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	Hawthorn Community Primary School <i>The Hawthorn Herald</i>	
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Queuing at School Entrances

A reminder when dropping children off in the morning at the Hawthorn Road entrance: please queue along the Hawthorn school fence. Please do not stand directly in front of the gate or outside our neighbour's house, where the cone is positioned.

In the afternoons, please ensure that you queue along the Hawthorn school fences on both Hawthorn Road and Broadway. We would also ask that everyone respects our neighbours' privacy and property by not sitting on the walls of our neighbouring houses on Broadway.

Thank you for your support with this and for helping us to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Toast & Tales

Next week, Year 2 will be hosting Toast & Tales on Tuesday (29th) and Year 1 on Weds (30th). We look forward to seeing the parents who have signed up for this event which takes place at 8.20am in the hall for breakfast and a book.

Harvest Festival

On Friday (2nd Oct) we will be holding our school Harvest Festival. Parents are welcome to join us on the playground for the celebration. The Broadway gates will open at 2.25pm ready for a 2.30pm start.

We will be collecting donations for Home Start Kettering. More than 30 Home Start volunteers visit families across Kettering at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. The scheme also holds a Christmas party for the families they support, and each family is provided with a food hamper to take home with them.

Please bring donations into school on the morning of Friday 2nd October. Donations can include tins, packets, sweets, essentials such as toothpaste, shower gel or luxury items. Please do not send in fresh produce.

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th October

*Our first parents evenings of this academic year will be held soon. We encourage all parents to attend as this is an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing with their teacher. Appointments can be booked on the **Reach More Parents App**.*

Reception Houses

On Monday, we held a Sorting Ceremony for our new Reception children, where they found out which House they will be in for their time at Hawthorn. Please see the letter that came out earlier in the week, detailing which house your Reception child has gone into and the aims of our Hawthorn House System! It was great to see the children so excited about joining their new houses!

Sponsored Bounce!

Our whole school Sponsored Bounce went very well last week. A massive thank you to everyone who has brought in sponsorship money. If you have any remaining sponsorship money please could you send it into school asap. All the monies raised will go towards the celebration events held at Hawthorn: Toast and Tales, Celebration Assembly Afternoon Teas and book prizes for the reading raffle, etc.

Playground Champions

This week's Playground Champions are:

- *Joshua*

- *Felicity*

- *Felix*

Well done everyone - it's great to see you displaying our values of Teamwork and Thoughtfulness whilst out on the playground!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

Friends of Hawthorn AGM

Everyone welcome!



Please Join Us!

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN AGM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH

15.30

Please collect your child/ren as usual at the end of the school day and sign in at the office. To enable as many parents/carers as possible to attend, a film will be shown for children accompanying them, with adult supervision provided for the duration the meeting.

Contact:
friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com

Reception Intake 2027

Applications have now opened for children who will be of school age next September. You can apply for a primary school place on [Apply for a primary school place | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](#) We would be delighted if you consider Hawthorn for the start of your child's education. We have several school tours taking place throughout this term. Please ring the office on 01536 512204 to book your place on one of our tours.

Autumn Term Clubs

Please see below for details of how to book onto our Autumn Term clubs with EcoCoach.

**ECO COACH**
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STARTING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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ACTIVITY CLUBS**

**AT HAWTHORN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



 DEVELOP
NEW SKILLS,
STAY ACTIVE &
MAKE NEW
FRIENDS!

 **SAFE**
A safe and
welcoming
environment

 **ACTIVE**
Fun, engaging
activities every
week

 **SUPPORTIVE**
Caring staff
who know your
children

**FOR KS1 (INCLUDING RECEPTION)
AND KS2 CHILDREN**

FUN. FITNESS. FRIENDS. EVERY CHILD. EVERY TIME.

 **WEDNESDAYS**
KS1 DANCE CLUB
STARTS 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026
WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS

 **FRIDAYS**
KS2 TAG CLUB
STARTS 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026
FRIDAYS, 7 SESSIONS

 **TIME:**
3:30PM – 4:30PM

 **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:
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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.
- ✓ THERE ARE PLACES RESERVED FOR
FSM CHILDREN.
- ✓ IF THESE PLACES 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,
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 **SECURE BOOKING**

 **ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY**

 **WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF
SPORTS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR PLACE NOW!**

October Holiday Club

Bookings for our October Holiday Club, run by EcoCoach, are now open.

The club will run from Mon 26th - Friday 30th October.

See the flyer below to make a booking.

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ACTIVE CHILDREN
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

**OCTOBER
HALF-TERM
CAMP**

HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLAY • EXPLORE • CREATE • BELONG

**MOVE.
MAKE.
PLAY.
REPEAT.**

MAKE FRIENDS
BUILD CONFIDENCE
STAY ACTIVE
HAVE FUN!

Five days of sport, creativity, games and the freedom to choose what you enjoy.

GAMES & SPORTS
NERF BATTLES
LASER TAG
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HALLOWEEN-THEMED ACTIVITIES
ARTS & CRAFTS
MOVEMENT & DANCE
FREE PLAY & MORE

WHEN
MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

TIMES
9:00AM – 3:00PM
LATE COLLECTION UNTIL 4:00PM

WHERE
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHO
AGES 4 – 11

OFSTED REGISTERED
Safe, high-quality childcare you can trust.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
Get 17% off all bookings made by 1st October 2026!
Use code: **EC017**

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Card payments accepted
Child Tax Free Account (CTF)
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**LIMITED SPACES
BOOK EARLY!**

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY
pbbi.uk/EcoCoach
Late collection can be added during booking.

#EveryChildPlays

MORE THAN A CAMP.
A BRIGHTER HALF TERM.



House Points

There's been a change at the top!

Air: 121

Fire: 123

Water: 131

Earth: 139

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Cherries is in the lead again this week! Well done!

Cherries: 99%

Redwoods: 98%

Apples: 97%

Oaks: 97%

Willows: 97%

Bay: 97%

Maples: 96%

Silver Birches: 96%

Ash: 92%

Elm: 91%

Cedars: 91%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Discord

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 DISCORD

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord Nitro, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view on activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, and The New Statesman.

See full reference list on our website

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Online Safety and Scams

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

[Back to School](#)

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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1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

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3

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and search for: **Hawthorn Community**

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Community News & Events

REPAIR CAFE Kettering

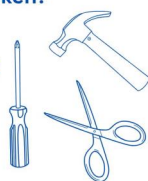


BIN IT? NO WAY!

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Kitchen knives
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Bicycles
Electronics
Jewellery
and more!



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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

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

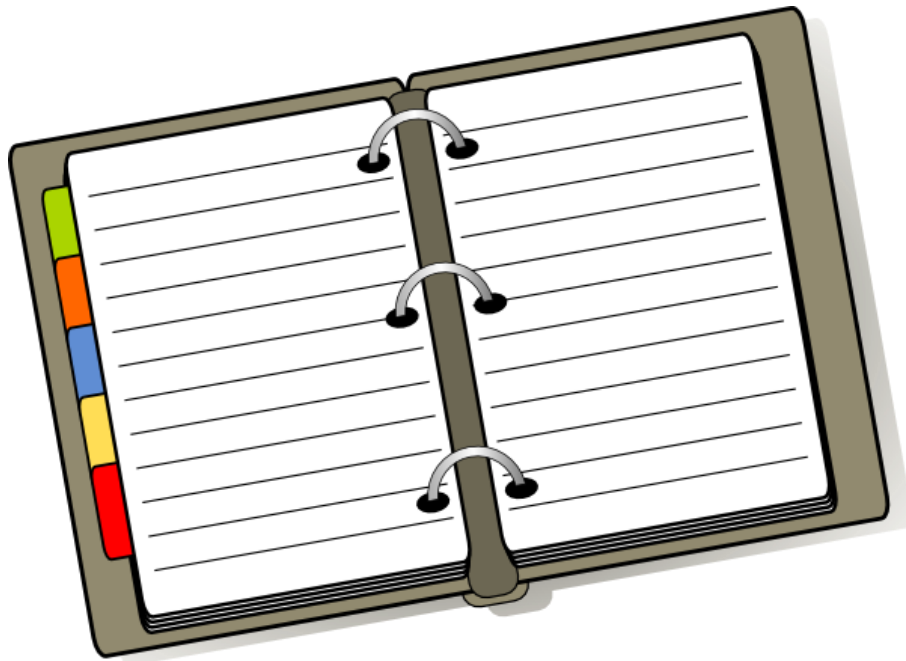
£6 per child

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 25th Sept: Maths Workshop for new Reception parents (2.45pm)

Tues 29th Sept: Y2 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

New Parent Intake Tour - Reception 2027 (4pm)

Weds 30th Sept: Y1 Toast & Tales

Thurs 1st Oct: National Poetry Day

National Holocaust Centre in for Y5 & 6

Fri 2nd Oct: Harvest Festival (2.30pm)

Mon 5th Oct: Pumpkin House Challenge begins - info to follow!

Tues 6th Oct: Parents Evening - starting at 3.30pm

Weds 7th Oct: Whole-school flu vaccinations

Thurs 8th Oct: Parents Evening - starting at 3.30pm

Mon 12th Oct: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

Tues 13th Oct: School Photos

Friends of Hawthorn AGM at school (3.30pm)

New Parent Intake Tour - Reception 2027 (4pm)

Weds 14th Oct: EYFS Toast & Tales

Thurs 15th Oct: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Y6 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

New Parent Intake Tour - Reception 2027 (4pm)

Fri 16th Oct: EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Break Up

*******HALF TERM*******

Mon 2nd Nov: Back to school



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD