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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic last week of term we have had. It's been a busy few weeks but there are so many great things happening at Hawthorn and some wonderful opportunities taking place for our children!

Sports Day

*Sports Day has now been rearranged to **Wednesday 15th July**. The event will take place at St Peter's School, as in previous years. KS2 will be in the morning and EYFS and KS1 in the afternoon.*

Last year we received concerns from St Peter's staff that empty beer cans were found on the premises after our Sports Day. Please be aware that taking alcohol to this event is strictly forbidden and anyone drinking alcohol will be asked to leave the school grounds. We are really lucky to be able to use the beautiful field at St Peter's for our Sports Day, so thank you all for treating the school with respect.

First Week Back

We have lots of exciting events happening the first week back after half term. Please check the individual letters for details:

Weds 3rd June - Y6 head off to Longtown for their residential.

Thurs 4th June - Early Years go on their school trip to Hamerton Zoo

TTRs - Battle of the Houses!!

*Our KS2 House Competition — Times Tables Rockstars' Battle of the Houses - is underway! The competition will run until 8:30am on Monday 1st June. Please encourage the children to play on TTRs every day over half term, for a maximum 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!*

The Tempest

*We are delighted to welcome back Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre in Northampton. This week marked the beginning of an inspiring new Shakespeare project. Over the coming weeks, Year 6 will dive into The Tempest, exploring the play through a creative mix of drama and dance. The project will culminate in a special performance for parents on **Friday 3rd July**. Performances will be held at 1.30-2.30pm and again at 3.30-4.30pm.*

Toys for Little Hawthorns

We are requesting donations of good quality toys for children aged 0-5 to be used at our Little Hawthorns Parent and Child sessions please. Why not have a clear out over half term! Please bring any donations into school for the attention of Miss Larkin. Thank you!

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.

*Have a lovely half term break, enjoy the sunshine, and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 1st June**.*

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

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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

Anti-Bullying Charter

This week we shared our updated Anti-Bullying Charter with our children. The charter explains what bullying is, what children should do about it and what the role of the adult is. Please see a copy of our Anti-Bullying Charter below.

Bullying is behaviour that is repeated and intended to harm either physically or emotionally.



STOP

I don't like that.

Our Anti-Bullying Charter

The role of our adults:

We listen.

We ask questions.

We find out what has happened.

We make sure our school is a safe place.

We know that it takes courage to tell an adults.



The role of our children:

Tell us when something happens that upsets you or another child.

Be kind to others.

Listen to others if they are upset.

Walk away from situations that upset you or feel wrong.

Use a worry box or monster to share your worries.



Work Hard



Stay Safe

Be Kind



This Week's Playground Champions

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

- *Garvit*
 - *Louie F*
 - *Lucas B*
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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!!! Keep up the good work!

Summer 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 £5.50 per session (Pupil Premium discount available).

Reception and KS1: Obstacle Course

Starts: 3rd June 2026 (Wednesdays, 8 sessions)

KS2: Basketball Club

Starts: 2nd June 2026 (Tuesdays, 8 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

STARTING 2 JUNE 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 OBSTACLE COURSE CLUB: STARTS: 3RD JUNE 2026
(WEDNESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 BASKETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 2ND JUNE 2026
(TUESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6**

**🕒 TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
💷 COST PER SESSION: £5.50**

**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.**

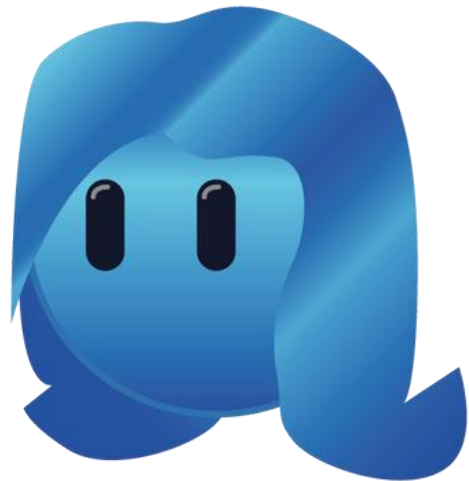
**HOW TO BOOK:
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING 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 - 1539 points

Fire - 1605 points

Water - 1618 points

Earth - 1724 points

What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Minecraft

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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.

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Online Safety and Scams

Please see the link below for this month's Online Safety video from Knowsley Council:

[Online Safety and Scams](#)

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](#)

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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=ebdsoporgprofile&ql=1*eaz4fb*up*MQ..*qa*MTAzNzQzMTA4LjE3NzY3NjY0MjU.*qa*TQVES5V6SH*czE3NzY3NjY0MjQkbzEkZzAkD



Community News & Events

REPAIR CAFE Kettering



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Got something broken? Bring your:

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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

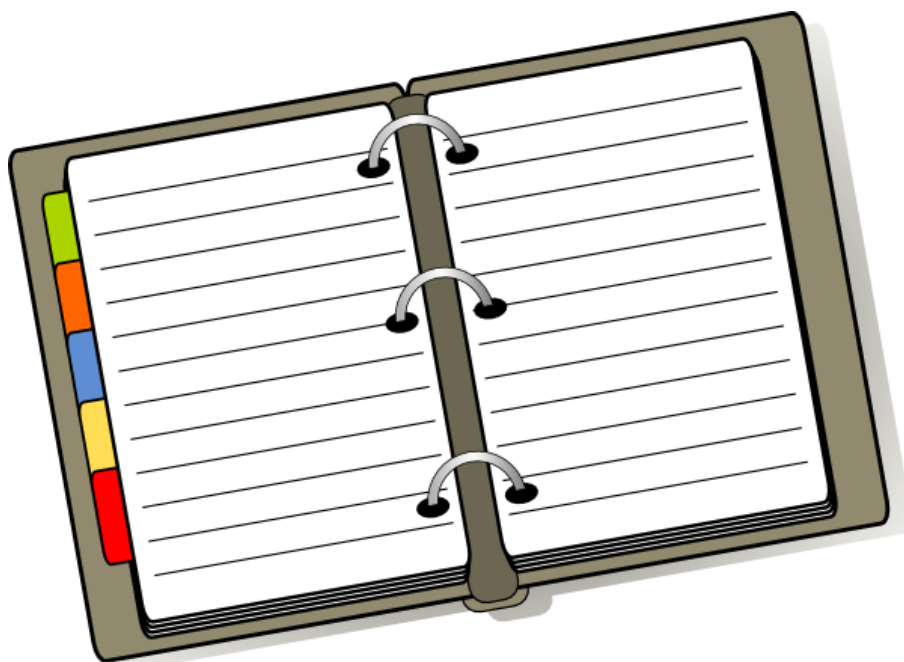
£6 per child

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...



Fri 22nd May: Break Up

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

Mon 1st Jun: Back to school

KS2 dress up as Rockstars

TTRs Battle of the Houses Results

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: *FoH Father's Day Gift Stall*

Rotary Stars Assemblies (invite only)

Mon 22nd June: *KS1 trip to Hamerton Zoo Park*

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*

Tues 30th Jun: *Y3 Ukelele concert to parents, time TBC*

Thurs 2nd July: *KS2 Midsummer Dancing (pm)*

Reception 2026 Intake Sessions (pm)

Fri 3rd July: *Y6 perform The Tempest (1.30-2.30pm and 3.30-4.30pm)*

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: Sports Day at St Peter's: AM-KS2, PM- EYFS/KS1

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



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD