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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration Assemblies

This week we've held our Celebration Assemblies for this term's value of Resilience. It was wonderful to see so many children receive the Hawthorn Hero badges and enjoy the afternoon tea afterwards. We've spent the term looking at many different ways in which we can be resilient from persevering if we find something hard, to bouncing back after difficult times. Next term's value is Creativity.

End of Term House Point Update

We've had a fantastic first half term celebrating our new house system at Hawthorn. The children have all been earning house points for displaying behaviours linked to our six school values and these points totals have been boosted by our first house event last week - The Hoola Hoop Challenge. Water and Fire were the winners of this challenge and the houses clapped and cheered as we put the blue and red ribbons on our stunning Event Winners Cup. The Event Winners Cup is now displayed in the corridor reading area and will remain with the red and blue ribbons on until the next house challenge...which will be next term. See below for how the the Hoola Hoop Challenge has affected the points totals!

Mrs Martin

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Martin back with us full time as our Inclusion Lead after half term, following her period of maternity leave. Mrs Martin has been in regularly throughout her time off, so many of you will have seen her on the gate! Please contact Mrs Martin if you have any SEND concerns and she will be happy to follow those up on her return.

SATS info evening

On Tuesday (25th Feb) we will be holding a SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents. The event will begin at 3.30pm and will last approximately 30 minutes. During the session, we will explain how we are preparing your children for the tests in May and what you can do at home to support. To book on to this evening please click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SiPvXwEzAz>

Coffee Afternoon - Stories with Grandparents

On Thursday (27th Feb) we will be holding a coffee afternoon - Stories with Grandparents. Grandparents, you are welcome to sign up and come in and read with your grandchildren. The session will begin at 2pm. If you would like to attend, please complete the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qsvuUjymJG>

Please note, places are limited, you will receive confirmation via MCAS on Tuesday 25th February.

Silent Discos

A big thank you to the Friends of Hawthorn for arranging two fabulous silent discos today. We are sure that the children will have a wonderful time dancing and singing and it is a lovely way to end the term. We've got some dates in the diary for more great events hosted by the Friends next term...so watch this space!

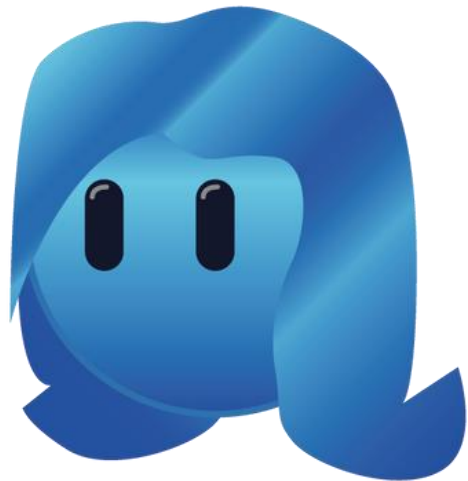
A reminder that we break up today. **Tomorrow, (Friday) there is no school as it is Training Day for staff.** Have a lovely half term and we will see you all back on **Monday 24th February.**

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

House Points so far...



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

Earth - 411 points

Air - 415 points

Fire - 521 points

Water - 579 points!!!

The house point leader board has changed a bit following last week's house challenge, where Fire and Water were victorious! Water are still racing ahead in the lead, but well done Fire for making a come-back!

Spring Term 2 Sports Clubs

Please see below for details of our new clubs starting next term, delivered by EcoCoach:

KS1 Dance and Gymnastics Club



- ***When:*** Wednesdays, starting 26th February 2025
 - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - ***Year Groups:*** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
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KS2 Football Club

- ***When:*** Tuesdays, starting 25th February 2025
 - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 - ***Year Groups:*** Years 3 - 6
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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.



ECOCOACH PE SOLUTIONS **AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS** **AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL** **ECOCOACH GREEN JUNIORS**

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 DANCE & GYMNASTICS CLUB: STARTS: 26TH FEBRUARY 2025 (WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB: STARTS: 25TH FEBRUARY 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 AN ENQUIRIES, 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

Friends of Hawthorn - Upcoming Events

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

THURS 13TH FEB 2025

EYFS/KS1 3.30-4.30
KS2 4.45-5.45

SILENT DISCO

TICKETS £3
Pay on MCAS

YOU ARE THE DJ!

TO SUGGEST A SONG FOR THE [PLAYLIST](#) [CLICK HERE!](#)

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS, PLEASE BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

MUSIC IS PLAYED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL HEADSETS. THERE WILL BE A QUIET ZONE WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES & GAMES AVAILABLE. DRINKS PROVIDED.
EYFS/KS1 CAN WEAR NON-UNIFORM TO SCHOOL AS THEY WILL GO STRAIGHT TO THE DISCO AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

What Parents Need to Know about...Online Relationships and Dating Apps

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 ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS & DATING APPS

Dating apps are used to help people find new relationships – whether casual or more long term – matching users based on age, interests, gender and more. Some may consider dating apps harmless to under-18s because they aren't able to use them, but effective age verification measures are quite scarce, and it's been known for young people to end up on apps of this type.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASE OF ACCESS
The relatively lax age verification process of many dating apps makes them incredibly accessible to children who really shouldn't be using them. This carries the obvious risk of exposing under-18s to a dating scene populated by adults – who may not even be aware of the young person's true age. This is concerning when we consider the 'hook-up culture' common on these apps – with many people using them to arrange casual sexual encounters.

CONTACT AND CONDUCT RISKS
Once someone is active on a dating app, their social media profiles can be linked to the app and might be accessed by others. This can lead to random users 'sliding into their DM's' (sending a direct message) without consent. Complete strangers could start bombarding a young person's inbox with pictures, messages and sexual comments.

SCAMS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
Some young people may feel they've formed a real bond with someone through online dating, but there's always a risk that it's not genuine. Scammers on these apps often build romantic connections with their victims – then once they feel they have their victim's trust, they begin asking for money under false pretences (such as suggesting they meet in person and requesting a 'loan' to cover a train ticket).

UNVERIFIED ACCOUNTS
As with all online interactions, you may not be talking to whom you think you are. Without paying a subscription, users of dating apps can often only view a certain number of profiles at a time. A TikTok trend has advised young people to set their age limit to 80 years and over – putting them in a sparse and more 'exclusive' category to bypass the usual restrictions. Unfortunately, this can lead to matches with someone much older.

PEER PRESSURE
The pressure to be in a relationship can be huge, and many young people use online dating apps as a cost-effective way to meet others. Some users find it difficult to meet people organically due to their lifestyle, and may not have the time or money to go out and socialise. It's also common for young people to set up accounts for their single friends in the hope of finding a match for someone they know.

SKewed PERSPECTIVES
Dating apps can promote an unrealistic view of what makes someone attractive. With such vast options, some users can become both picky and extremely harsh about others' appearance. Ultimately, all you see on these apps are pictures (with no insight into someone's personality), and some young people struggle with the fear of being judged. Even when someone does start dating, there's a persistent paranoia that their partner is only one swipe away from a potentially bitter match.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT DATING APPS
Let young people know that they can talk to you about anything, even something as private as their dating life. At school, the relationships, sex and health curriculum can assist with conversations around healthy relationships, consent and online safety. Emphasise the message that you want to help them make healthy, safe and informed choices. If they feel embarrassed talking to you, make sure they have a trusted adult who can help them.

ENCOURAGE DATA PROTECTION
Empower young people to protect their data and personal information. Explain why including things like their school, age and surname in their profile could potentially be dangerous. Make sure they know never to give out personal details, and that there's no reason for other users to ask for them. If they feel uneasy about a situation online, they need to speak to someone that they can trust.

VERIFICATION STAMPS
Explain that someone using a dating app should only communicate with those who have gone through a verification process. Online dating apps use a variety of methods to ascertain a user's identity, including scanning valid documents (such as a driver's licence or passport). Verification can also involve users taking a selfie to ensure that the photos on their profile match it.

REPORT AND BLOCK
Remind young people that they can always report or block (or both) anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable on any platform. Ask if they know how to do this and offer to help them figure it out if they're unsure. Every app should have advice on how to report or block another user, so be sure young people are familiar with the settings.

Meet Our Expert
Rebecca Jennings works at RAISE (www.raiseeducation.org.uk) in the field of relationships, sex and health education, providing educational, age-appropriate workshops for pupils around the more sensitive areas of the curriculum – including online safety and healthy relationships.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/online-relationships-dating-apps>

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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



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU



**SUNDAY
CLUB**

**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS
AT 9AM -9.30AM***

CRAFTS & GAMES

*For families attending Sunday Services

2025 DATES

- 19TH JAN
- 2ND FEB
- 16TH FEB
- 2ND MARCH
- 16TH MARCH
- 6TH APRIL
- 20TH APRIL - (EASTER SUNDAY)
- 4TH MAY
- 18TH MAY
- 1ST JUNE
- 15TH JUNE - (FATHER'S DAY)
- 6TH JULY
- 20TH JULY

Please help this cause run by a small group of volunteers provide a support network to provide a warm space and to combat loneliness



Cash or Card Donations Welcome

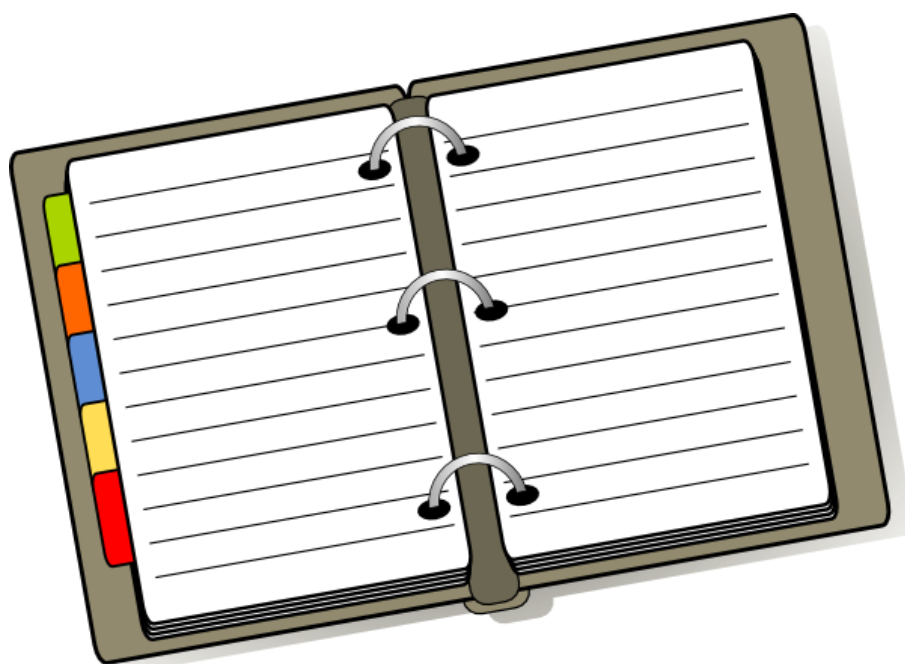
Also needed

Tea bags, coffee, biscuits, cake, Hot chocolate, long life milk, crafting supplies(wool, crochet needles, knitting needles, mindfulness colouring books/pens, jigsaws, recycled products(toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, plastic plates and bowls (picnic type) Eco friendly cleaning products(washing up liquid), tea towels
We also need fundraise for a licence to play music and Films and tables that can be folded used indoor and out. All help or donations greatly appreciated.

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...



Thurs 13th Feb: 2.15pm - KS2 Celebration Assembly (invites to follow)

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

Break Up for half term

Fri 14th Feb: Training Day

Mon 24th Feb: Back to school

Thurs 27th Feb: Coffee Afternoon: Stories with Grandparents (2pm)

Tues 4th Mar: Tempest Class Photos

Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day (children to dress up as favourite character)

Coffee Afternoon: Maths with your children/grandchildren (2pm)

Mon 10th Mar - Weds 12th Mar: Y4 Residential at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Mar: Book Fair in school

Tues 25th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 27th Mar: Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Fri 28th Mar: Y5/6 Sponsored Bounce

Mon 31st Mar: KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs 3rd Apr: Coffee Afternoon: Easter Crafts

Fri 4th Apr: Break Up for Easter
