92%

Willows: 91%

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](#)

Child Exploitation

A webinar session tackling county lines and child exploitation, is being delivered by **The Children Society**. The webinar aims to help parents understand the different types of exploitation, what the signs are and how to support someone who may be being exploited.

Click on the event-brite link below for further information and to sign up.

[Understanding Child Exploitation Tickets, Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Community News & Events



Centre open morning

Enjoy a **free** morning at your local NMPAT Centre on **Saturday 7th February!**



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**

GARFIELD STREET NN156BU



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY



STARTS 7PM

**KIDS WELCOME
£5 PER PERSON
TEAMS MAX OF 6
BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS & DRINKS
RAFFLE**

Presented by Glendon District Scout Council
Involving Scouts & Guides of the Corby & Kettering Area




GLENDON GANGSHOW LOUD AND PROUD

Weds 11th - Sat 14th March
2026

Nightly 7.15pm (Matinee Sat) 2.15pm
The Core at Corby Cube

Box Office: 01536 470470
thecorecorby.com

Scouts 

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LAKELANDS HOSPICE

EASTER

FAMILY FUN DAY

🥚 SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL 2026 🥚 11:00AM - 3:00PM 🥚

Enjoy our Easter Egg Hunt, lots of stalls with crafts, games, delicious food and plenty of fun for all ages. A perfect day out for the whole family!

LAKELANDS HOSPICE, BUTLAND ROAD, CORBY, NN18 8LX

For more info please email - fundraising@lakelandshospice.org.uk

COMMUNITY - CREATIVITY - CONNECTION

ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1-4PM
ST MICHAEL'S, 33 GARFIELD ST, KETTERING, NN15 6BU

COME TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF SCREENS & SOCIAL MEDIA

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFTS, BOOKS, GAMES & HOBBIES
SHARE SUPPLIES & SKILLS
TAKE PART IN CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

KIDS ZONE
LEGO, CRAFTS & GAMES IN A SAFE SPACE
MUST ATTEND WITH A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - FREE OF CHARGE

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

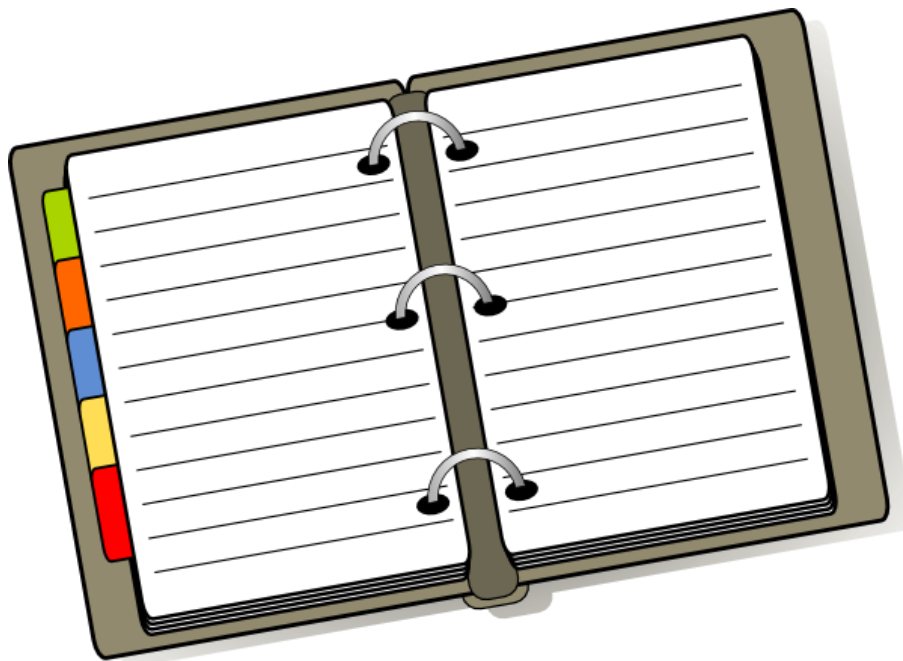
£6 per child

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 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 - EYFS & KS1 3.15-4.15pm, KS2 4.30-5.30pm. **Tickets are limited, please book early on MCAS.**

Fri 13th Feb: Break Up

***** **Half Term** *****

Mon 23rd Feb: Back to school

Tues 3rd March: Class Photographs (Tempest Photography)

Thurs 5th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar: Enfold/Sea of Support Session for SEND parents (1-3pm)

Y3 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

Weds 11th Mar: Y4 Residential

Fri 13th Mar: FoH Mother's Day Stall

Y4 Residential return

Mon 16th Mar: Book Fair in school for the week

Tues 17th Mar: Parent's Evening (3.30-6pm)

Weds 18th Mar: EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Thurs 19th Mar: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Parents Evening (3.30 - 6pm)

Fri 20th Mar: Comic Relief

Tues 24th Mar: Reception heights and weights

Thurs 26th Mar: Y2 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

Break Up

Fri 27th Mar: Training Day (no children in school)

