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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term.

Spelling Bee House Competition

This week we revealed the winners of our Spelling Bee House Challenge! It was very close but Earth were the overall winners, with the highest number of words spelt correctly! Well done Earth - you have earned some much-needed points! See below for the new House totals!!

Class Photos

Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday (3rd). Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. If they are due to have PE they will do PE in their uniform on this one occasion but please send in their trainers. Following the session, you will be emailed a link to your child's class photograph so that you can purchase online if you wish.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday (5th Mar). During the day we will be carrying out some exciting book-based activities for the children, aimed at developing their love of stories and reading. The children can come to school dressed as a book character, or wearing

comfy clothing ready to curl up with a good book! PE will continue as normal, but adaptations will be made to the lesson to ensure costumes are not ruined!

Our next house challenge 'Book Bingo' will also start on World Book Day! Your child will bring home a Book Bingo sheet filled with fun reading prompts such as:

- Read a book with an animal in it*
- Read a book by a new author*
- Read a non-fiction book*

Over the rest of the term, children should aim to complete as many of the prompts as possible by reading a variety of books and filling in their bingo sheet. Completed bingo sheets must be returned to school by the end of this term. The house with the most returned bingo sheets will be crowned this term's winners! Children will earn house points based on how much of their bingo sheet they complete.

Our school council will also be holding their annual Book Swap. If your child has any books which they no longer read, please send them into school on World Book Day. Each child who brings in some books will be able to visit the book swap to choose one new book to take home and enjoy.

SEND Support Drop-In

*We would like to invite parents of children with SEND, those who feel their child may have SEND needs, and anyone else who may benefit, to join us for an opportunity to meet four local SEND support services. The event will be hosted by Miss Larkin and will be held on Friday 6th March from 1.15-3pm in The Palm. We will be welcoming the following services: **Enfold**, **SEND Mumma's**, **Sea of Support**, and **SSS**. This will also be a valuable opportunity for parents to connect with one another, share experiences, and offer mutual support. Please book your place using the following link:*

<https://forms.office.com/e/YikfV9espe>

Y3 Cake Sale

Also on Friday (6th Mar), Year 3 are excited to host their annual cake sale, aimed at raising funds to host events such as Toast and Tales. Please could Y3 bring in some baked goods in the morning which will then be sold on the top playground at the end of the day. CAKES

MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS. The children in Year 3 will get the chance to visit the cake sale before the end of the day. If you would like your child to purchase some cakes please provide a donation in a named envelope. Thank you.

Y6 Leaver's Committee

We are already thinking about giving our Year 6s a send-off to remember! Traditionally, Y6 parents have come together to help organise the leaver's party and hoodies. If anyone would like to be a part of the Y6 Leaver's Committee please contact Caroline, one of our Y6 parents on 07875 686216.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



**HAWTHORN
SEND DROP IN**

**Friday 6th March
1.15-3pm**

We are very excited to invite parents along to an information and support session with 4 great local SEND services.

Save the date!!!
Booking link will be shared nearer the time

Coffee and cake 

Everyone is welcome, whether your child has a SEND need, is on the diagnostic pathway or you simply feel it would be useful.
Please join us.



School Uniform Discount Code

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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

Spring Term Sports Clubs

Please see below details of next 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: Pokemon & K Pop Demon Hunters Club

Starts: 25 Feb 2026 (Wednesdays, 5 sessions)

KS2: Football Club

Starts: 24 Feb 2026 (Wednesdays, 5 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book



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ECO-COACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

ECO-COACH CIC ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS FOR KS1 (INCLUDING RECEPTION) 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: 25TH FEBRUARY 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 5 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB: STARTS: 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 (TUESDAYS, 5 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

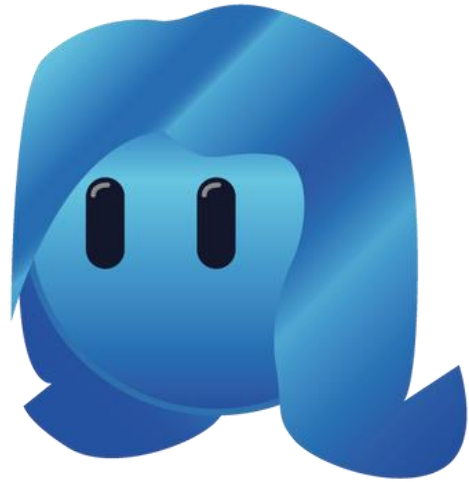
TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID). WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.

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

House Points so far...



Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!! When our Spelling Bee points are added on, it will make a difference!

Air - 963 points

Fire - 976 points

Earth - 1046 points

Water - 1077 points

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Willows and Oaks in the lead with 99% this week - well done!

Willows: 99%

Oaks: 99%

Cedars: 98%

Elm: 98%

Silver Birches: 96%

Redwoods: 96%

Apples: 96%

Cherries: 96%

Bay: 94%

Maples: 94%

Ash: 93%

Top Tips for Parents...Adult Animated Content

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ADULT ANIMATED CONTENT

Bright, bold, and widely shared, adult animated content is more popular than ever, but not always what it seems. These videos, which may appear cartoonish and harmless, often contain strong language, explicit themes, graphic violence, or dark humour. Many are accessible through platforms like YouTube, TikTok or streaming services, where filters may not catch them in time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING VISUAL STYLE
Many adult animations mimic the colourful, exaggerated look of children's cartoons. This can easily mislead not just children, but also adults, into thinking they're suitable for younger viewers. Without watching the content fully, parents or educators might approve a show or video that contains explicit jokes, graphic imagery, or highly inappropriate language, all disguised beneath a playful and fun visual style.

EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL THEMES
A number of adult animated shows and online videos explore mature or disturbing themes, such as addiction, trauma, abuse, self-harm, or violence, and often do so in a stylised or humorous way. Younger viewers may not have the emotional maturity to process this content, leading to confusion, distress, or the normalisation of very serious issues that should be discussed in a supportive context.

RISK OF DISTRESS AND FEAR
Some adult animations, especially horror-based content or 'creepypasta' style stories, include disturbing imagery, unsettling music, and sudden scares. These videos sometimes feature distorted versions of well-known children's characters, such as Sonic the Hedgehog or Peppa Pig, in frightening or violent scenarios. Children can be negatively affected if they come across this unexpectedly, leading to sleep disturbances, anxiety, or long-lasting fears, especially if children have existing worries or sensitive personalities.

INFLUENCE OF EDGY HUMOUR
Dark, edgy humour is common in adult animation and often includes jokes about topics like sexism, racism, mental illness, or abuse. When children hear these jokes, they may repeat them without fully understanding their meaning. This can lead to inappropriate behaviour in school or online spaces, and in some cases, it can reinforce harmful stereotypes or desensitise children to real-world injustice and discrimination.

ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS
Video platforms are designed to keep users watching by suggesting similar content. If a child watches one mature animation, they may quickly be shown more, including even darker or more extreme videos. These recommendations are based on viewing patterns, not age-appropriateness. Without strict settings in place, this can lead to a rapid spiral into unsuitable, upsetting, or even harmful content online.

DESENSITISATION TO VIOLENCE
Stylised violence in animation is often exaggerated and constant. Repeated exposure to it can reduce a child's emotional response to harm, making aggression or cruelty appear entertaining or acceptable. Over time, children may become less empathetic or more tolerant of harmful behaviours in real life, especially if they see others online reacting with humour, memes, or praise for violent characters or scenes.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING
Take time to ask children what they're watching and who their favourite creators are. Sit down and watch a few videos to get a full understanding. This helps you spot inappropriate content early and shows children that you're interested and engaged in their online world, not just policing it.

TALK ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE
Keep communication open and non-judgemental. Talk about why certain themes or jokes are not appropriate for children, even if they appear in animated form. Help children understand that just because something is popular or shared widely, it does not mean it's suitable or safe. If they've seen something upsetting, respond calmly, offer reassurance, and explain things in an age-appropriate way.

USE PLATFORM SETTINGS WISELY
Make use of built-in safety tools like content filters, restricted mode, and age settings on platforms such as YouTube, Netflix or TikTok. Turn off auto-play where possible and regularly review what children are being recommended. Although these settings aren't foolproof, they add an important layer of protection and help reduce the risk of children encountering disturbing or adult content accidentally.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING
Help children think carefully about what they watch. Talk about the difference between fictional exaggeration and reality, while helping them question why certain content is made. Is it informative, entertaining, or meant to shock? This builds digital resilience and encourages them to make safer choices in future, rather than simply following viral trends or peer pressure to watch mature content.

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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](https://www.internetmatters.org/talking-with-your-child-about-social-media/)

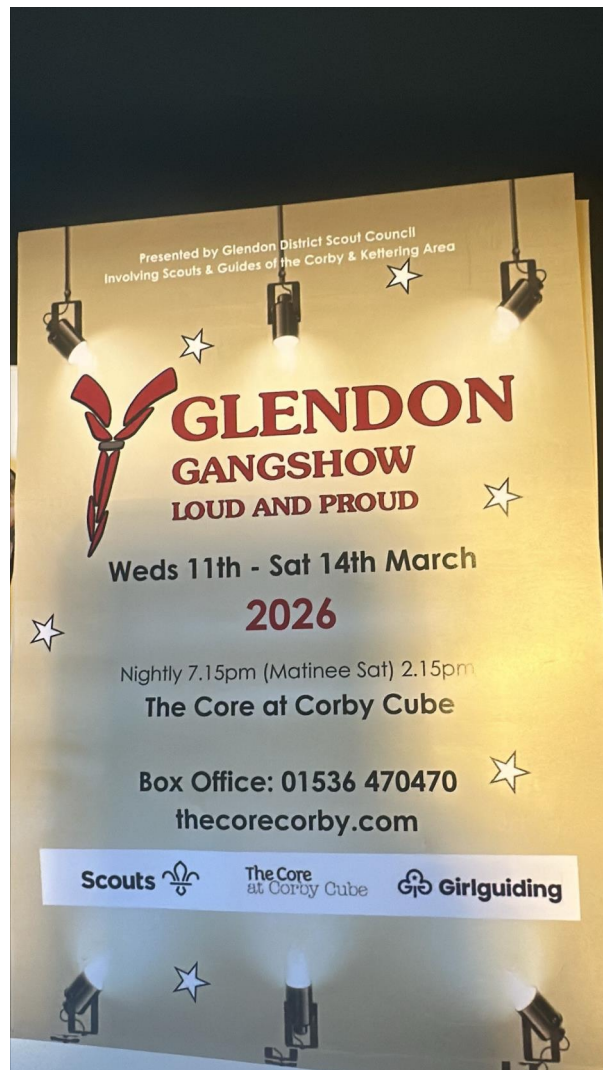
Child Exploitation

*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



GAMES | MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

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

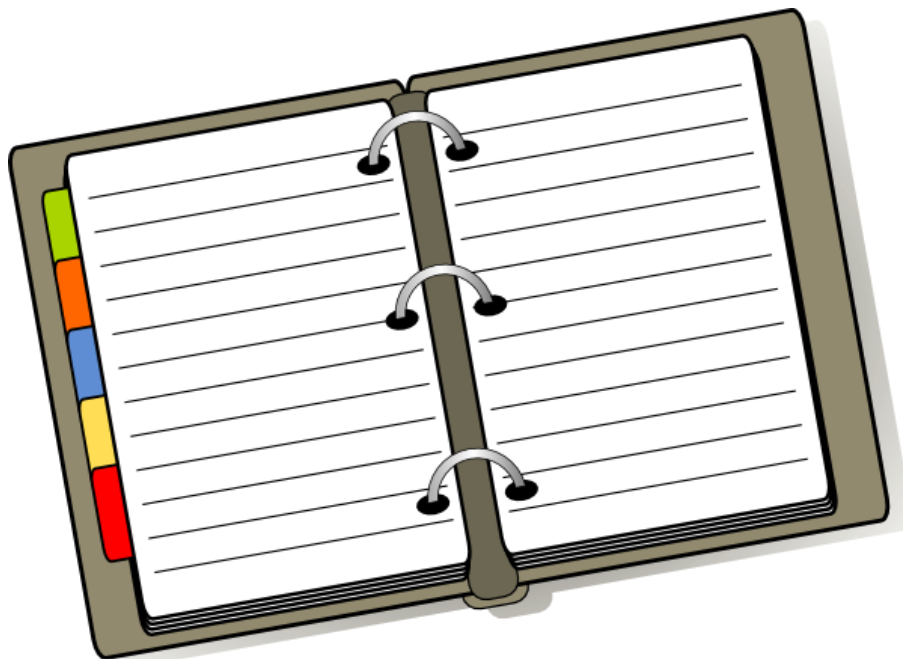
£6 per child

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...



***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)

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

Weds 11th Mar: Y4 Residential

Y5 to see 'Matilda' at Southfields

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: Easter Crafts for Parents (pm) more info to follow

Y2 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

Break Up

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

******** Easter Break********



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