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The Hawthorn Herald

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parking

A reminder to please park safely and considerately.

We have received an increasing number of phone calls from concerned local residents who have seen cars being parked dangerously on the corners of Hawthorn Road and Garfield/Argyle Street during the school run.

Parking on corners blocks visibility and is a safety risk to our children, families and other road users.

Please ensure you do not obstruct corners, crossings or visibility when you park.

We all have a responsibility to keep our children and wider community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Bean Bag Competition

Today we held the final of this term's House Challenge: The Great Hawthorn Beanbag Throw! We're delighted to announce that the winning house was: Earth!!! A massive well done to

everyone in Earth, especially Kuba and George D who led their house to victory!!! This means that Earth retains the House Challenge Cup (Beanbag Challenge) for the second year in a row!!

Celebration Assemblies

Next week, we will be holding our Celebration Assemblies to celebrate our Hawthorn Heroes for our value of Teamwork. These heroes are children who have gone above and beyond to celebrate this value. Afterwards, the Hawthorn Heroes and their parents will be treated to a celebratory afternoon tea. If your child has been selected as one of the heroes you will have received a letter inviting you to the assembly.

Hawthorn Christmas Fair

Next Friday (4th Dec), it is our Hawthorn Christmas Fair, organised by the Friends of Hawthorn. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their uniform. During the day, the children will visit the fair and have the chance to take part in a range of fun, festive activities. Tickets to the fair cost £3.00. If you have not already signed your child up to the fair, you can do so by via Parent Pay.

School Council

On Wednesday, we welcomed Councillor Polly Shackleton to school to meet with our School Council. Cllr Shackleton is both a local Kettering councillor and a North Northamptonshire councillor. She spoke to the children about her role, responsibilities and how councillors help and support people within the local community. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of activities that explored the day-to-day tasks involved in her work. They also completed a budgeting challenge, discussing and prioritising different projects and services, which helped them develop their decision-making skills and gain a deeper understanding of how local government works. The children were excellent ambassadors for Hawthorn and greatly valued this opportunity. They are already looking forward to future opportunities to work with Cllr Shackleton and to think of ways of supporting our Hawthorn community.

EcoCoach wins award!

Congratulations to EcoCoach CIC, our sport and holiday club providers, who last week won the Community Organisation/Group Award at the North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2026.

The award recognises organisations using physical activity to engage people who face barriers to participation and make a positive difference within their communities.

We're delighted to support EcoCoach CIC with their important work and proud to have them here at Hawthorn making a difference for our pupils.

Christmas Holiday Club

Christmas Holiday Club, provided by our sports provider EcoCoach, will run between Mon 21st - Weds 23rd Dec and Weds 29th - Weds 30th Dec. Please see the flyer below for details on how to book your place.

December Doughnut Day!

To celebrate the start of the Christmas season, we're holding a Doughnut Day on:

Tuesday 1st December

Please book via ParentPay Minimum donation: 50p per doughnut

All funds raised will go towards supporting our Parent & Child events, helping us create special experiences for our Hawthorn families.

Thank you for your support!

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need this year. We raised an amazing £165.20 to support young people facing challenge.

Playground Champions

This week's Playground Champions are:

- *Scarlett-Mae*
- *Clara*

- *Charlie F*

Well done everyone for displaying such fantastic behaviours on the playground!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



*1 - **Cllr Shackleton with our School Councillors***


FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN
CHRISTMAS
FAIR
£3
per child
FRIDAY 4TH
DECEMBER 2026
We invite the children to come to our mini fair during the school day! They will be able to enjoy traditional Hawthorn fair games with their friends and everyone will win at least two prizes with chances to win more.
Please come to school in uniform but, if you have one, you are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of your school one!
Could you volunteer to help on the day? Please email us or reach out!
ORGANISED BY THE FOH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
FRIENDSOFHAWTHORNKETTERING@GMAIL.COM


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Hawthorn Christmas Family Events

We are looking forward to welcoming families into school to celebrate the festive season with us over the next couple of weeks. All the sessions are now fully booked.

Any children who are not attending these events will have access to the same special Christmas activities within lunch club.

We look forward to celebrating with you this Christmas. 🎄

Reception Intake 2027

Applications are open 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 2 clubs with EcoCoach.

ECOCOACH CIC

Ofsted REGISTERED

STARTING 2ND NOVEMBER 2026

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPORT. MOVEMENT. FRIENDSHIPS. BRIGHTER FUTURES.



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

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



WEDNESDAYS

KS1 GYMNASTICS CLUB

STARTS 4TH NOVEMBER 2026
7 SESSIONS

YEAR GROUPS:
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2



FRIDAYS

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB

STARTS 6TH NOVEMBER 2026
6 SESSIONS
(NO SESSION ON 11TH DECEMBER)

YEAR GROUPS:
YEARS 3 – 6

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:

- 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

1. PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
2. THERE ARE PLACES RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
3. IF THESE PLACES ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES.
4. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN.
5. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

BOOK HERE

HTTPS://PBBL.UK/ECOCOACHCIC

SECURE BOOKING

ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK AND FUN!

SEE YOU THERE!

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FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT: GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK

WWW.ECO-COACH.CO.UK



House Points

Well done Earth! Back at the top of the leader board!

Fire: 711

Water: 739

Air: 816

Earth: 911

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Excellent attendance this week with 8 classes achieving 97% and above.

Apples: 98%

Cherries: 98%

Silver Birches: 98%

Cedars: 98%

Oaks: 98%

Ash: 97%

Redwoods: 97%

Willows: 97%

Maples: 93%

Bay: 91%

Elm: 90%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Grand Theft Auto 6 (GTA VI)



Online Safety and Scams

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

Online Grooming

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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Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust

Please support Harper, one of our LKS2 children, who is raising money for the Little Princesses Trust. The Trust not only funds vital research, but also provides free real-hair wigs to children and young people facing hair loss from cancer or other conditions. Harper has chosen to donate her hair and is aiming to raise £1500 to fund two wigs for children in need. If you would like to support Harper, please follow the link below:

Harper's Fundraising Page

Join our School Lottery

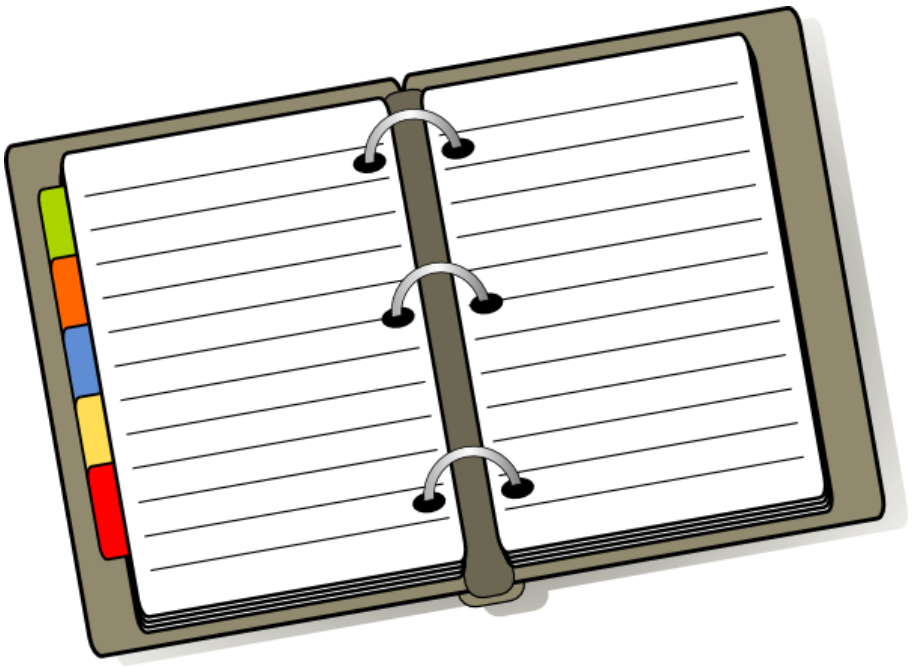


Community News & Events





Dates For Your Diary...



Mon 30th Nov: *KS1 Christmas Family Afternoon*

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

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

December Doughnut Day (on playground, end of day)

Reception 2027: New intake tour (4pm)

Weds 2nd Dec: *UKS2 Christmas Family Afternoon*

EYFS Stay & Play 2.15-3pm

Thurs 3rd Dec: *UKS2 Christmas Family Afternoon*

EYFS Stay & Play 2.15-3pm

Fri 4th Dec: *LKS2 Christmas Family Afternoon*

Mon 7th Dec*: Reception 2027: New intake tour (10.30 am)*

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 (2.00pm)*

Mon 14th Dec: *Reception 2027: New intake tour (10.30am)*

Little Hawthorns (1.30-3pm)

Tues 15th Dec: *Y3 trip to the Panto (1.15pm)*

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