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	Hawthorn Community Primary School <i>The Hawthorn Herald</i>	
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Playground Champions

This week we have launched our Playground Champions initiative, led by our Lunch Time Supervisors. Each week our Lunch-time staff will choose three children as their Playground Champions. They will make their decisions based on children who are helping others, displaying our Hawthorn values and engaging in positive playground behaviour. The Playground Champions will be awarded a special badge to wear for the week and five house points for their house!

This week our champions were:

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- *Kola*
 - *Breyenn*
 - *Ethan K*
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Well done children!

Y4 Residential

Year 4 will be heading off on residential on Wednesday to the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. We wish them all a wonderful time completing all the fantastic activities that are in store for them! We look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about it when you get back!

Little Hawthorns

A reminder that Little Hawthorns, our Parent and Under 5s group, will take place on Monday afternoon in The Palm from 2-3pm.

To book a space, please click on the following link: [Little Hawthorns under 5's group Monday 9th March 2-3pm – Fill in form](#)

Matilda

We are excited to be taking our Year 5 children to Southfields on Wednesday to see a performance of 'Matilda' performed by Southfield students. The performance takes place between 11 am and 12.30 pm. They will be walking to the event with school staff and will return to school to have a late lunch. We look forward to an enjoyable morning.

Mother's Day Stall

*On Friday (13th) our Friends of Hawthorn will be holding the annual Mother's Day Stall in the hall. Gift choices will include candles, stationery, toiletries, pampering, mugs, books & more!
All gifts - £3 per child with personalised gift bag and tag!*

*Please pay for your gifts on MCAS by 3pm **Wednesday 11th March**. Access to gift shop will be for children who have pre-ordered only to ensure FoH have enough gifts.*

World Book Day

We enjoyed a fabulous World Book Day at Hawthorn yesterday. It was great to see so many children come to school dressed as their favourite character or in their comfy clothes ready to enjoy a book.

WBD also saw the start of our next house challenge 'Book Bingo'! Your child will have brought home a Book Bingo sheet filled with fun reading prompts. Over the next few weeks, 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.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in books for our book swap day. This was very successful and dozens of children made use of it. Well done to the School Council for organising this event.

Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken this week. If you would like to purchase your child's class photo please follow the link that was sent to you this week on MCAS.

KS1 & KS2 Parent & Child Easter Event

For this term's KS1 and KS2 parent and child event, we will be holding a "Design Your Own Easter Egg" competition. There will be one Easter egg prize awarded per class. Parents are warmly invited to attend a session to support their child in creating an Easter egg design. Easter cake and cold drinks will be provided for everyone to enjoy. Any children who are unable to attend will have the opportunity to complete their egg at another time in school. Please note that, due to capacity limits, we can only accommodate one adult per family. We have increased the number of sessions to help accommodate as many families as possible. When booking please select all sessions you would be able to attend and you will be allocated a session based on availability. Booking will close once we reach capacity.

Available sessions -

Monday 16th March 2.15-3pm

Tuesday 17th March 1.15-2pm

Monday 23rd March 2.15-3pm

Tuesday 24th March 1.15-2pm

Booking link - [Easter parent and child session \(KS1 and KS2\) – Fill in form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you 😊

EYFS Come and Play Easter Sessions

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together and to join your EYFS child and their friends in a range of fun activities. Easter cake will be provided 😊

To ensure that as many children as possible are able to take part, we kindly ask that only one adult attends per family due to capacity limits. Booking will close on Wednesday 18th March.

Booking Links:

[*Apples class come and play - Friday 20th March - 1.10 - 1.50 pm – Fill in form*](#)

[*Cherries come and play - Friday 20th March - 2.20 - 3 pm – Fill in form*](#)

Y3 Cake Sale

*Thank you to all the Year 3 parents and children who donated cakes for our cake sale today.
It was a great success!*

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



School Events Guidance

As a school, we are proud to offer a wide range of additional activities and events for our pupils and parents, helping to enrich children's experiences and strengthen our school community.

Please note that, due to capacity and health and safety considerations, some events will have limited places available. In addition, bookings will close by a specified deadline to allow us sufficient time to plan effectively, organise resources, and prepare registers.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to our events throughout the year.

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





ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

ECOCOACH 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

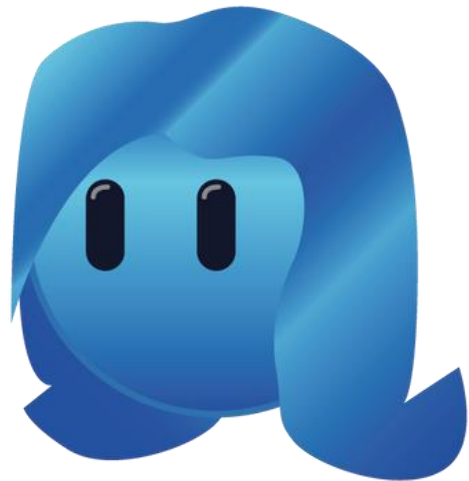




Y6 Leaver's Committee

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.

House Points so far...



Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!! It's getting close at the top!

Air - 1020 points

Fire - 1038 points

Earth - 1114 points

Water - 1143 points

10 Top Tips...Creative Ways to Encourage Reading

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

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- 1 VALUE ALL READING**

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.
- 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION**

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.
- 3 GIFT A BOOK**

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.
- 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS**

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as *Authorly* and *Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live*.
- 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Access training about reading for pleasure – to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.
- 6 TALK BOOKS**

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.
- 7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.
- 8 GO DIGITAL**

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like *PolyIno* and apps like *Goodreads* for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.
- 9 RECONNECT**

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The *National Year of Reading* focus of *Go All In* captures this well as it is their theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.
- 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert
Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.

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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/Internet-Matters-Talking-with-your-child-about-social-media)

Community News & Events



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  The Core at Corby Cube  Girlguiding

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

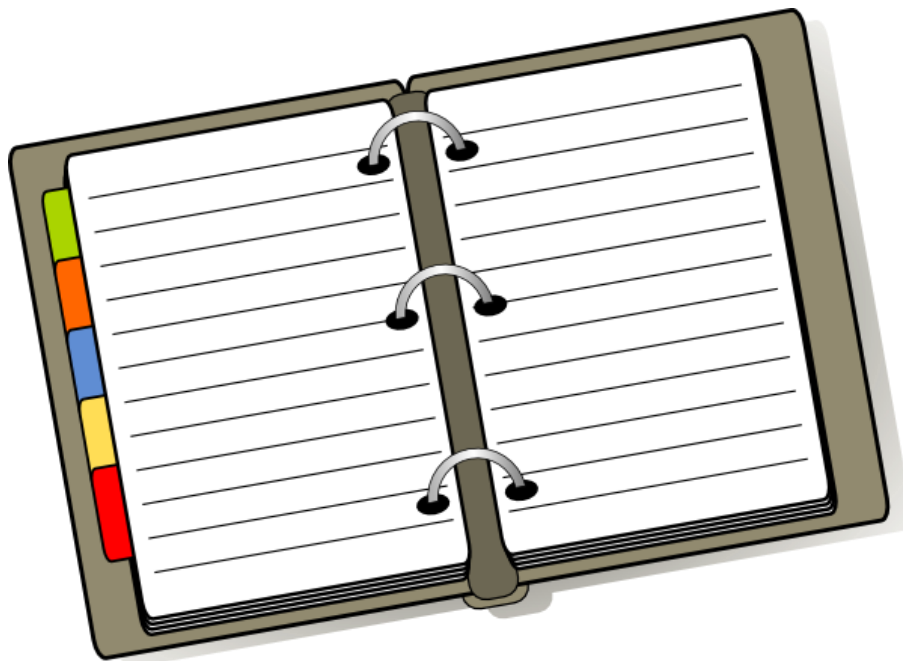
£6 per child

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...



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: 2.15 - 3 pm - KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

3.30 pm Book Fair in the school hall

Tues 17th Mar: 1.15 - 2 pm - KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

Parent's Evening (3.30-6pm)

3.30 pm Book Fair in the school hall

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

3.30 pm Book Fair in the school hall

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

Parents Evening (3.30 - 6pm)

3.30 pm Book Fair in the school hall

Fri 20th Mar: Comic Relief

1.10 - 1.50 pm Apples Come & Play

2.20 - 3 pm Cherries Come & Play

Mon 23rd Mar: 2.15 - 3 pm KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

Tues 24th Mar: 1.15 - 2 pm - KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

Reception heights and weights

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

Break Up

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

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

Mon 13th April : School reopens after Easter break

