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Hawthorn Community Primary School

The Hawthorn Herald

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pumpkin House Challenge

Our newly elected Hawthorn School Council will be launching the Pumpkin Challenge next week! Children are invited to decorate pictures of pumpkins, making them as creative as possible! The winners will receive house points to go towards their house challenge. Bonus points will be awarded for children who then go on to carve their own pumpkins at home in their picture's design!

School Photographs

JS Photography for Schools will be visiting on Tuesday (13th) to take individual pupil photographs and photos of siblings who attend our school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform, including their school jumper or cardigan. If your child normally has PE on this day, please send them to school in their uniform and provide their PE kit for them to change into later. If you would like your child to have a photo taken with a pre-school sibling, please come to the school office at 8:30am. We will be unable to accommodate sibling photographs after 8:45am. You will be emailed directly by JS Photography for Schools with a proof of your child's photograph. Any orders should be placed online using the details provided. There is no obligation to purchase the photos.

Toast & Tales

Toast & Tales will take place next week on Wednesday (14th) for EYFS. Please come along to the school hall at 8.20am to share some breakfast and a book with your child. We look forward to seeing those of you who have signed up for this event.

Celebration Assemblies

We will be holding our celebration assemblies on Thursday and Friday of next week to celebrate our first value of the year: Community. The teachers have chosen our Hawthorn Heroes for this value - they are children who have gone above and beyond this term in demonstrating our value of Community. If your child has been chosen, you will have received an invitation to the assembly followed by a celebratory afternoon tea afterwards. If you have not yet confirmed your attendance please do so today.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Year 6 will be holding their annual cake sale on Thursday (15th) to raise money for school funds. Donations of cakes from Year 6 families will be gratefully received. The cake sale will be held on the Broadway playground, under the gazebos at the end of the day

Parents Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents at our first parents' evenings of the year this week. Thank you so much for attending and supporting your child. And a big thank you to our wonderful ambassadors who greeted everyone so politely! If you were unable to come to parents evening, please contact your child's class teacher and arrange a time to meet with them. It's important that you know how your child has settled into their new class and how they are doing in school.

Harvest Hampers

This week, our Hawthorn Community Reps and Ambassadors delivered some harvest hampers out to neighbours in our school community, nominated by you. Our neighbours were delighted with the hampers and enjoyed chatting to the children who delivered them. For some, it was the highlight of their week. Thank you all again for your generous donations, which enabled our children to experience the joy of giving.

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns will be taking place in The Palm on Monday (12th) from 2-3pm. Please sign up on EventBrite using the link below:

Little Hawthorns

Data Checking

Your child should have brought home a data sheet for checking this week. Please check the details carefully and if you have any changes or amendments please amend on the sheet and return it to the office by Friday 16th October.

Playground Champions

This week's Playground Champions are:

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- *Jahfari*
 - *Oghosa*
 - *Abraham*
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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.

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STARTING 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

**AFTER-SCHOOL
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)

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INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE
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- ✓ 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.
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 **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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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
UV GAMES
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.

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Late collection can be added during booking.

#EveryChildPlays

MORE THAN A CAMP.
A BRIGHTER HALF TERM.



House Points

Who is in the lead?

Fire: 253

Air: 276

Earth: 281

Water: 283

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Cherries and Cedars take the lead this week - well done!

Cherries: 99%

Cedars: 99%

Ash: 98%

Silver Birches: 96%

Maples: 96%

Willows: 95%

Elm: 94%

Oaks: 94%

Bay: 93%

Apples: 92%

Redwoods: 92%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About... AI-Enabled Scams

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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI, however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing campaigns harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been exploited on an alternative to password-based login. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 18-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and asked for a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as a tax helpline.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 280 reports of sextortion. Amazingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 17 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.

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Online Safety and Scams

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

[Digital Technology](#)

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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Community News & Events

REPAIR CAFE Kettering

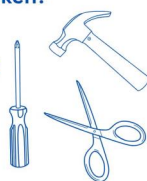


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Jewellery
and more!



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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

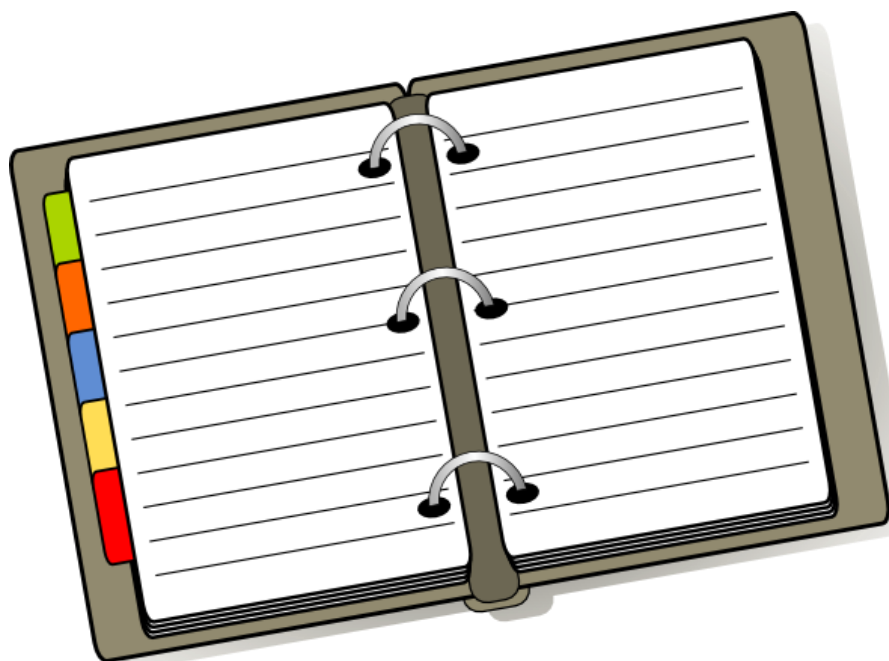
Do I need to book?

No, just turn up with your item.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact repaircafekettering@gmail.com

Dates For Your Diary...



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

Mon 16th Nov: Little Hawthorns

Tues 24th Nov: New Parent Intake Tour - Reception 2027 (4pm)

Tues 1st Dec: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (1pm)

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

Weds 9th Dec: EYFS Nativity for Parents - Performance 1 (9.30am)

KS2 Christmas Concert at St Peter and St Paul Church, Market Place, Kettering

(1.30pm)

Thurs 10th Dec: EYFS Nativity for Parents - Performance 2 (1.30pm)

Mon 14th Dec: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

Tues 15th Dec: KS1 Christingle Making Workshop (2.30pm)

Weds 16th Dec: KS1 Christingle at St Michael's Church (2.15pm)

Thurs 17th Dec: Kingswood Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th Dec: Santa's Grotto

Carols Around the Tree

Break UP



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD