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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### ***Parents Evenings***

*Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents Evenings this week, it was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible to arrange a conversation about your child's progress. A big thank you too to our fantastic ambassadors who did a brilliant job showing parents around.*

### ***Celebration Assemblies***

*Next week we will hold our Celebration Assemblies for our School Value of Creativity. Over the term we have been looking at different ways in which we can be creative - not just drawing and painting! The assembly will be followed by an afternoon tea for children and parents who are awarded the Hawthorn Hero Award for Creativity. You will have received an invite if your child has been chosen for this award.*

### ***Easter Crafts***

*On the afternoon of Thursday (3rd) we will be holding Easter Crafts sessions for families and children, run by Mrs Brown. These sessions are now full.*

### ***Easter Bingo***

*We are looking forward to the family Easter Bingo which has been organised by the Friends of Hawthorn and will take place on Friday (4th). Tickets are now sold out for this event*

### ***Food Bank***

*We will be running our Hawthorn Food Bank again over the Easter Holidays. If you would like to contribute to the Food Bank, please bring any goods into school on Monday 31st March. These can include dried foods, tins, toiletries, non-perishables please. If you need to use the Food Bank, please contact Mrs Brown by Thursday 3rd April.*

### ***Sponsored Bounce***

*The bouncy castle was in school today for Y5/6 children to enjoy their sponsored bounce and also for EYFS to have a bouncing fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this event. All donations will go towards school funds.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Best wishes*

*Emma Jacox*

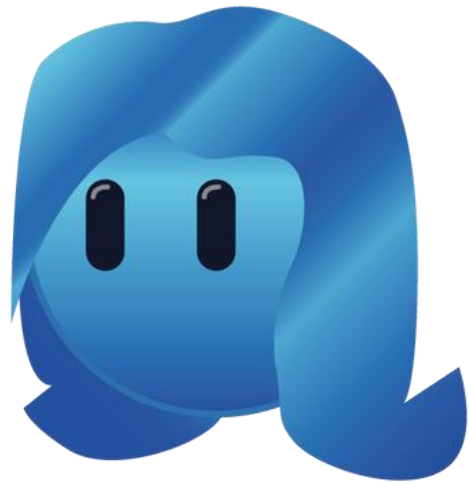
*Head Teacher*

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*1 - Early Years bouncing into the weekend!*

## House Points so far...



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

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**Air - 735 points**

**Earth - 756 points**

**Water - 887 points**

**Fire - 900 points!!!**

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*Fire are still in the lead this week! Well done Fire and a big well done to everyone who has earned a house point this week. Keep up the fantastic work!*

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## **Spring Term 2 Sports Clubs**

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*Please see below for details of our this term's clubs, delivered by EcoCoach. Parents can book individual sessions or the whole term:*

### ***KS1 Dance and Gymnastics Club***

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- ***When:*** Wednesdays
  - ***Time:*** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
  - ***Year Groups:*** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
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### ***KS2 Football Club***

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



**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 ANY 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



# What Parents Need to Know About...Bluesky

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY**

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**  
With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS**  
While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.
- INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS**  
Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being contacted by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real names.
- TROLLING AND BULLYING**  
While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.
- DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION**  
Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.
- ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE**  
Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.
- RAPID GROWTH**  
At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unmoderated users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER**  
Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'Moderation' section lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist material, and even hate posts.
- ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING**  
Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.
- LOOK OUT FOR FAKES**  
Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' profiles having to prove they're who they say they are. It could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.
- KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**  
As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

**WakeUp Wednesday**  
**The National College**

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

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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](#)

## Friends of Hawthorn Upcoming Events



The poster features a light green background with a string of colorful Easter eggs at the top. In the center, there are several colorful bingo cards (blue, green, pink, and yellow) with numbers. A white bunny is peeking from behind a pink card. A circular logo for 'FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN' is on the left, with the text 'Raising money to support our school' around it. The main title 'Family BUNNY BINGO!' is in a large, pink, playful font. Below it, the date 'FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025' and time '3.30 - 4.30PM' are in white on a dark green banner. The location 'IN THE SCHOOL HALL' and 'ENTRY VIA OFFICE' is also in white on the banner. A pink circular badge on the left says '£10 PER FAMILY' and 'UP TO 5 PEOPLE LIMITED TICKETS PLEASE PAY ON MCAS'. To the right, under 'REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED', it says 'PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO CASH PRIZES. PRIZES WILL INCLUDE EASTER EGGS, GAMES, VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. TOP PRIZE WILL BE LUXURY FAMILY HAMPER'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'If you have any questions, please contact friends@hawthornkettering@gmail.com or the school office'. There are also colorful Easter eggs at the bottom right.

Raising money to support our school  
**FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN**

# Family BUNNY BINGO!

**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025**  
3.30 - 4.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
ENTRY VIA OFFICE

**£10 PER FAMILY**  
UP TO 5 PEOPLE LIMITED TICKETS  
PLEASE PAY ON MCAS

**REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED**  
PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO CASH PRIZES.  
PRIZES WILL INCLUDE EASTER EGGS, GAMES, VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. TOP PRIZE WILL BE LUXURY FAMILY HAMPER

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## Community News & Events



# Barn Dance

with the incredible  
*Five String Thing!*

Saturday  
5th April  
7 til 10.30pm

Athletic Club  
Rockingham Road  
Kettering

Tickets £10.00 (kids go free!)  
Scan the QR code or go to <https://square.link/u/UixALpeM>

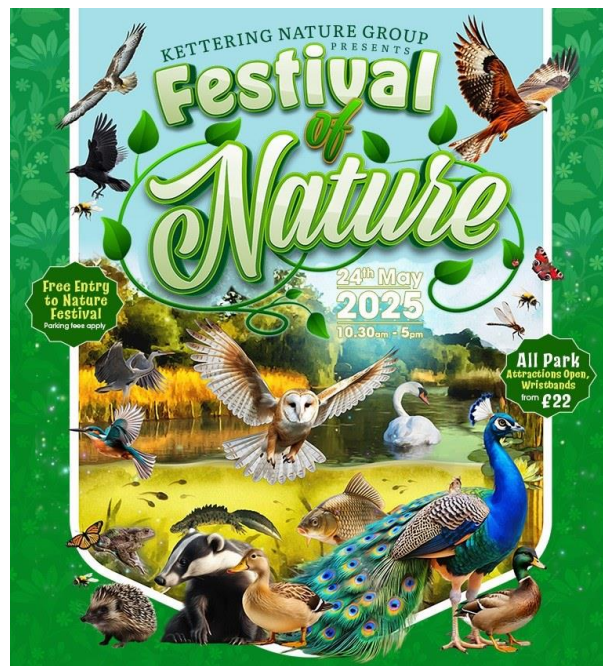


Bring your own snacks!  
Strictly food only - all drinks  
must be purchased from the bar



**Green Party**

Promoted by D.Dell on behalf of Northamptonshire Green Party  
c/o 38 Waverley Road Kettering NN15 6NT



KETTERING NATURE GROUP  
PRESENTS

# Festival of Nature

24<sup>th</sup> May  
2025  
10.30am - 5pm

Free Entry to Nature Festival  
Parking fees apply

All Park Attractions Open  
Wildfowls from £22

# THE GREAT KETTERING SPRING CLEAN



**SAT 29TH MARCH | 10AM-2PM**



**SIGN UP**

As part of the Great British Spring Clean (21st March to 6th April 2025), we're hosting a big community spring clean event to reinvigorate the High Street and surrounding areas. And we need your help!

If you want to support in any way, please register your interest. Find out more and sign up:

[bit.ly/kettering-spring-clean](https://bit.ly/kettering-spring-clean)



**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.

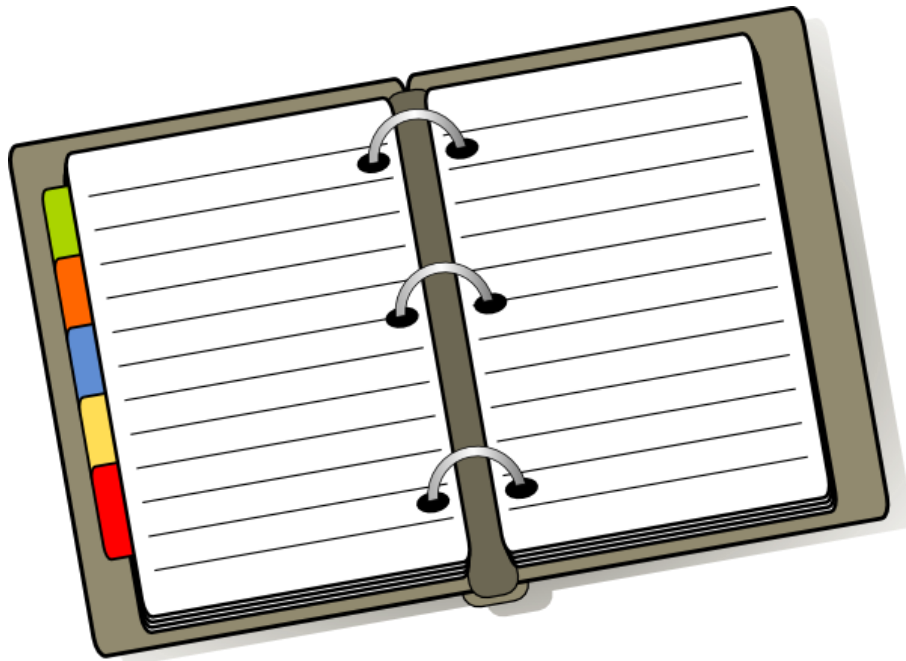
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Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:

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

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## Dates For Your Diary...



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***Fri 28th Mar:** Y5/6 Sponsored Bounce*

*FoH Mothers' Day Stall*

***Mon 31st Mar:** Donations to be bought in for the Hawthorn Food Bank*

*KS1 Easter Egg Hunt*

***Thurs 3rd Apr:** Coffee Afternoon: Easter Crafts*

***Fri 4th Apr:** Break Up for Easter*

*3.30-4.30pm: Family Bunny Bingo for Families (FoH)*

*\*\*\*\*\*Easter Break\*\*\*\*\**

***Tues 22nd Apr:** Back to school*

*EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (children only)*

***Thurs 1st May:*** *Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Brown - How we support your child with emotional literacy (ELSA)*

*LKS2 Cake Sale*

***Mon 5th May:*** *May Day (School Closed)*

***Thurs 8th May:*** *EYFS & KS1 May Day Dancing (2pm)*

***Mon 12th May:*** *KS2 SATs Week begins*

***Mon 19th May:*** *Reception Screening*

***Fri 23rd May:*** *Break Up*

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