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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to May! We can't believe how quickly this school year is flying by!

Social Media

If you don't already follow us on social media, please take a look at our Instagram, Facebook and X profiles. These contain lots of different content to what appears on Class Dojo and are a great way of keeping track of what we're doing here at Hawthorn.

Our social media handles are:

@hawthornpri

You can also use the link on our Hawthorn profile to book events such as Little Hawthorns.

Toast & Tales

Toast & Tales for Y3 will take place on Wednesday and Y4 is on Thursday. 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.

Y6 Residential

Our Y6 Residential meeting will take place on Thursday at 3.30pm for the Y6s who are coming to Longtown this year. Come along and hear lots of info about the activities you will be doing!

EYFS & KS1 Maypole Dancing

*The EYFS and KS1 children will be performing their traditional Maypole and Country Dancing on **Friday at 2 pm**. Parents are welcome to attend this event - please enter the school via the gates on Broadway which will open at 1.50 pm. The children should wear their party clothes to school including sensible footwear – they will be dancing so no open toes or shoes that do not fasten up properly. After the event you may take your children home. We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon and fingers crossed for some sunshine!*

As in previous years, the KS2 children will be performing midsummer dances later in the term and we also look forward to welcoming parents to this event.

Lunch-time Week of Sports

All this week, our lunch time supervisors have been hosting sporting competitions at lunch time in order for children to earn house points. It has been fabulous to see so many children taking part in these events and many of them have boosted their house point totals...the leader board will be looking interesting next week!

Home-time

A reminder please that parents collecting from the Broadway gate at the end of the day should be lining up along the school fence. Please do not congregate outside our neighbours' houses or sit on their walls. Thank you.

Playground Champions

The Lunchtime Supervisors have chosen these children as this week's Playground Champions:

- Barnaby W
- Emily M

- *Eddie*
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Well done children - you have all shown brilliant behaviours on the playground, playing respectfully and supporting others...and have earned 5 House Points for your house!!!

School Council Book Sale

The school council would like to thank everyone who came along to buy books from the book sale held yesterday. It was well attended and they were thrilled to raise a total of £29.26 which will be sent to a chosen charity. They look forward to raising more money for charity in future events.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will see you all back Tuesday 5th May.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher







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"

1 - May Holiday Club

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.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING 14 APRIL 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: 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

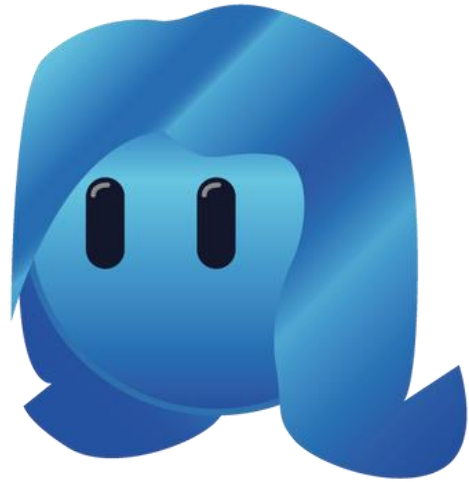
TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID). WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.

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!! Finally a change at the top!!

Air - 1374 points

Fire - 1452 points

Water - 1468 points

Earth - 1486 points

Top 10 Tips for Managing Exam Stress

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 MANAGING EXAM STRESS

At some point in their education, most young people will encounter exam stress, which can affect their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Mental health charity YoungMinds estimates that 87% of pupils experience exam-related stress. This highlights the importance of supporting young people to manage exam pressure effectively, maintain perspective, and protect their overall wellbeing during these periods.

- 1 PRACTISE WORKLOAD WISDOM**

The build-up to exams can feel overwhelming, with competing demands on time and energy. Encourage young people to reflect on whether their workload is realistic and allows them time to rest and recharge. Support them in creating a manageable revision timetable that includes regular breaks and occasional days off. Remind them that plans can be adjusted if they feel overwhelmed, helping to reduce the pressure and prevent burnout.
- 2 CLEAR UP THE CLUTTER**

A cluttered workspace can reduce focus and increase stress levels. Encourage young people to keep their study area tidy and organised, with clearly arranged notes and materials. A calm, dedicated space can support concentration and create a more relaxed mindset. Adding colour, mind maps, or creative elements can also make revision feel less daunting and more manageable.
- 3 MASTER THE MATERIALS**

Revision can feel particularly stressful if young people are unsure where to begin. Help them confirm key study topics and materials, ensuring they're using accurate and relevant resources. Reducing uncertainty can help them feel more in control of their learning. Reassure them that they don't need to know everything perfectly, as building their understanding over time is what matters most.
- 4 GET CREATIVE WITH NOTES**

Writing out detailed notes, rather than relying only on bullet points, can strengthen their understanding and retention. Encourage young people to turn these notes into flashcards for regular review and repetition. Feeling familiar with their material can boost their confidence and reduce anxiety during exams. This approach can help them feel more prepared and less likely to panic under pressure.
- 5 USE VISUAL MEMORY AIDS**

Visual resources can make learning more effective and reduce their frustration when information feels difficult to grasp. Encourage the use of diagrams, videos, sticky notes, and colour coding to reinforce key ideas. Creating simple mnemonics can also make information easier to remember. Using a variety of methods can help prevent mental fatigue and keep revision feeling fresh and manageable.
- 6 BUILD A TECH TOOLKIT**

Technology can be a valuable supporting tool during exam preparation when used in a balanced way. Educational websites, revision platforms, and subject-specific videos can help explain complicated topics clearly, reducing the risk of confusion or stress. Encourage young people to use these tools to support – rather than overwhelm – their learning, and to take regular breaks from their screens to protect their wellbeing.
- 7 KEEP REVISION ENJOYABLE**

Revision is often more effective when it feels engaging and varied. Encourage young people to incorporate humour, real-life examples, or creative approaches into their learning. Mixing study methods, including light physical activity such as short walks, can also improve their mood and focus. Enjoyable revision experiences can help reduce stress and make the process feel more positive and sustainable.
- 8 USE ACTIVE STUDY METHODS**

Active revision techniques can help young people feel more confident and in control of their learning. Strategies such as spaced repetition and active recall, including self-testing or explaining concepts aloud, can highlight both their strengths and areas for improvement. This clarity can reduce test-minute panic and support a calmer, more prepared approach to exams.
- 9 USE AI THOUGHTFULLY**

AI tools can support revision by making learning more personalised and manageable. Young people can use them to generate practice questions, summarise information, or break down topics into simpler steps. Used carefully, these tools can reduce overwhelm and save time. Remind young people to check AI information with trusted sources to ensure its accuracy and build confidence in their understanding.
- 10 PRACTISE WITH ONLINE TOOLS**

Online revision platforms can help young people test their knowledge and track their progress. Many offer quizzes, flashcards, and practice papers aligned with exam boards. Encourage regular self-testing – including timed activities – to build up familiarity with exam conditions. Becoming more comfortable with the format of exams can reduce anxiety and help young people approach them with greater confidence.

Meet Our Expert
Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of Social Enterprise UK's 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.

WakeUpWednesday
The National College

See full reference list on our website

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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/)

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- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



Scan to play!

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Hawthorn Community

Positive Parenting Programme

Please see details of a parenting course being offered by NCT :

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Event Details:

Day: Wednesday

Time: 12:00-14:00

First Session Date: 27th May 2026

Last Session Date: 22nd July 2026

Venue: Kettering Family Hub

This course is currently being delivered face to face over 9 weeks.

Each group session will last 2 hours with a short comfort break midway through.

For further information or to get booked on please use this link -

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/positive-parenting-programme-for-parents-of-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-1987820935930?aff=ebdsoporqprofile&_gl=1*_eaz4fb*_up*MQ..*_qa*MTAzNzQzMTA4LjE3NzY3NjY0MjU.*_qa_TQVES5V6SH*_czE3NzY3NjY0MjQkbzEkZzAkdd



Community News & Events

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 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 (Broadway gates open at 1.50pm, dancing at 2pm)

Mon 11th May: Y6 SATs Week

Mon 18th May: 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

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

Mon 1st Jun: Back to school

Weds 3rd - Fri 5th Jun: Y6 Residential at Longtown

Thurs 4th June: EYFS trip to Hamerton Zoo Park

Tues 9th Jun: Online Safety workshops for Y5 and Y6

Mon 15th Jun: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

Thurs 18th Jun: Reception Sept 2026 Welcome Meeting (5pm)

Fri 19th Jun: Rotary Stars Assemblies (invite only)

Weds 24th Jun: Sports Day (at St Peter's School)

Thurs 25th Jun: Y6 Junior Citizens (9.30-11.30am)

New Reception intake sessions (1pm)

