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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

The start of the summer term is always a busy, but exciting time, with so much to look forward to. Over the coming weeks, we'll be enjoying sporting events, SATs, maypole dancing, school trips, and even a foray into Shakespeare! And before we know it, we'll be preparing to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s and welcoming our new Reception children!!

Easter Bonnet Parade

A huge thank you to everyone in EYFS and KS1 who took part in our Easter Bonnet Parade at the start of the week. We were amazed by the creativity and quality of the bonnets – judging was no easy task!

*Congratulations to **Reggie C, Rudi and Kelsie**, who were selected as our overall winners for their wonderfully original designs.*

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns, our Parent and Under 5s group will take place on Monday at 2pm. Please come along and join us and please feel free to bring friends who also have children under 5, the more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you, please book on the link below:

[Little Hawthorns Monday 20th April](#)

Toast & Tales

Toast & Tales for EYFS will take place on Wednesday. Please come and join your child for a story and a light breakfast from 8.20am in the hall. Please note: there will be no Sensory Circuits on Toast and Tales days. Booking has now closed for this event.

May Holiday Club

EcoCoach will be running Holiday Club from 26th-29th May. Activities include: games and sports, movement and dance, arts and crafts, yoga and Nerf challenges. Please see the flyer below for details of how to book on and to take advantage of the early bird offer.

Playground Champions

These week's Playground Champions are: Reggie B, Ronnie J and Adrian! Well done children - you have all shown brilliant behaviours on the playground, playing respectfully and supporting others.

Awards Assemblies

We are presenting further Bronze and Silver Awards to children who have secured 15/30 house points. Well done to everyone who has received these awards. A reminder that your child should wear their award on the left hand side of their shirt collar.

Soon, our amazing Lunch Time Supervisors will be hosting a week of sports for our children. Every lunchtime, there will be a different sporting activity taking place on the playground for the children to compete in. Winners will earn house points to boost their own, and their house's tally!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

May Activity Camp

Hawthorn Primary School

**Games & Sports · Movement & Dance ·
Arts & Crafts · Yoga · Nerf Challenges**

DATES: 26th May- 29th May

TIMES: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Late pick-up (4:00 PM) available for £5.

Ages: 5 - 11 years. 4-year-olds welcome for half-days (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

WHO CAN JOIN: Open to all schools - all abilities welcome! SEND friendly & fully inclusive!

PRICING AND DISCOUNTS: **EARLY BIRD 17% OFF available until 3rd May (USE CODE: ECOMAYDAY17)**

Standard prices apply from 4th of May £25 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”



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Summer Term Sports Clubs

Please see below 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: Pokemon & K Pop Demon Hunters Club

Starts: 15 April 2026 (Wednesdays, 6 sessions)

KS2: Netball Club

Starts: 14 April 2026 (Tuesdays, 6 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book.



**ECO COACH
CIC**

**ECO COACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING 14 APRIL 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: 15TH
APRIL 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 NETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 14TH APRIL 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.**

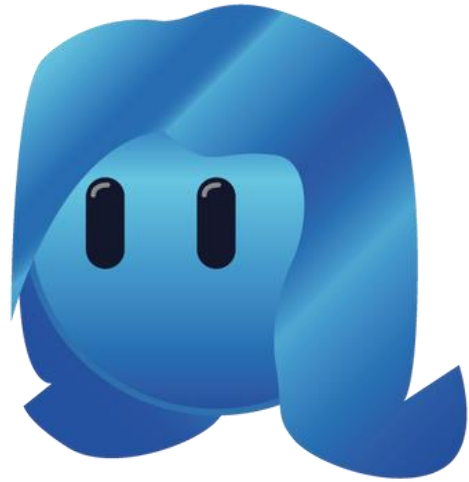
**HOW TO BOOK:
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE
WHOLE TERM.
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5
SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST
WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL
CONSIDER ADDING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



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 - 1229 points

Fire - 1240 points

Earth - 1327 points

Water - 1333 points

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...The App and Play Stores

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 APP & PLAY STORES

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDeloADED BANNED APPS

'Sideloading' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. Screen Time (iPhone) and Family Link (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.






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Online Gaming

Please see below the link for the April video from Knowsley Council on **Online Gaming**.

This video provides a quick overview on how to keep your child safe whilst gaming online, outlining communication risks, in game spending, age ratings and reporting tools.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

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



The poster features a bright, colorful design with a sun, a green figure, and a megaphone at the top. The Lakelands Care Hospice and Home Start Corby logos are prominently displayed. The main title '5K CORBY 5K CHARITY RUN' is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters. Below the title, it states the event is in aid of the Mayor of Corby's Charities: Lakelands Care Hospice and Home Start Corby. The location is Rockingham Triangle Athletics Stadium, Jimmy Kane Way, Corby, NN17 2FB. The date is Sunday 26th April, with registration starting at 12:30pm, the first race at 1:30pm, and the fun run starting at 2:30pm. Pricing is listed as £8 per adult, £5 per child, £21 for a family of 4, and £32 for a family of 6, with a £1 donation for spectators. A QR code is provided for registration, and the text 'Please scan to register!' is placed below it. The bottom of the poster shows two children running happily, with a castle in the background. The text 'All profits donated to Lakelands Care Hospice & Home-Start Corby' is at the very bottom.

LAKELANDS CARE HOSPICE
www.lakelandshospice.org.uk

Home START
Corby

5K CORBY 5K CHARITY RUN

In aid of the Mayor of Corby's Charities:
Lakelands Care Hospice and Home Start Corby

Where? Rockingham Triangle Athletics Stadium,
Jimmy Kane Way, Corby, NN17 2FB

When? Sunday 26th April
Registration opens 12:30pm | First race at 1:30pm,
Fun Run starts at 2:30pm

Cost: £8 per adult, £5 per child | Family of 4; £21
Family of 6: £32 | Spectators £1 donations (per person)

All ages and abilities welcome! Run, walk, skip or dance your way around and everyone will receive a medal for taking part!

Please scan to register!

All profits donated to Lakelands Care Hospice & Home-Start Corby

REPAIR CAFE Kettering



BIN IT? NO WAY!

KETTERING'S GOT A REPAIR CAFÉ!

Got something broken? Bring your:

Kitchen knives
Textiles & clothing
Small appliances
Well-loved toys
Bicycles
Electronics
Jewellery
and more!



For a voluntary contribution, our volunteers will help fix your items while teaching you valuable repair skills. Let's reduce waste, save money and extend the life of our favourite things!

Refreshments and cakes available in our café while you wait.



WHEN?

2026 DATES

Feb 21 | May 16
Sep 19 | Nov 28
10am-1pm

WHERE?

ST MICHAEL'S
CHURCH
33 GARFIELD ST
KETTERING
NN15 6BU

Do I need to book?

No, just turn up with your item.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact repaircafekettering@gmail.com

COMMUNITY - CREATIVITY - CONNECTION

ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

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

COME TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY
ENJOY TIME AWAY FROM 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

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

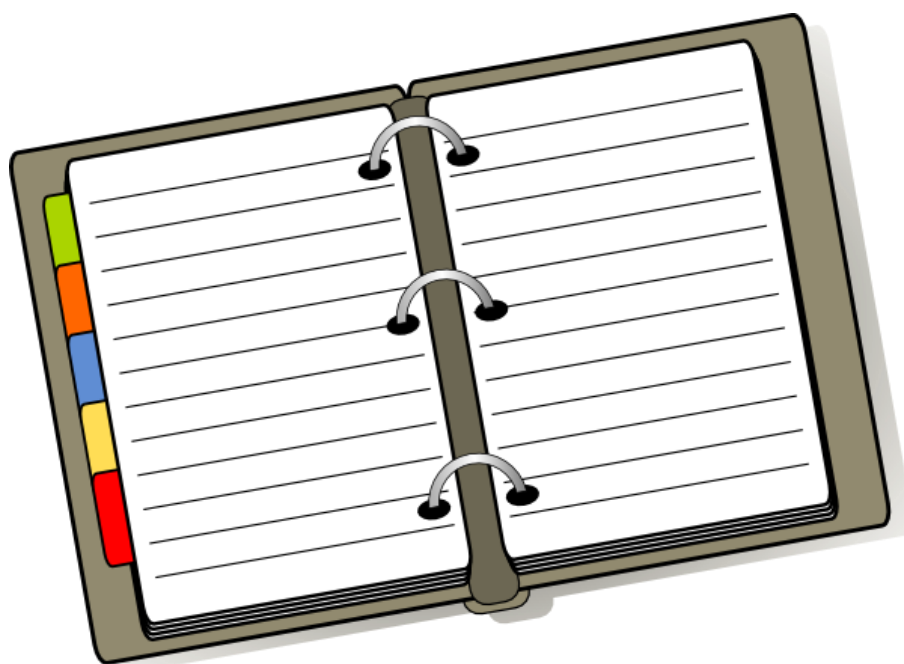
£6 per child

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 20th April: Little Hawthorns (2pm)

Tues 21st April: Ukulele starts for Y3 children

Weds 22nd April: EYFS Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 23rd April: Y1 Cake Sale

Tues 28th April: Y1 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Weds 29th April: Y2 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Mon 4th May: Mayday Bank Holiday - school closed

Weds 6th May: Y3 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 7th May: Y4 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Y6 2026 Residential Meeting (3.30pm)

Fri 8th May: EYFS & KS1 Mayday Dancing (pm)

Mon 11th May: Y6 SATs Week

Mon 18th May: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Little Hawthorns (2pm)

Tues 19th May: Y6 Height and Weight Screening

EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (9am)

KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Weds 20th May: Y5 & Y6 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Y6 Shakespeare project starts

Thurs 21st May: Y6 Cake Sale

Fri 22nd May: Break Up



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD