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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS2 SATs

Well done to our Y6 children this week who have taken their SATs. They approached the tests calmly and confidently and were a credit to Hawthorn! The SATs Breakfast Club was again a great success and the children really benefited from a calm start to the day and the opportunity to chat with friends over breakfast. Our Y6 children will now have a few weeks to start thinking about getting ready for secondary school and enjoying some of the lovely activities that we have planned for them. This is also an important time for our Y5 children as they reflect on the past year and prepare to move into the Y6 roll - being the oldest children in our school and examples to all of our younger children.

TTRs - Battle of the Houses!!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our latest House Competition for Key Stage 2 — Times Tables Rockstars' Battle of the Houses! The excitement kicked off in assembly yesterday with a thrilling Battle of the Brains, featuring our very own Hawthorn Rockstars: Mr Dazzling Dix, Mr Legendary Lewis, Mrs Tornado Tinto, and Miss Blazing Blakeley!

The competition will run for two weeks, beginning at 8:30am on Monday (19th) and ending at 8:30am on Monday 2nd June. This includes one week in school and one week over the

half-term break. Children should go on TTRs every day for a minimum of 10 minutes to raise points for their house. To celebrate the end of the competition, we're inviting all children to come to school dressed as Rockstars on **Monday 2nd June**. We'll hold a special assembly that day to announce the winning house and dress the House Challenge Cup with the winning ribbons!

A Midsummer Night's Dream

With SATs behind them, our Year 6 pupils are stepping into the enchanting world of Shakespeare!

Next week, we're thrilled to welcome back Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre in Northampton. Mr Wolmarans has previously captivated our children by helping them explore storytelling through drama.

This exciting new project will see Year 6 studying and performing segments of A Midsummer Night's Dream, using a creative blend of drama and dance to bring Shakespeare's classic comedy to life. The project will conclude with a special performance for parents on **Friday 11th July** — more details to follow soon!

We can't wait to see the magic come alive in the Hawthorn hall!

Y6 Residential Parents Evening

On Tuesday (3rd June) at 3.30pm, we will be holding a Parent Meeting for Y6 children who will be going on the residential to Longtown next month. Please come along as we will be sharing lots of useful information about the trip.

Holiday Club

A reminder that we will be offering holiday club over the May half term with EcoCoach. Activities on offer include arts and crafts, dance, sports, games and science experiments. Sessions are open to all children in Reception/ KS1 and KS2 and Mrs O'Key will be on hand to support. They will run from 26th-29th May from 9am-3pm and cost £22.50 per day. Early drop off (8am) and late collection (4pm) is also available for an additional £5.

Discounted rates apply for Free School Meal children (Pupil Premium), Military, NHS, Blue Light and School Staff families. Please contact greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk for a discount code.

Please see flyer below to book and for full details.

School Uniform Discount Code

If you are planning on purchasing any new school uniform in the next few weeks, please see the discount code below for MyClothing. This will entitle you to a 10% discount until the end of May. Please see our website for details of our school uniform requirements.

*Code = **MYCSS10%***

Expires = 31/05/2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - Hawthorn Rockers







With EcoCoach CIC at

HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

27th May to 30th May

Price

£22.50 per day (9am-3pm). Early drop-off (8am) and late collection (4pm) available for £5 each.

*FSM, Military, NHS, Blue Light and School Staff families – contact us at greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk to receive your discount code!

Activities

- Arts & Crafts
- Dance
- Parkour
- Sports
- Games
- Gymnastics
- Science Experiments
- Temporary Tattoos
- Virtual Reality

Additional Information

Open to all children in reception, KS1, and KS2. 4-year-olds can attend either from 9AM to midday or from 8AM.
SEND-friendly & fully inclusive!

Location

Hawthorn Primary School, Hawthorn Road, Kettering NN15 7HT.

**Limited Spaces Available – Book
Now Before It's Full!**



Gymnastics County Champions!!!

Congratulations to our Hawthorn Gymnasts who are Level 3 Winners!

Our Level 3 Gymnastics team qualified for the School Sports Gymnastics final held today at Corby Gymnastics Academy. The children competed against the top teams from the North Northants region. Naomi, Hallie, Molly and Connie had to learn 2 routines - 1 for the floor and 1 for the bench - and complete a vault. All 4 of the children were fantastic, and represented the school with pride. Their dedication to be successful was brilliant as they

attended extra practises and gave each other feedback in the run-up to the event. Throughout the morning, the team showed true sportsmanship qualities by encouraging each other as well as children they knew from other teams. Winning Gold was a fabulous finish to the morning! Thank you to parents who transported the children to Corby and well done to the children!



Summer Term 1 Sports Clubs

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

EYFS/KS1 Tagging and Chase Games



- ***When: Wednesdays***
 - ***Time: 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***
 - ***Year Groups: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2***
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KS2 Basketball Club

- **When:** Tuesdays
 - **Time:** 3:15 PM - 4:15 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.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact EcoCoach at greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk.



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL



ECOCOACH CIC 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 TAGGING AND CHASE GAMES: STARTS: 23RD APRIL 2025
(WEDNESDAYS, 5 SESSIONS)**

YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

**KS2 BASKETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 22ND APRIL 2025
(TUESDAYS, 5 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6**

**🕒 TIME: 3:15 PM - 4:15 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**

FSM DISCOUNT BOOKING STEPS:

CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY: CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO CONFIRM YOUR

CHILD'S FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) STATUS.

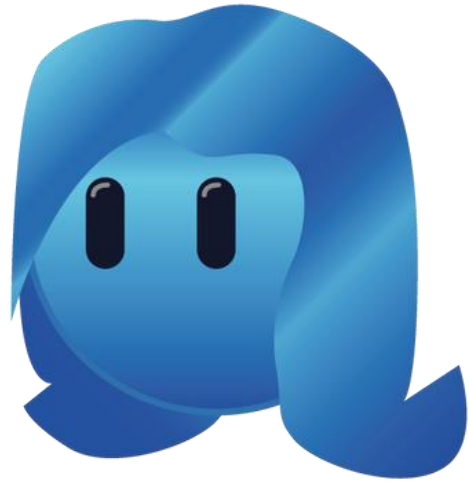
GET DISCOUNT CODE: FORWARD THE CONFIRMATION TO

GREENTEAM@ECO-UKCOACH.CO.UK TO RECEIVE YOUR FSM CODE.

BOOK WITH DISCOUNT: USE THE FSM CODE AT CHECKOUT TO PAY £3.50



House Points so far...



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

Earth - 1093 points

Air - 1123 points

Water - 1223 points

Fire - 1226 points!!!

Well done Fire, back in the lead!!! Look how close it is at the top. This could all change with our TTRs House Challenge over the next two weeks!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Cedars wins this week with an impressive 100%. Maples, Elm and Ash follow with 99%. Well done.

Cedars: 100%

Maples: 99%

Elm: 99%

Ash: 99%

Silver Birches: 98%

Oaks: 98%

Cherries: 98%

Willows: 97%

Apples: 95%

Redwoods: 96%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Minecraft

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 MINECRAFT

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £19. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms, Mojang's an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft; hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.

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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



5th Kettering Scout Group
PLANT SALE
24TH MAY 2025

10am - 2pm
St Michaels Church
Roundhill Road
Kettering
NN15 6BE

Herbs
Flowers
Seedlings
Vegetables
Hanging Baskets:

Generous sponsors from **Melcourt**
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KETTERING NATURE GROUP
PRESENTS
Festival of Nature
24th May
2025
10.30am - 5pm

Free Entry to Nature Festival
Parking fees apply

All Park Attractions Open, Whistbands from £22



**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



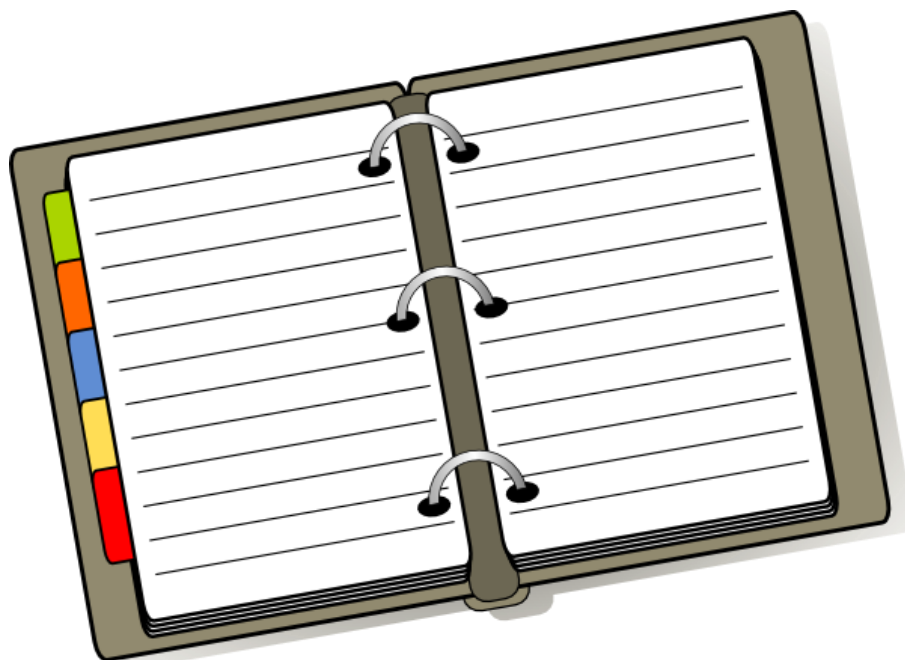
Cash or Card Donations Welcome

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:

Dates For Your Diary...



Mon 19th May: Launch of the KS2 TTRs Battle of the Houses

Reception Screening

Y5 & 6 at Wicksteed Park

Tues 20th May: Y6 Paddleboarding

Weds 21st May: Y1 Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 22nd May: Y2 Toast and Tales (8.20am)

Y6 Leavers Cake Sale

Fri 23rd May: Break Up

********Half Term********

Mon 2nd June: Rockstars Day - end of the TTRs house challenge

Y4 Multiplication Check Week

Tues 3rd June: Y6 Residential Meeting (after school)

Mon 9th June: Phonics Screening Week (Y1/2)

Tues 10th June: Y5 & Y6 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Weds 18th June: New Reception Intake Sept 2025 Welcome Meeting (6pm)

Thurs 19th June: Y5 at Irchester Country Park

Fri 20th June: Y6 at Irchester Country Park

Weds 25th June: Sports Day at St Peter's School

Thurs 26th June: KS2 Midsummer Dancing (PM)

Mon 30th June - Weds 2nd July: Y6 Residential at Longtown

Weds 9th July: ReSolve in for Y6 children

Fri 11th July: End of Year Reports out

Y6 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream (time TBC)

Mon 14th July: Whole School Transition Day

Thurs 24th July: Y6 Leavers' Party

Fri 25th July: Break Up
