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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are now back into some sort of a routine! We have a busy Spring Term planned at Hawthorn with lots of exciting events for our children.

House Launch Day

On Monday we held our house launch day. The children took part in House Assemblies before spending the morning learning about what it means to be part of a house, designing their house logo and drawing up their house charters. We introduced the new House Leaders: Fire - Mr Lewis, Water - Miss Harrison, Air - Mrs O'Keefe and Earth - Miss Greener and we also introduced the Y6 ambassadors as the new House Captains. It was a great morning and lovely to see the children working together across the year groups. We have planned in our first house event which will take place later this term.

Children have been working hard to collect house points this week for displaying positive behaviours linked to our six values of Community, Teamwork, Resilience, Respect, Thoughtfulness and Creativity. Please see below for the house point tally and who is in the lead so far!

Year 4 Literacy Day at Southfields

*Year 4 enjoyed an amazing Literacy Day today at Southfields School. The children had a fun day of both literacy and active opportunities which even included use of the climbing wall!
Thank you so much to Southfields for giving us this opportunity.*

Parking

We have had complaints from residents in Broadway about parents parking over their driveways and on white lines when dropping off/ collecting children from school. Please be respectful of our neighbours and ensure you park safely and considerately at all times. The police and traffic wardens continue to carry out regular patrols of our school boundary and are handing out tickets for dangerous parking. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

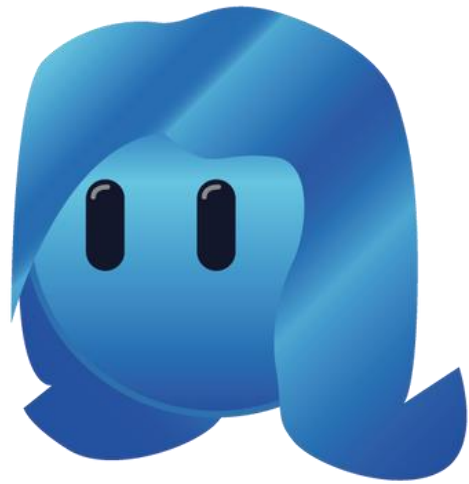
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1 - House Launch Day



House Points so far...



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

Fire - 11 points

Earth - 12 points

Air - 17 points

Water - 18 points!!!

Well done Water...after just one week you are in the lead!! Excellent work everyone, but there's still plenty of time for the leader board to change.

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](mailto:greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk)



FSM DISCOUNT BOOKING STEPS:
CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY: CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) STATUS.
GET DISCOUNT CODE: FORWARD THE CONFIRMATION TO [GREENTEAM@ECO-UKCOACH.CO.UK](mailto:greenteam@eco-ukcoach.co.uk) TO RECEIVE YOUR FSM CODE.
BOOK WITH DISCOUNT: USE THE FSM CODE AT CHECKOUT TO PAY £3.50

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Well done to Cedars who have ended this week with great attendance - 100%! What an amazing start to the term Cedars! Fantastic effort children.

Cedars: 100%

Elm: 99%

Silver Birches: 97%

Bay: 97%

Oaks: 95%

Maples: 95%

Apples: 94%

Cherries: 94%

Redwoods: 93%

Willows: 93%

Ash: 93%

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 \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk) We would be delighted if you consider Hawthorn for the start of your child's education. We will be holding one final school tour on Monday (13th Jan) at 4pm. Please ring the office on 01536 512204 if you would like to attend.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Justalk Kids

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 informal 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 JUSTALK KIDS

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to many fun features such as games they can play with others in a call, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringines and themes.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JustTalk account). The issue behind this is parents; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JustTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

CYBERBULLYING

Drifting chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to send contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username; in theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 53% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 21% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>

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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](#)

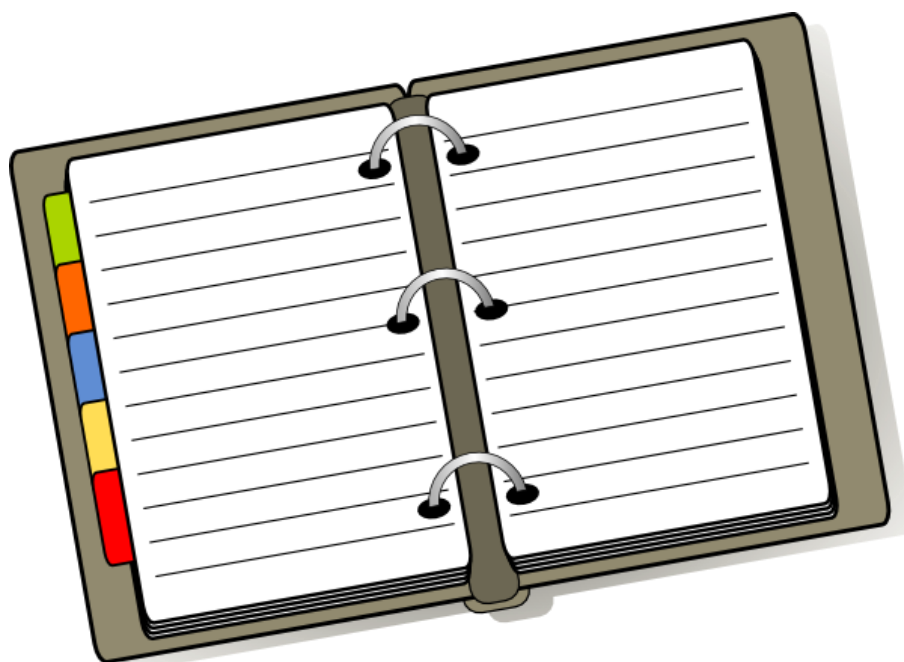
Internet Matters also offer [The Family Digital Toolkit](#) where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. [My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice |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

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)

Dates For Your Diary...



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

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

Tues 23rd Jan: Coffee Afternoon with the School Nurse (2pm)
<https://forms.office.com/e/0ZuYvXGeTc>

Fri 24th Jan: Break the Rules Day (organised by the Friends of Hawthorn)

Weds 29th Jan: EYFS trip to West Lodge Farm

Thurs 6th Feb: *KS1 trip to Sacrewell Farm*

Weds 12th Feb: *2.15pm - EYFS and KS1 Celebration Assembly (invites to follow)*

KS1 Cake Sale

Thurs 13th Feb: *Coffee Afternoon: Storytime, all welcome (2pm)*

2.15pm - KS2 Celebration Assembly (invites to follow)

Silent Discos (organised by the Friends of Hawthorn) for KS1 and KS2
