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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is warming up, please can I remind you to send your children in to school wearing sun-cream and with a cap and water bottle whilst the days are warmer.

KS1 Trip to Hamerton Zoo

KS1 are off to Hamerton Zoo on Monday to explore how animals evolve to suit different environments. They will get the opportunity to get up close to some small animals. The children should wear their school PE uniform and trainers. They should also bring a waterproof coat and a packed lunch, a small snack and a bottle of water. If you have ordered a lunch from Kingswood this will be delivered to school first thing in the morning. Please see the letter sent earlier this week for more info.

Rotary Club Kettering

A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Kettering who have been in to Hawthorn a couple of times this week to support our school. Today we held the Rotary Stars Awards Assembly where some of our children were recognised for a Rotary Award for consistently displaying our Hawthorn values in all that they do.

A huge well done to:

Lylah - EYFS

Garvit - Year 1

Charlie - Year 2

Nick - Year 3

Eve - Year 4

Felicity - Year 5

Finn - Year 6

The Rotary Club has also donated a pre-owned book for all of our children, as part of their Books4Home scheme. The scheme recognises that children who love to read have a better chance of success in life and aims to ensure access to books for every child. Your child has chosen their book and will be coming home with it today. A big thank you to the Rotary Club for supporting our school.

EYFS Cake Sale

Next Friday (26th) will be our EYFS cake sale to raise money for school events, such as Toast & Tales and Celebration Assemblies. We welcome any donations of baked goods (no nuts please) from our EYFS families. These will then be on sale under the gazebos on the Broadway playground after school.

The children in EYFS will get the chance to visit the cake sale before the end of the day. If you would like your child to purchase some cakes please provide a donation in a named envelope.

Hawthorn World Cup Project

Our Hawthorn World Cup Project continued today with children learning about their next country! There were some lovely events and activities going on around school and again, a really happy buzz amongst the children! Thank you to everyone who has bought in homework, ideas, photos, etc connected to the World Cup - it is really great to see how involved and enthusiastic the children are being with their learning.

If any parent wishes to offer themselves up as a goalkeeper for our penalty shoot-out, there are still some slots available! You would need to be free on any of the days between 6th July

and 13th July for half an hour between 12-1pm! A big thank you to those parents who have already offered!

End of Year Parent and Child Event

Thank you to all of our parents who joined us for our EYFS end of term event yesterday, hosted by Miss Larkin and the EYFS team. It was great to see so many of you there and lovely to celebrate the end of an amazing year, with an AMAZING group of children!

KS1 and KS2 parents will have the opportunity to plant a sunflower with your child, you can then share pictures of it growing over the summer holiday! This event will be held outside weather permitting.

There are 4 available slots to ensure as many parents as possible can join.

Monday 29th June 1.15-2pm and 2.15-3pm

Tuesday 30th June 1.15-2pm and 2.15-3pm

Please book here - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0tV3Xk94Y2>

We look forward to seeing you!

Y5 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Day

Our Year 5s had a fantastic day yesterday when they visited Southfield School to take part in a STEM Day. The day was themed be a 'Doctor for the day'. and children had the opportunity to take part in a number of practical activities, including dissecting a heart! A huge thank you to Southfields and Orbis Education Trust for making these opportunities available to our children.

Ice Lolly Sale

*We are excited to be holding an ice lolly sale on **Friday 3rd July!** This is a fundraising event, and all proceeds will go towards resources for upcoming parents' events.*

*Ice lollies will be **£1 each** and children will be able to enjoy them during morning playtime . You can purchase your child's ice lolly now on MCAS.*

*If your child has any **dietary requirements or allergies** that mean they cannot have an ice lolly, please message **Miss Larkin on Dojo** to discuss an alternative. (Please note, this is for allergies and dietary needs only, not preferences.)*

We are looking forward to the excitement of this special playtime treat and would like to thank you for your continued support!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - World Cup Activities



Come and join your child for our final Parent and Child event of the year.

Plant a Sunflower together, and share your sunflower photos with us over the summer holiday!

Monday 29th June
1.15-2, 2.15-3pm
Tuesday 30th June
1.50-2, 2.15-3pm
• Booking link will be provided soon

We hope to hold this event outside weather permitting



Little Hawthorns
Parent and under 5's group
Everyone is welcome

Wednesday 23rd Sept 2-3pm
Wednesday 14th Oct 2-3pm
Wednesday 18th Nov 2-3pm
Wednesday 16th Dec 2-3pm

Book your space on Eventbrite or email office@hawthorn.pfschools.org.uk

A voluntary donation of £1 can be made if you wish



HAWTHORN
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Holiday Camp

Bookings are now open for our Summer Holiday Camp, run by EcoCoach from 3rd - 28th August. Please see the flyer below for further details and how to book.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

Summer Activity Camp

Hawthorn Primary School

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

DATES:
Dates: 3rd August - 28th August 2026
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 1st July (USE CODE: EcoSummer17)
 Standard prices apply from 2nd July £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://fbbl.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"






Swimming Gala

Several of our UKS2 children took part in the KSSP Swimming Gala at Kettering Pool this week. The children came back with a host of medals - bronze, silver and gold! A big well done to Sam, Louie, Logan, William, Naomi, Elsie and Annaliese and a special shout-out to Zosia who stepped in at the last minute and came away with Gold! Well done children and thank you to Miss Greener and Miss Larkin for supporting this activity.

This Week's Playground Champions

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

- *Harlow - Silver Birches*
- *Anabella - Maples*

- *Abraham - Cherries*
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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 this 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.





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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

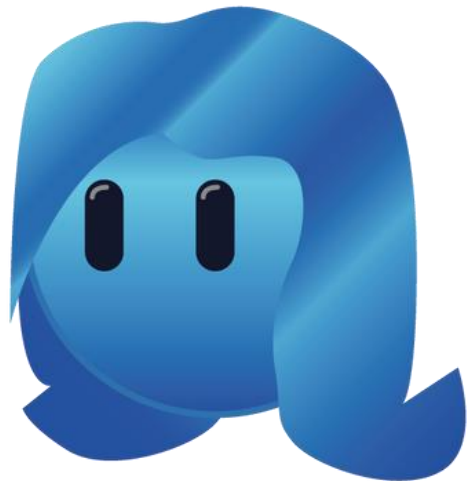
ReachMoreParents

ReachMoreParents - New Parent App

You will have received details of how to login to our new parent App ReachMoreParents. We are now no longer using MCAS for messaging parents, however please continue to use MCAS to make payments to the school. Please download and login to the ReachMoreParents App so that you don't miss any messages from school .

In September we will be moving to ParentPay for payments and we hope to send details out before the end of term.

House Points so far...



Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!!

Air - 1769 points

Fire - 1856 points

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about... Roblox

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 ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children, though a June 2026 update has improved things greatly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Roblox, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation out through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. As of June 2026, Roblox defaults to only showing games from trusted developers to under 15s, following tests with older players to filter out riskier content. But these automated systems are not infallible, and younger players may encounter content you deem unsuitable.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In a June 2026 update, Roblox changed its default settings to prevent under 8s from chatting entirely, with gradual relaxation of restrictions between the ages of 9 and 15. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to enforce these rules.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its largely self-rating nature.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox has introduced tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely to avoid the risk of stranger danger. This is the default for under 8s, but can be applied for any account up to the age of 15. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other platforms, such as Discord.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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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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and more!



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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

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ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1-4PM

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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

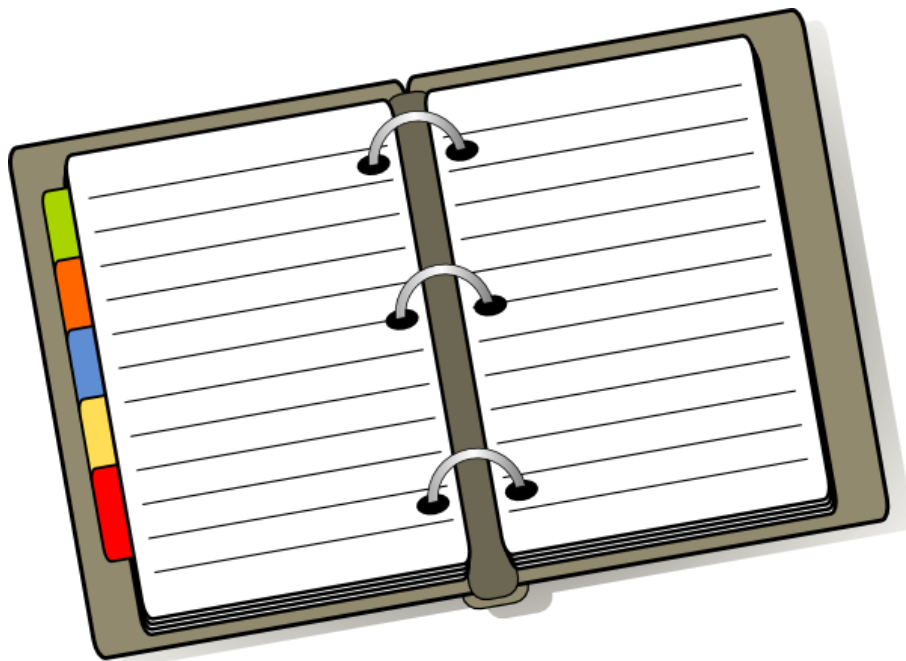
£6 per child

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 19th Jun: FoH Father's Day Gift Shop

Rotary Stars Assemblies (invite only)

World Cup Focus: Country 2

Mon 22nd June: KS1 trip to Hamerton Zoo Park

Tues 23rd June: Y6 Junior Citizens (12.30 - 2.30 pm)

Thurs 25th Jun: New Reception 2026 intake session (1.30 - 2.30 pm)

Fri 26th Jun: EYFS Cake Sale

World Cup focus: Country 3

Mon 29th Jun: Transition Lunch Clubs in school

Tues 30th Jun: Y3 Ukelele concert to parents has been moved to 7th July

Thurs 2nd July: KS2 Midsummer Dancing (pm)

New Reception 2026 intake session (1.30 - 2.30 pm)

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

Mon 6th July: Transition Day

Hawthorn penalty shoot out starts

Tues 7th July: Year 3 Ukelele Concert to parents (2.30 pm)

Fri 10th July: End of Year Reports go out

World Cup focus: Country 4

Tues 14th July: LKS2 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 (time tbc)

3.40-5pm: Parent drop-ins

Thurs 16th July: ISM Music Concert (1.30 pm)

Grand final penalty shoot-out

Fri 17th July: Rocksteady Concert (2 pm)

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 & Winners' Ceremony - chn only (Kingswood packed lunches 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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