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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our KS2 Christmas Musical Evening this week. I hope you enjoyed it, what a wonderful start to our Christmas festivities! Thank you to all the children involved, the teachers for doing such a great job and to all our parents and carers for supporting the event.

Choosing Ceremony

On Tuesday, we will be holding our Choosing Ceremony for our new Hawthorn House system!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the vote for our House names...we now have the winning names! They are top secret and won't be revealed until the ceremony on Tuesday! During the ceremony, children and staff will find out which houses they are in, the Hawthorn Choir will sing an uplifting song and there will be lots of excitement and cheering...if you live locally, you may hear us! Please ask your child which house they are in and what their house colours are! Further information about our house system will come out to you in the coming weeks.

Chewing Gum

Please make sure your child does not come to school with chewing gum. This week, blobs of gum have been found on the carpet in some of our younger classes. Chewing gum is a choking hazard for younger children and it also damages our carpets! Thank you.

Next Week's Christmas Events:

KS1 Christingle Workshop

On Tuesday, KS1 will be hosting their Christingle workshop in the school hall. This fun-filled workshop will give you the opportunity to make Christingles with your children. We will have the Friends of Hawthorn on hand to provide refreshments. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £1 to go towards the Christingles. Please pay on MCAS in the store. No cash please. Please let us know if you will be coming to the workshop by completing the form using the link below:

[*KS1 Christingle Workshop*](#)

Reception Nativity

On Wednesday, we will be holding our Reception Nativity 'The Wriggly Nativity' at 9.30 am and 6 pm. If your child is taking part in the nativity please ensure they are back at school by 5.35pm for the 6pm performance. If you have requested tickets, they will be distributed by teachers on Monday. If you are coming to the 9.30am performance please join us for refreshments which will be served in the hall from 9am.

KS1 Christingle Service

On Thursday at 2.15pm, Key Stage 1 will hold their annual Christingle service at St Michael's Church, Garfield Street. During the event, the children will tell the story of the Christingle and sing some Christmas songs. This event will be ticketed and due to the capacity of the church, places will be limited to 2 tickets per family and some people may be required to stand.

Tickets will be distributed on Monday.

Carols Around the Tree

Please join us at 3pm on Friday 20th December for Carols Around the Tree. This will take place at 3pm on the main playground. Entry via the Broadway gates at 2.55pm. The children will sing a selection of Christmas songs, with which you are welcome to join in, and the Friends of Hawthorn will have refreshments available. This year, we are delighted to announce that the Hawthorn Choir will be joining us to lead some of the Christmas songs.

Foodbank

Thank you for the donations to our Hawthorn Food Bank, including a large donation from the Friends of Hawthorn. If you need to make use of the Food Bank, please message Mrs Brown before we break up.

Holiday Club

Please note due to very low numbers, we will no longer be running Holiday Club on 23.12.2024. If you have already paid for this session, you will be refunded.

School Uniform Discount Code

My Clothing are offering a 10% discount on school uniform. Please use the code UNIFORM10 on your order. This offer expires on 20th December.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

Christmas Round-Up

It's been a busy week of festive activities! Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Crafts sessions yesterday. It was great to welcome so many parents in to school for this event. A big thank you to Mrs Brown, our Family Support Worker, for organising the craft sessions.

KS2 also had an amazing trip to the Lighthouse Theatre today to watch the pantomime Beauty and the Beast.



1 - Christmas Crafts in The Palm





Rocksteady Concerts

Well done to all of our amazing Rocksteady performers this week. Our KS2 and KS1 bands held performances for parents and carers and they were all fantastic, full of confidence and energy. What a fantastic way to end our week! Thank you for supporting our future rock stars and singing along with them!





Friends of Hawthorn - Upcoming Events

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 22ND - Jam Jar Non-Uniform Day

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 6TH - Christmas Fair Day
TUESDAY 17TH - Christingle Refreshments
FRIDAY 20TH - Rainbow Raffle Day
FRIDAY 20TH - Carols Refreshments

Could you volunteer to help at these events?
Contact 07792 510671

ORGANISED BY THE FOH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
FRIENDSOFHAWTHORNKETTERING@GMAIL.COM

RAINBOW



XMAS JUMPER DAY & HAMPER RAFFLE

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

You are invited to wear your Christmas jumpers to school for the day!

Please bring in an item to donate to our Rainbow Raffle Hampers in the colour of your year group...

EYFS - **Red**

Year 1 - **Orange**

Year 2 - **Yellow**

Year 3 - **Green**

Year 4 - **Blue**

Year 5 - **Pink or Purple**

Year 6 - **Black or White**

This can include drinks, sweets, snacks, toiletries, stationery, games, toys etc



Any questions, please contact
friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com

HAMPER RAFFLE

Top prize - **£100 cash**

2nd prize - **£50 cash**

plus at least 9 amazing family hampers to be won to enjoy over the Christmas holidays!

Purchase your whole family's entries on MCAS by 3pm on Thursday 19th Dec. £5 = one entry, £10 = two, £15 = three entries...

The raffle draw will be held around 10am and witnessed at school. Winners will be contacted and able to collect prizes from the office.

Please bring donations for the Rainbow Raffle into school on Friday! Thank you.

Spring Term Sports Clubs

EcoCoach, our fabulous sports providers, are delighted to share the launch of two fantastic new clubs next term, based on parent feedback. These are:

KS1 Adventure Club

- **When:** Wednesdays, starting 8th January 2025
- **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- **Year Groups:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



- **Focus:** Fun-filled adventure activities tailored to younger children, blending teamwork, creativity, and active play.
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KS2 Dance & Gymnastics Club

- **When:** Tuesdays, starting 7th January 2025
 - **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - **Year Groups:** Years 3 - 6
 - **Focus:** A perfect mix of dance and gymnastics, helping children build confidence, coordination, and a love for movement.
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Key Information

 **Cost per session:** £5 (General Admission) or £3.50 for Pupil Premium.

 **Booking Link:** <https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach>  **Capacity:** Limited to 20 children per session, with 5 spaces reserved for FSM children. If these spots remain unfilled, they will be offered to those on the waiting list.

Parents can book individual sessions or the whole term, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We're excited to offer these engaging opportunities for your children to stay active, develop skills, and have lots of fun next term. Should you have any questions or require assistance, feel free to contact us at greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk.

We can't wait to see your children in the clubs and look forward to a term filled with sports, teamwork, and excitement!



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL



ECOCOACH PE SOLUTIONS are excited to announce the launch of our new after-school sports clubs for KS1 (including Reception class) and KS2 children, offering an engaging and fun-filled opportunity to develop new skills, stay active, and make new friends!

**KS1 ADVENTURE CLUB: STARTS: 8TH JANUARY 2025
(WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION,
YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 DANCE & GYMNASTICS CLUB: STARTS: 7TH
JANUARY 2025 (TUESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS:
YEARS 3 - 6**

**🕒 TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM 🏠 COST PER SESSION: £5
GENERAL ADMISSION £3.50 FOR FSM CHILDREN
(MUST BE VERIFIED BY SCHOOL).**

**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://BOOKWHEN.COM/ECOCOACH](https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach)

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK,
AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW! FOR ANY INQUIRIES,
PLEASE CONTACT GREENTEAM@ECO-COACH.CO.UK**



Reception Intake 2025

You have until January 15th to apply for a primary school place if your child 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 will be holding two final school tours after the Christmas holidays. Please ring the office on 01536 512204 to book your place on one of our tours. The dates of the tours are at the end of this newsletter.

10 Tips for Safety Over the Festive Season

All 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 Crime 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 SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, travelling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**
Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.
- 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, lights and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**
More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.
- 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.
- 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**
Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place ladders or stools out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**
Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex, with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discouraging packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.
- 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.
- 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY**
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in protecting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.

[#WakeUpWednesday](#) The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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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](#)

Internet Matters also offer [The Family Digital Toolkit](#) where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. [My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice | Internet Matters](#)

Join the Hawthorn School Lottery!

Some years ago, the Friends of Hawthorn set up a school lottery for Hawthorn, through Your School Lottery.

Your School Lottery creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. The lotteries raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils.

There are great prizes to be had, tickets only cost £1 each and apparently there's a high chance of winning! Even better, proceeds go towards improving our school for our Hawthorn children.

If you have not yet signed up the The School Lottery, you can do so, following the link below:

[Your School Lottery: Easy online fundraising for schools & PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)

Community News & Events

Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:

[Hawthorn Primary - Community News and Events \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk)

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			Weldon

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NATIVITY

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER



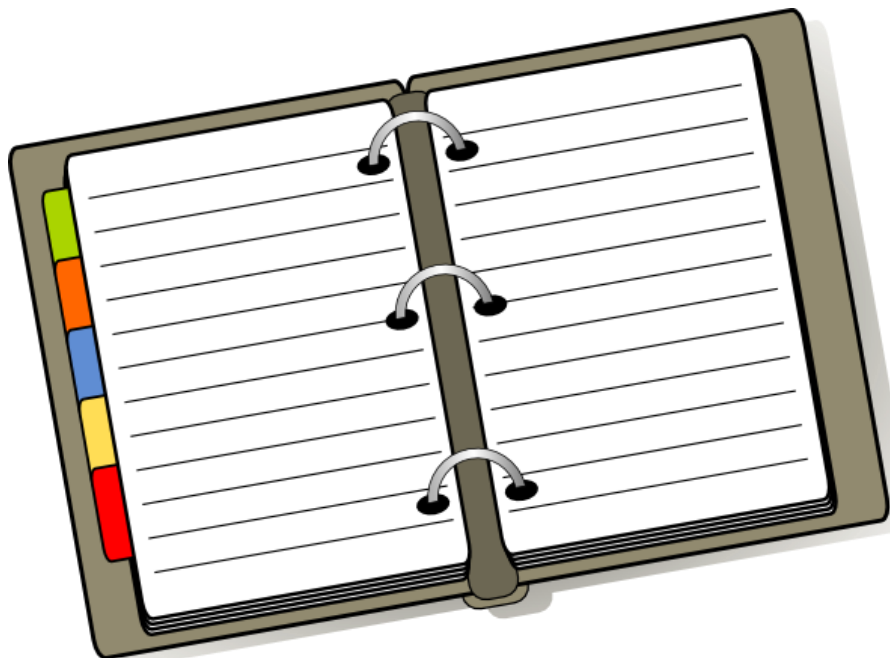
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A NATIVITY CHARACTER**

3.30PM

**WHO WILL YOU BE ...
MARY?
SHEPHERD?
DONKEY?
ANGEL?
SHEEP?**



Dates For Your Diary...



Fri 13th Dec: KS2 Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Lighthouse Theatre

Rocksteady Concert for Fri Bands - parents welcome (2pm)

Tues 17th Dec: Hawthorn Houses 'Choosing Ceremony'

KS1 Christingle workshop - KS1 parents welcome. FoH providing hot chocolate and mince pies (2.30pm)

Weds 18th Dec: EYFS Nativity performances at 9.30am (coffee in the hall from 9am) and 6pm

Thurs 19th Dec: Kingswood Christmas Lunch

KS1 Christingle (2.15pm)

Fri 20th Dec: Rainbow Raffle Day

Santa's Grotto open

Carols Around the Tree, FoH providing hot chocolate and mince pies (3pm)

Break Up

Mon 6th Jan: Back to School

House Launch Day - wear House colours

Tues 7th Jan: Reception 2025 - Parent Tour 4 pm

Thurs 9th Jan: Super Scientist Club starts

Fri 10th Jan: Y4 at Southfields for a Literacy Day

Mon 13th Jan: Reception 2025 - Parent Tour 4 pm
