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*Dear Parents and Carers,*



### ***Transition Information***

*This week you will have received information regarding which class your child will be in next year. This is in preparation for Transition Day which is on Monday (6th July) and will involve your child spending the day in their new class. Over the next few weeks, there will be opportunities for your child to spend time in their new classroom and meet their new teacher (if they are moving). We know that some children require more preparation than others, so this will be tailored to individual children.*

*Next Friday (10th), you will receive your child's End of Year Report and then on Weds 15th July, we will hold a drop-in from 3.30-5pm where you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new teacher, or discuss their report with their old teacher. This drop-in is optional and you don't need to make an appointment in advance. **Please note: due to the national delay in SATs results, Y6 reports will go out on July 16th.***

*At the end of the school year, the children will receive a welcome document detailing all the information they need about the following year. Please look at this over the summer holidays with your child, if you feel they need extra reassurance.*

### ***House Penalty Shoot-Out***

 Our World Cup fun continues next week with our House Challenge Penalty Shoot-out!   
Our goals will be open every lunchtime for the next two weeks, giving children the chance to test their skills against one of our guest goalkeepers! Every successful penalty that hits the back of the net will earn a House Point, so there's everything to play for!

Then, on Friday 10th, our World Cup project continues as each class learns about the final country in their project.

The big question is... will England still be in the competition? 

### **Midsummer Dancing**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Midsummer Dancing yesterday. It was a great afternoon with some fantastic performances from the children, including our Hawthorn Horrors. It's so lovely to be able to share our school traditions every year.

### **The Tempest**

At the time of writing our Y6 children are preparing to deliver their performances of The Tempest! The children have been working hard over recent weeks, alongside Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre, to bring this classic Shakespeare play to life, and we can't wait for you to see it!

### **EYFS Cake Sale**

The cake sale will be taking place after school today. All monies raised will go towards school events, such as Toast & Tales and Celebration Assemblies.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

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## Summer Holiday Camp

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*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.*

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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://jpbbl.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"**





## This Week's Playground Champions

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

*Darcey - Ash*

*Beatrice - Willows*

*Peter - Maples*

*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

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*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: 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 BASKETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

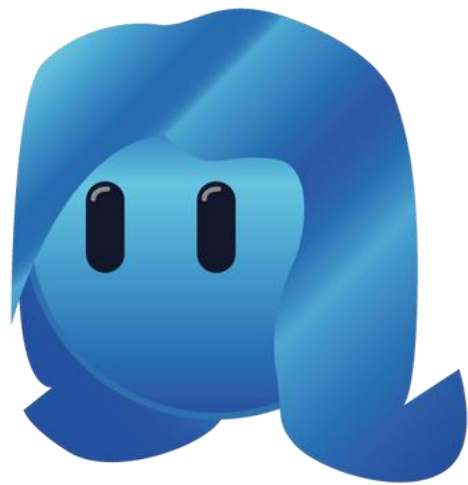
### ReachMoreParents - New Parent App

*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 for activities relating to this academic year. 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 will be sending login details out before the end of term so that you can book Breakfast and After School Clubs on ParentPay for September.*

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## House Points so far...



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

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**Air - 1850 points**



## Top Tips for Managing Digital Boundaries for Under-5s

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 DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

- 1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST**

For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an 'ask a grown-up first' rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.
- 2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS**

Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, bath time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.
- 3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT**

Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.
- 4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN**

Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider casting content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.
- 5 PLAN THE TRANSITION**

The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.
- 6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared 'phone home', such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.
- 7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE**

Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.
- 8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES**

Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed 'yes space', such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.
- 9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS**

Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.
- 10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT**

Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food, with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital 'sugar rushes'.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Neha Agarwal is the founder of Cyber Ved Kids, an innovative educational initiative that transforms complex cybersecurity concepts into engaging, age-appropriate adventures for children aged 3-10. With her unique background leading cybersecurity services for corporates and serving as an expert panel advisor on Internet Matters, Neha brings corporate-grade cybersecurity expertise to the early years world.

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**The National College**

### Online Safety and Scams

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

[Staying Safe During School Holidays](#)

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](#)

## Join our School Lottery



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

**It's As Easy As**



- 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!

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**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**  
and search for: Hawthorn Community

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

## 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](mailto: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**

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## ***Kettering Library***

*Kettering Library will re-open back in its original building on Sheep Street on Monday 6th July.*

*The building has been closed since 2023 for essential maintenance. Pop along and check out the updates!*

## ***Messy Mayhem Creative Play***

*Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm*

*St Michael's Church, Garfield Street*

*£6 per child*

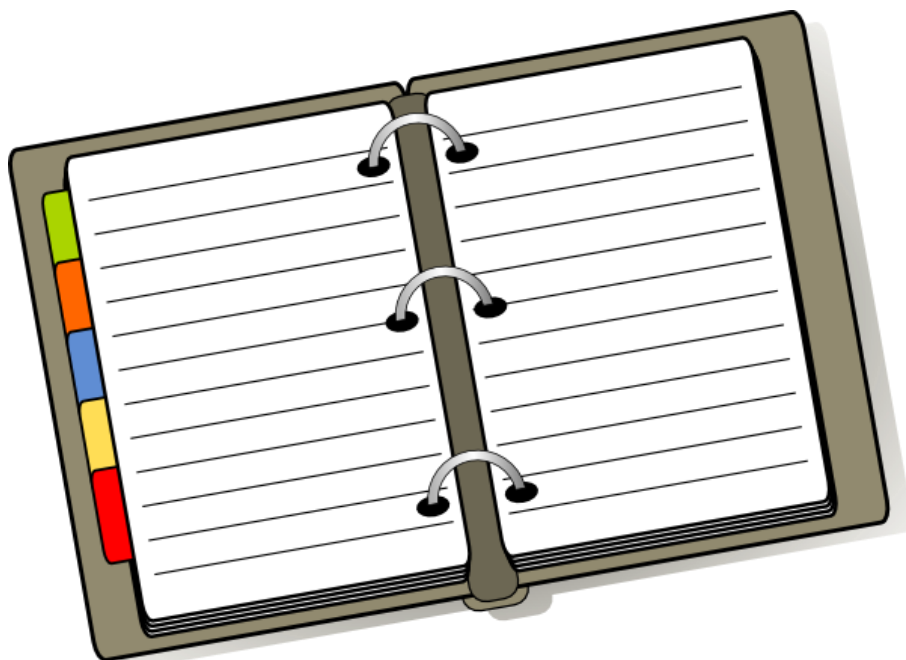
*Suitable for children from when they can sit!*

*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](mailto:MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com)*

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## **Dates For Your Diary...**



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

*EYFS Cake Sale*

**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 (YR-5)*

*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 (2.30 pm)*

*3.40-5pm: Parent drop-ins*

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

*Grand final penalty shoot-out*

*End of Year Reports go out (Y6)*

**Fri 17th July:** *Rocksteady Concert (2 pm)*

*FOH Summer Fair - details to follow*

**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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