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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS2 SATs

Well done to our Y6 children this week who have taken their SATs. They approached the tests calmly and confidently and were a credit to Hawthorn! The SATs Breakfast Club was again a great success and the children really benefited from a calm start to the day and the opportunity to chat with friends over breakfast. Our Y6 children will now have a few weeks to start thinking about getting ready for secondary school and enjoying some of the lovely activities that we have planned for them. This is also an important time for our Y5 children as they reflect on the past year and prepare to move into the Y6 role - being the oldest children in our school and examples to all of our younger children.

TTRs - Battle of the Houses!!

We're thrilled to announce the return of the 'Hawthorn Rockstars' next week!! The Rockstars will be here to launch our latest KS2 House Competition — Times Tables Rockstars' Battle of the Houses! We will welcome back stars such as Dynamite Dix, Legendary Lewis and Tornado Tinto along with a secret special guest rocker...can you guess who it will be?! The excitement will begin with a thrilling Battle of the Brains, during assembly on Monday.

The competition will run for two weeks, beginning at 4pm on Monday (18th) and ending at 8:30am on Monday 1st June. This includes one week in school and one week over the half-

*term break. Children should go on TTRs every day for a minimum of 10 minutes to raise points for their house. To celebrate the end of the competition, we're inviting all KS2 children to come to school dressed as Rockstars on **Monday 1st June**. We'll hold a special assembly that day to announce the winning house and dress the House Challenge Cup with the winning ribbons!*

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns will be held on Monday from 2-3pm in The Palm. Please book using the following Eventbrite link:

[Little Hawthorn booking link](#)

Toast and Tales

Y5 and Y6 parents are invited to Toast & Tales on Wednesday. Please come along at 8.20am and enjoy a light breakfast and book with your child. Booking has now closed for this event.

The Tempest

With SATs behind them, our Year 6 pupils will turn their attention to Shakespeare!

Next week, we're thrilled to welcome back Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre in Northampton. Mr Wolmarans has previously captivated our children by helping them explore storytelling through drama.

*This exciting new project will see Year 6 studying and performing segments of The Tempest, using a creative blend of drama and dance to bring the play to life. The project will conclude with a special performance for parents on **Friday 3rd July** — more details to follow soon!*

Holiday Club

A reminder that we will be offering holiday club over the May half term with EcoCoach. Activities on offer include arts and crafts, dance, sports, games and science experiments. Sessions are open to all children in Reception/ KS1 and KS2.

Please see flyer below to book and for full details.

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

This Week's Playground Champions

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

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- *Poppy*
 - *Ava A*
 - *Paisley D*
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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!!!

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.

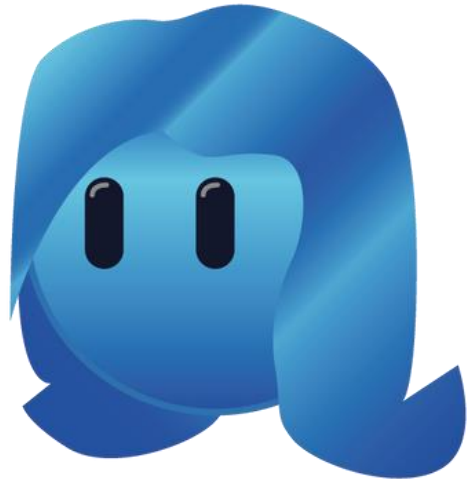
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

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!!

Air - 1497 points

Fire - 1572 points

Water - 1689 points

Earth - 1628 points

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Willows is in the lead with 99% this week. Well done !

Willows: 99%

Cherries: 98%

Oaks: 98%

Maples: 98%

Cedars: 98%

Redwoods: 98%

Silver Birches: 97%

Ash: 97%

Apples: 96%

Bay: 95%

Elm: 91%

What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Online Grooming

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 ONLINE GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.

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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yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Hawthorn Community

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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



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KETTERING'S GOT A REPAIR CAFÉ!

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Small appliances
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Bicycles
Electronics
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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...



Fri 15th May: UKS2 Trip to Wicksteed Park

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)

Mon 22nd June: KS1 trip to Hamerton Zoo Park

Weds 24th Jun: Sports Day (at St Peter's School) Please note this event has been cancelled and is in the process of being rearranged.

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

New Reception intake sessions (1pm)

Fri 26th Jun: EYFS Cake Sale

Mon 29th Jun: Transition Lunch Clubs in school

Thurs 2nd July: KS2 Midsummer Dancing (pm)

Reception 2026 Intake Sessions (pm)

Fri 3rd July: Y6 perform *The Tempest*

Mon 6th July: Transition Day

Fri 10th July: End of Year Reports go out

Tues 14th July: UKS2 trip to Holdenby House

Weds 15th July: 5-year-old dental survey

Rocksteady Concert (pm - time TBC)

3.40-5pm: Parent drop-ins

Thurs 16th July: ISM Music Concert (pm - time TBC)

Fri 17th July: Rocksteady Concert (pm - time TBC)

Tues 21st July: UKS2 trip to Twin Lakes

EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Weds 22nd July: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (9am)

House Picnic and Winners' Ceremony - chn only

Thurs 23rd July: Y6 Graduation (pm - time TBC)

Y6 Leavers' Party (5-7pm)

Fri 24th July: Y6 Leaver's Arch (3pm)

Break Up



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