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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy week here at Hawthorn...and next week looks to be similar!

UKS2 visit Twinlakes

UKS2 will visit Twinlakes on Tuesday (21st July) for a fun day of confidence and friendship building! Please make sure children remember to wear suncream, take a sun hat, a packed lunch and a bottle of water. If you have ordered a lunch from Kingswood this will be delivered to school first thing in the morning. The coach will leave school just after morning registration and should return to school by the end of the school day. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Choir Performance of 'Dragon Days'

Our Hawthorn choir will be performing for parents on Tuesday (21st July) at 3.40pm in the School Hall. This is a ticketed event and bookings have now closed. The children have been working really hard on this exciting performance with Miss Old and Miss Greener, and we can't wait to share it with you.

House Penalty Shoot-Out

 Despite the disappointing football result this week, our children had a wonderful time taking part in our House Penalty Shoot-Out with some special guest goalies. A massive thank you to all the parents who supported us with this. Yesterday, we had our grand finale with Mr J in goal! We then revealed the winners on the playground and are delighted to announce that the winners of the House Penalty Shoot-Out are....FIRE!!!    

Winning House Ceremony and Picnic

On Wednesday, we will be having a House Picnic followed by our Winner's Ceremony. Please send your child in with a blanket to sit on if you have one. During the Winner's Ceremony we will be revealing the overall winning house for this year and awarding the boy and girl with the highest House Point totals. We will also be revealing our new Y6 Ambassadors for next year and they will be welcomed in to the role by the current Ambassadors.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Sports Day this week! It was a fantastic day and it was great to see the children do so well. A massive thank you as always to St Peter's School for hosting us and also to Mr J for organising such a brilliant day. The Sports Crewe were also amazing and kept everyone in order, so well done! Well done to Water (winners of KS2 Sports Day) and Earth (winners of EYFS/KS1 Sports Day).

Y6

Next week, we will say goodbye to our Y6 children and we have some exciting events in store.

On Thursday afternoon (2.15pm) we will gather in the playground for the Y6 Leavers Ceremony and this will be followed by the Leavers' Party in the evening (5-7pm). On Friday, we will form our whole-school leavers' arch to give the Y6s a fantastic send-off. Thank you to the parents who have helped out in ensuring this year's Y6s have a week to remember!

This week our Y6s received their KS2 SATs results. A huge well done to the children, we are very proud of the progress you have made and we know you will go on to secondary school with a excellent foundation on which to build.

Today you will receive your child's Year 6 report which also outlines their SATs result. Please take the time to read this and share successes with your children.

Summer Fun Day

A big thank you to the Friends of Hawthorn for organising a fantastic Summer Fun Day for our children today! It was great to see them joining in with the different activities and raising money at the same time!

Best wishes,

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

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://pbb.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:

- *Jessie*
- *Garvit*

- Sonny S

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!

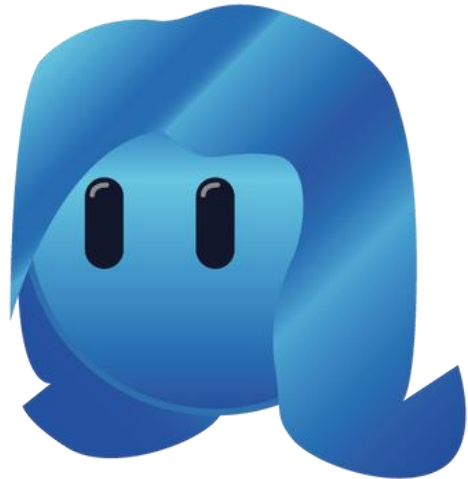
ReachMoreParents

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. Login details were sent out earlier this week by email. Please login as soon as you can so that any login issues are sorted before we close for the holidays. You will be able to make Breakfast and After School Clubs payments and residential trip payments immediately.

House Points so far...



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

Air - 1993 points

Fire - 2087 points

Water - 2123 points

Earth - 2196 points

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Maples, Willows and Redwoods lead with 98% this week. Well done!

Maples: 98%

Willows: 98%

Redwoods: 98%

Cedars: 97%

Ash: 96%

Cherries: 95%

Silver Birches: 95%

Oaks: 93%

Bay: 92%

Elm: 91%

Apples: 88%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Skin Betting

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 SKIN BETTING

'Skin betting' is the term used when players gamble using virtual in-game items, such as weapon 'skins' or character cosmetics. Although these items appear purely decorative, some can hold significant real-world value. Research suggests that children as young as 13 have engaged in this type of betting, often on sites with limited age checks or safeguards, blurring the line between gaming and gambling.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNREGULATED PLATFORMS

Skin gambling typically takes place on third-party websites that are not licensed or regulated. These platforms often lack age verification, making them easily accessible to children. By linking their gaming accounts, users can deposit skins, place bets, and withdraw winnings as cash or higher-value items - often without adults being aware these activities are happening.

REAL-WORLD VALUE

Skins may look like simple cosmetic upgrades to in-game items and characters, but some are worth hundreds or even thousands of pounds. They can be traded or sold on online marketplaces, meaning they function much like real money. When young people bet with skins, they are risking items of genuine financial value, even if no physical cash is exchanged directly.

INFLUENCER PROMOTION

Some gaming influencers and streamers have promoted skin betting sites in their content. This can make the behaviour appear normal or even desirable, potentially encouraging younger audiences to engage in these activities without fully understanding the risks involved.

SOCIAL STATUS PRESSURE

In games such as Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) and Fortnite, rare skins can act as status symbols. Young players may feel the pressure to own high-value items to fit in with peers. This can lead them to take risks - such as using gambling sites - to obtain desirable skins, similar to how branded goods can influence behaviour offline.

LIMITED OVERSIGHT

Skin betting can take place both in-game and on external websites that parents and educators may not be familiar with. Because skin betting does not always resemble traditional gambling, it can go unnoticed until significant losses have occurred, in both items or money.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Skin betting mirrors many aspects of traditional gambling, including chance-based outcomes, reward systems and excitement. Early exposure to these mechanics can normalise betting behaviours before children and young people even reach legal gambling age. Research indicates that this may increase the likelihood of developing unhealthy habits later, particularly if early wins create a false sense of control or skill.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UNDERSTAND IN-GAME ITEMS

Familiarise yourself with the games young people are playing and learn whether they include tradable or sellable items. Titles like CS:GO and Rust are known for skin marketplaces, but similar systems are increasingly common across games.

LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS

Be alert to changes in behaviour, such as secrecy around gaming, a strong focus on acquiring specific skins, or a sudden loss of in-game items. These could indicate involvement in skin gambling and provide an opportunity to start a conversation about it.

DISCUSS VALUE AND RISK

Help children and young people understand that cosmetic items like skins can carry real-world value. Explain that losing them through betting is comparable to losing money, therefore reinforcing the connection between in-game actions and real financial consequences.

USE CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS

Make use of parental controls and platform settings to restrict trading, purchases, and access to external websites. Where possible, disable marketplace features on games and monitor young people's account activity to reduce the risk of unauthorised transactions.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is Head of Foundation and Programme Lead for Esports Coaching at the University Campus of Esports.
Bubba Gaeddert is a Senior Lecturer and Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports, as well as President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation.

See full reference list on our website

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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](#)

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SCHOOL
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JOIN OUR LOTTERY



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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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



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yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: **Hawthorn Community**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Community News & Events

REPAIR CAFE Kettering

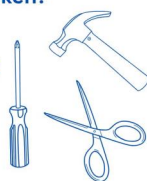


BIN IT? NO WAY!

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

COMMUNITY CREATIVITY CONNECTION

FREE ENTRY

Analogue Afternoons

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

1PM - 4PM

**SUNDAYS
9TH AUGUST
& 13TH SEPT**

**BRING YOUR HOBBIES
TAKE PART IN CREATIVE
COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**ENJOY TIME AWAY
FROM SCREENS
OUTSIDE IN NATURE**

**AT THE GREEN PATCH
VALLEY WALK, KETTERING
NN16 0LU**

Green Patch Community Garden





Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

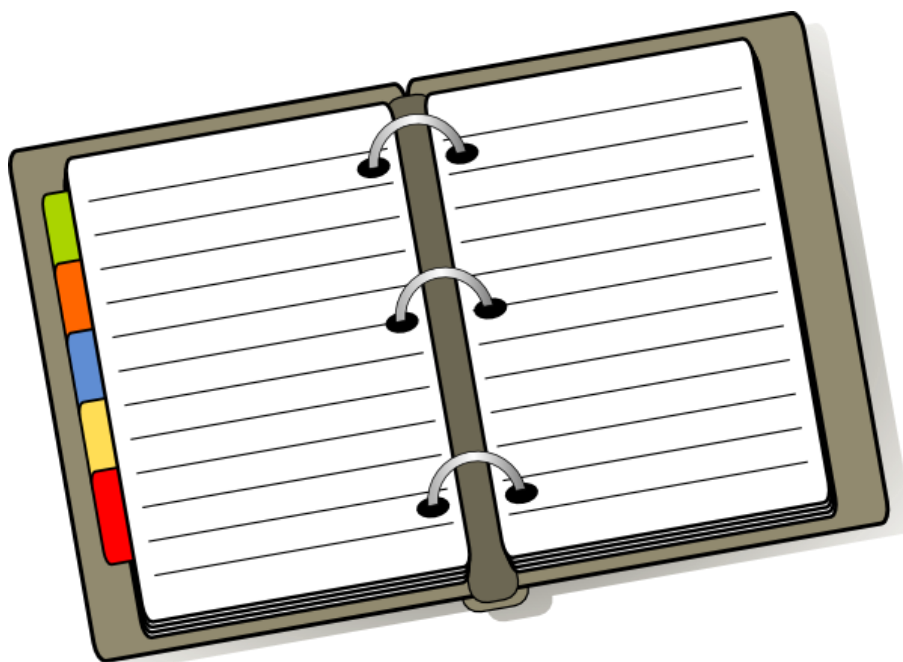
£6 per child

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 17th July: Rocksteady Concert (2 pm)

FOH Summer Fun Day

End of Year Reports go out (Y6)

Tues 21st July: UKS2 trip to Twin Lakes

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

3.40pm: Choir Performance of Dragon Days

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

House Picnic & Winners' Ceremony - children 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



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD